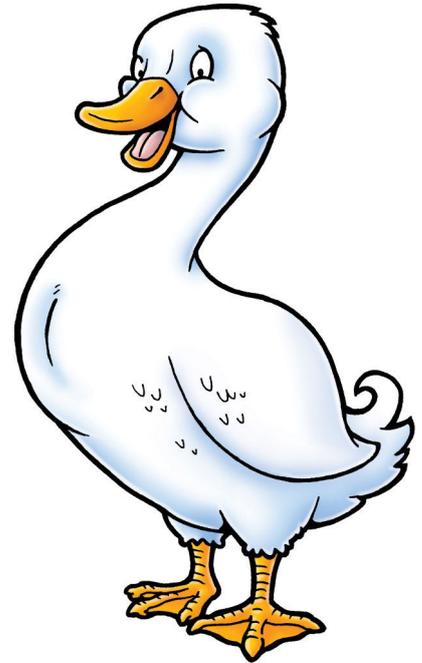


An Introduction to your Duck

Congratulations! You are now the proud owner of a duck. Ducks can live up to 15 years, they are full of character and will give years of fun and pleasure.

To help you keep your duck happy and healthy we have produced this fact sheet. If you should have any further questions, do not hesitate to give us a call at the farm.



Accommodation

Ideally, your duck should have access to a large grassy area for exercise and a pond to swim in. A waterproof house should be provided with a thick bed of straw, which will give shelter at night and keep predators at bay. The shelter - and surrounding areas where possible - need to be regularly cleaned and disinfected.

Feeding

Feed your duck on Layers pellets available at any good feed store. Oyster shell will provide the necessary minerals to thicken the shells of any eggs laid. If your duck does not have access to fresh grass, this must be provided. Fresh, clean drinking water should always be readily available both outdoors and in the overnight accommodation.

General Care

Ducks naturally live in large groups, so the more ducks you are able to have the better. Ensure that you have more female ducks than males as the males will fight. The best mix is a ratio of 5 ducks to 1 drake.

The females will lay approximately 6 eggs per week. They are slightly larger than chicken eggs and taste just as good. Should you wish to breed from your duck, look out for the signs of broodiness – nest building and wanting to sit on eggs; this behavior will be especially evident in the Spring. The clutch of eggs will take 28 days to hatch.

Farm Shop

You can buy feed and bedding from the Farm Shop - just click through from the farm's website address below.



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