

Chickens

What Do Chickens Look Like?

Chickens are a type of bird. They are covered in feathers and can be many different colours. Chickens have wings that they can flap but they cannot fly very far. Male chickens are called cockerels and female chickens are called hens.

Where Do Chickens Live?

Chickens can live in many different places. They used to be wild but are now mostly found on farms. Some people keep them as pets. On farms, they are usually kept in large barns and fields.

What Do Chickens Eat?

Chickens will eat lots of different things. They can be fed pellets which are made of special foods that keep chickens healthy. They like to find their own food by scratching the ground. They like to eat seeds, grains and small insects.



Did You Know?
Baby chickens are called chicks.

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Chickens are a type of bird with two legs and clawed feet. They are covered in feathers and can be lots of different colours. They have a strong, sharp beak which helps them to peck at their food. Although they have wings, chickens are not able to fly very far or high. Male chickens are called cockerels and female chickens are called hens.

Where Do Chickens Live?

Chickens can live in many different places as long as they have a safe place to sleep where other animals can't hurt them. Most chickens are kept on farms in large barns and fields. They like to be outside, scratching the ground for food and having dust baths. They even sunbathe! Chickens can also be kept as pets.

What Do Chickens Eat?

Chickens can eat many different foods. They like to use their claws to scratch at the ground and find pieces of food like worms and seeds. They will eat vegetables, dandelion leaves and grasses as well. If they are kept on farms, they will usually be fed pellets (a type of food made by people) and grains which give them a healthy diet.



Did You Know?
Chickens cluck after they lay an egg!

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Chickens are small, two-legged birds. They are flightless, which means that although they have wings, they are not able to fly very far or high. They have a strong beak and claws which they use to scratch and search for food in the ground. They have a thick covering of feathers which allows them to stay warm. Male chickens (cockerels) have a red 'comb' on their head and an extra, sharp claw on the back of their legs.

Where Do Chickens Live?

Chickens are most commonly kept on farms, although some people keep them as pets in their garden. They need to have space to move around and somewhere safe to roost at night, away from any predators such as foxes. They also like to have dust baths and often sunbathe on warm days. Some chickens used to be kept in small, cramped cages but now most have barns with plenty of space and are allowed to explore outside. These chickens are known as free-range.

What Do Chickens Eat?

Chickens are able to adapt to eat a large variety of different foods. On farms, chickens are usually fed with pellets that contain nearly everything they need in their diets. Chickens swallow small stones to help them to break down their food and get more nutrients. They also like to find their own food by scratching the ground, searching for small insects, seeds and grains.

Did You Know?

A healthy chicken lays over 250 eggs per year!



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