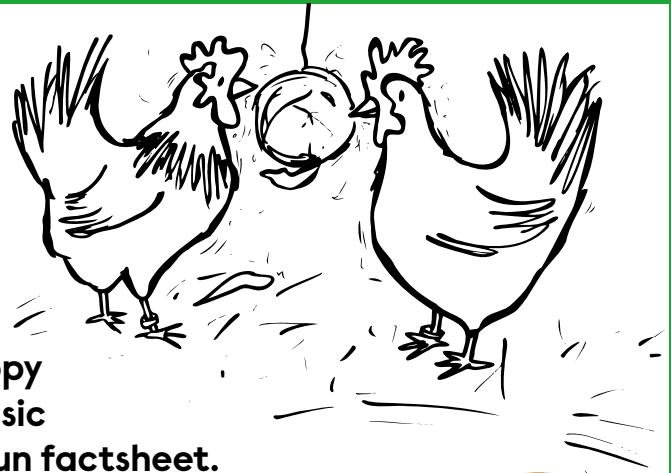


Chicken Factsheet



It's important to keep your pet happy and healthy, so find out the five basic welfare needs for chickens in this fun factsheet.

Home

Home comforts.

Most chickens would love to be roaming free-range, but keeping them in a large, safe and secure run with a coop for them to roost and sleep in, can be a great option too.



Diet

Feeding time.

Layers pellets mixed with corn are a great daytime feed for chickens, but remove their food at night. These plucky pets also love tasty tidbits like carrots, strawberries, tomatoes and even plain popcorn! They'll need a 'drinker' to have access to fresh water.



Companionship

Pet pals.

Chickens feel safe and happy when they're kept in groups, and hens love a cockerel for company, as they'll help them search out food like worms and slugs to eat. Never have more than one cockerel living in the flock, as they'll fight one another.



Vet Care

Health and wellbeing.

You'll be able to tell if a chicken is happy and healthy, as they'll be alert, with bright red combs and wattles and their combs standing up.

Mites under their scales can cause scaly leg but if caught early, can be treated by rubbing vaseline on their legs.



Normal behaviour

Keep your pet happy.

Chickens need perches and nest boxes in their night time space and would like to have them in their daytime run too. They also love cabbages hung up as a pecking treat, and a tray full of dust or soil for a good bath!



Want to have some fun with your chickens?

Train your chickens with treats to do their own agility course! Here's some having a go at Woodgreen:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=oTlxgrwv4OQ

