

CARING FOR YOUR NEW CHICK

Raising your own chickens can offer a variety of benefits to your home beyond producing great tasting, nutritious eggs. They help control bugs, pests and even weeds, provide free fertilizer and can be fun family pets!

FOR THE FIRST 60 DAYS

HOUSING A small animal (rabbit) cage with solid sides works well or something as simple as a sturdy cardboard box or Rubbermaid tub.

FLOORING It is important your chicks are not on a surface that is too slick. Pine shavings work great and are also easy to clean.

TEMPERATURE 90-100 degrees for the 1st week, then reduce by 5 degrees each week. You can use a brooder unit with bulb pointed to one corner of the cage, but not shining on the whole cage. Your chicks like to have a place to move out of the heat if they get too hot.

FOOD & WATER Chicks need to be fed chick starter until they start laying eggs (usually around 18 weeks) and should have access to fresh water. Use a feeder and waterer designed for chickens. You can raise them up a bit (an inch or two) to keep your chicks from kicking shavings in them.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WASH YOUR HANDS Contact with live poultry (chicks, chickens, ducks, geese & turkeys) can be a source of human Salmonella infections

Chicks, ducklings and other live poultry can carry Salmonella germs and still appear healthy and clean. Salmonella germs are shed in their droppings and can easily contaminate their bodies and anything in areas where they live and roam.

STAY CLEAN Periodically clean any equipment or materials associated with raising or caring for live poultry outside the house, such as cages or feed & water containers.

Avoid 'snuggling,' kissing or touching birds to your mouth. Keep birds away from food & drink, or areas where food and drinks are stored, served or prepared.

It is our goal to provide you with strong, healthy chicks and the tools to raise them. Chicks are typically hearty, resilient and easy to care for if you follow these simple techniques. However, chicks are not guaranteed.



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