

**Animals on the Move** have a large range of quality enclosures and pet products for sale.

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Items such as pet enclosures, Feed, Drinking bottles and bowls, wood shavings Books and much more.



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Based in Gembrook our exhibits have come to you anywhere in and around Melbourne and country Victoria. For the past 15 years. With 5 units on the road we can accommodate most requirements.

This professionally run business can cater for your next function. Some of the services we provide are Animal Farm , Pony Rides, Bush Babies native animal's, Camel ride and educational programs.

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**KINDERGARDENS**  
**PLAYGROUPS**  
**RETIREMENT HOMES**  
**PRIVATE FUNCTIONS**

Just to name a few.

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# CHICKEN HOME CARE



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## HOUSING & DIET

**Animals on the Move** house our baby chicks in plastic or wooden brooder boxes, with a lamp for warmth for the first 4 - 6 weeks between 30-35 degrees. Once pin feathers start to appear you can transfer them to a larger area without the lamp. ( Making sure they are safe from all predators eg: dogs, cats, other birds, rats, even older hens ) Still at around 18 - 20 degrees.

We have found that none toxic wood shavings is the best form of bedding. With some hay or straw for them to scratch in and use for balance. Young chicks may sometimes peck and eat fine sawdust this is not recommended it can cause illness.

Chicks require access at all times to chick starter then grower crumbs and fresh water. Heavy bowls are desirable to avoid spillage. Some fresh picked grass can be fed as they get older.

Clean well fed chicks will stay healthy and thrive. Dirty, hungry & cold chicks will not survive. The first few weeks are critical, no matter what you do expect some losses.

Once older you may change to layer pellets and feed fresh green's & food scraps regularly, also move them to the hen house.

## ABOUT HENS

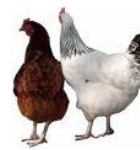
Hens will begin to lay eggs when they reach 6 - 7 months continuing until they reach about 5 years where egg production will fade away gradually. When the hen goes "Broody" or is "Moulting" they will sometimes "go off the lay".

Hand reared chicks will stay tame and become a great pet and may live quiet a few years past egg production. They run to greet you and are always happy to provide you with a rich natural manure, insect control do some gardening with you and provide you with eggs.

It is easiest to obtain chicks in spring as this gives them several months to grow and enable them to tolerate colder temperatures.

Sexing Chicks is a job for a specialist, although young roosters develop a comb much quicker than a pullet, you most likely may end up with some unwanted Roosters to find homes for.

There are many different breeds of chickens, full size and bantam. Research sometimes pays off so you end up with what you want.



### Did You Know ?

**Male's are called Roosters, or Cockerel they make a crowing sound.**

**Female's are called a Hens**

**Babies are called Chickens**

**Roosters and hens have a comb on their head.**

**Young Female chickens when they are old enough to lay eggs are called Pullets.**

**An egg takes 21 days to hatch.**

**Did you know your hen adds a layer of colour to the shell just before it is layed, and it takes the hen 18-36 hours to make the egg.**

**A mother hen with eggs hatched herself or adopted chicks is called a Broody Hen.**

**Your hen will cackle very loud when she lays her egg.**

**Chickens like to have a dust bathe in the sun.**