



# FOSTER A CHICK/DUCK

## **Can I and my kids hold the chicks/ducklings?**

Yes. You may handle the chicks/ducklings but be careful not to drop them. Their little legs can be easily broken.

## **How often should I feed them?**

Please keep a dish of food and clean water available at all times. Refill as needed.

## **How do I keep the chicks/ducklings warm?**

Newly hatched chicks/ducklings like to be kept warm at about 90 degrees F. You will want to put a light near their box to shine on them and keep them warm. You may put a thermometer in the box to check the temperature if you are concerned. Another good practice is to shine the light on part of the box. The chicks/ducklings then can go closer to the light if they are cold and move out of the light if they are too hot. *How can I tell if they are too hot?* The chicks/ducklings are as far away from the light as possible and panting. *How can I tell if they are too cold?* They are as close to the light as they can get, are huddled together and shivering. As the chicks/ducklings mature they do not need to be kept as warm as they begin to regulate their own body temperature. (Please be sure your light set up does not cause a fire hazard in your home.)

## **Does the bedding needs to be changed?**

Yes. About once a day you should replace the newspaper.

## **How long do I keep the chicks/ducklings?**

The chicks/ducklings are usually rented for two weeks. However, you may return them at any time, earlier or later. When you run out of food for them you will need to come to the farm to buy more organic feed to keep them on their special diets. You'll know it's good time to bring them back when they start flying out of their box.

## **What if I run out of food?**

You should have enough food for two weeks. If you run out or would like to keep them longer, just contact us.

## **Do ducklings need anything special?**

Yes. Please provide them with a dish of water to splash in.

## **What if I have other pets in the house?**

Please keep your chicks/ducklings secure and safe from your other pets.

## **What if a chick dies while in my care?**

Occasionally this may happen through no fault of your own. You will not be charged; please just let us know.

## **What if I have more questions?**

You may email [office@willowhavenfarmpa.com](mailto:office@willowhavenfarmpa.com) or call us at 610-298-2197

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