

Chooks Scarce As Hens Teeth.



Silver Grey Dorking

Gloria Gardiner from Leeton, NSW, is passionate about her rare breeds of chickens. Gloria has Silver Grey Dorkings, Speckled Sussex and Large Buff Cochin to name a few. Gloria’s Rhode Island Reds lay 2 -3 weeks earlier than normal due to good health as a benefit from regular doses of Vitec Trio and Seaweed meal plus copious amounts of TLC from Gloria. Gloria is also zealous about using Vitec products to preserve these valuable breeds and maintain a healthy flock. The following recipe is to feed her 150 chooks every 2 days.

Gloria’s Mash Recipe

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| 5 heaped tabs Vitec Seaweed Meal | 4 heaped tabs calcium powder |
| 6 tab Vitec Min-Kel | 4 scoops rice bran (scoop made from 2lt bottle cut off at neck) |
| 9 tab Vitec Omega Cod Liver Oil | 3 cans 400g cat tuna (home brand) |
| 250ml Vitec Organic Apple Cider Vinegar plus Garlic | |
| *2 Kg grains pre soak for 2 days, then rinse | 3 scoops wheat bran |

Min-Kel Rescue Remedy

For the first week of a chicks life Gloria gives them 10ml of Min-Kel in 2 litres of water as early development requires a balance of minerals, vitamins and trace elements.

Hatchlings that are slow to emerge are carefully peeled out of the egg and gently fed by dropper every 2 hours with 1 drop Min-Kel to 1 drop of water to give them a head start. 100% of these chicks survive as the liquid form of kelp is readily absorbed.

Joy S. from Heathcote Vic., pre-soaks organic wheat, barley and sunflower seeds for her 30 chooks and adds a heaped tablespoon of seaweed meal. The pre soaked grain develops more nutrient value in the grain and allows easier absorption of vitamins and minerals.

Correction: Newsletter Issue 15 it was stated that Gloria had Speckled Wyandotte, they are in fact Speckled Sussex.

MORE OF GLORIA’S HINTS

GARLIC Gloria feeds 4 jars of crushed garlic (no name) once a week in the chook mash to her flock for control of worms.

***GRAINS** Grains to be pre soaked are “Pete’s Free Range Mix” that has sunflower seeds, corn, wheat, peas, soy, lucerne and shell grit. It is RSPCA approved.

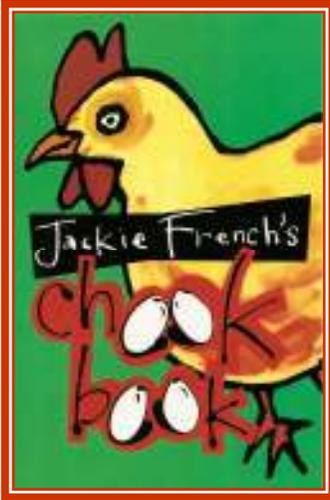
TURMERIC Have really crook chooks? Turmeric fights viruses and bacteria. Administer 1 capsule (empty caps from chemist/health food store) packed with turmeric powder (from supermarket) place down chooks throat. Also give them a drink of diluted apple cider vinegar via an eye dropper.



19 year old Muscovy pet duck and her friends belonging to Colin Leaske, Costerfield, VIC. Chemical free chooks for many years have had their regular dose of Pat Coleby minerals.



Happy Hens at Megan Ross’ farm are fed the Pat Coleby Mineral Lick. Woodend, VIC.



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"There's nothing more beautiful than a mob of White Leghorns like sailing ships flying with the wind, comfortable Australorps in their fluffy black knickers dedicatedly sifting through the old tomato bed for insects and titbits, or a tribe of Rhode Island Reds scratching under the lavender"

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23 October 2007

Chicken food mixed at 6% with Vitec Extra Virgin Fish Fertiliser with oil is resulting in high omega and selenium levels in eggs. The eggs are soon to be launched to the market. So both better health for the chickens and better health to the egg consumer and eggs are one of the best ways to deliver nutritious food to young and old.

Tuna Paste in Mash gives Bigger Eggs

1 June 2007

Tuna paste at 5% addition to normal feed is having great results on chickens - far reduced mortality, bigger and cleaner eggs, better health and with pigs - improved lactation, bigger piglets, faster growth rates and increased feed intake due to enhanced flavours.

Chook Wisdom

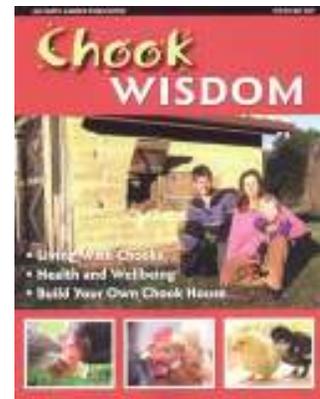
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Have you always wanted to keep chooks but weren't sure where to start? You might already keep backyard hens but would like to learn and share more of this delightful pastime.

Keeping chooks as pets is more popular than ever in Australia yet there is little information available for the back yard enthusiast.

Whether you're thinking of keeping chooks for the eggs, for meat, as 'gardeners' or simply for the sheer delight of having them as pets and part of your back yard landscape, *Chook Wisdom* will help you have the most fun with your chooks.

Chook Wisdom is written by back yard chook keepers. It's practical, up to date, and packed with superb detailed colour photographs of the most popular back yard breeds for Australian chook fanciers.



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