

10 mistakes to avoid when caring for URBAN HENS

01 COOP SIZE ISSUES

Purchasing or building a coop that is not large enough for the number of chickens occupying it.



LACK OF PROTECTION

Each coop must be checked for gaps to prevent predators from killing birds, stealing eggs or spreading diseases.

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03 RUN SIZE ISSUES

10 square feet per chicken is not enough for confinement. Chickens will fight, destroy the lawn, and even become ill.



NOT ENOUGH ADEQUATE GRIT

Grit is a valuable tool that aids in digestion. Not having enough adequate grit causes impacted crops for the ones living in confinement.

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05 CHICKENS ALSO GET OLD

It's a good idea to have a plan for chicken retirement. Sell them, give them away, or butcher them to make room for the productive birds.



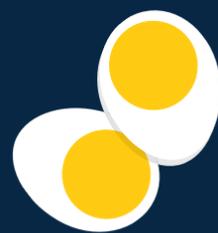
TAKING ROLL CALL AT NIGHT

Take a walk and roll call to make sure all birds are safe and accounted for.

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07 INSPECTING FRESH EGGS

Cracked eggs allow for bacteria from waste and other organisms to enter the egg and cause illness when consumed.



INADEQUATE NESTING BOXES

Chickens absolutely must have a safe, enclosed, nesting box to produce clean, crack-free, eggs regularly.

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09 NOT COLLECTING EGGS REGULARLY

Hens have a nasty habit of egg-eating. Egg-eating is a tough habit to break and when one chicken starts, they all want a taste.



ROOSTER CONSIDERATIONS

Roosters really just care about protecting their hens. Problems arise when there are either too many or too few roosters for the number of hens and space provided. Do your research.

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