

# A COOP IN EVERY YARD a fresh ess on every plate

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## **ABOUT NAP TOWN CHICKENS**

"A Coop in Every Yard, A Fresh Egg on Every Plate." Not much more to it than that.

## **ABOUT "PROJECT POULTRY"**

We want to get urban chicken coops, by way of sponsorship dollars, to schools, rehab centers, firehouses, nursing homes... pretty much any establishment that wants one. No cost to you. We just want you to maintain the chickens and enjoy the urban-fresh eggs.

## THE COOP

The coop is an urban-friendly, predator proof, low-maintenance and professionally built hen house.

- Urban-friendly- the girls are comfortable in it in all types of weather and with very little space to accommodate for it. Roughly 4' wide by 10' long and 4' high, there is enough space for 6 hens.
- 99.9% predator proof- short of a bear charging it, nothing else can get into it to disturb the girls. There are latches on all doors and strong hardware cloth on all sides and top and bottom. *You won't have to worry about a fox in the hen house.*
- Low-maintenance- essentially, there are **5** things that chickens need:
  - 1. Let out once the sun comes up;
  - 2. Put away once the sun goes down;
  - 3. Feed and water;
  - 4. Clean the coop once every 2 weeks;
  - 5. Collect the eggs (that's the fun part)!

With the coop that you'd get, we have minimized the effort it takes to perform these chores. For example, the coop itself is attached to a completely secured run (predator proof) so the girls can let themselves out in the morning and put themselves away at night. In terms of feeding and watering, you will be supplied with containers that will last long enough to sustain the girls for up to a week at a time and the waterer is electronically heated so that it doesn't freeze. Cleaning the coop is a breeze, with the specialty tool that you'll be provided it will be "messy-free."

• Professionally built- many urban chicken coops are built made up of whatever is lying around the house. However, the coop you will receive is "fancy" and almost resembles a doll house... *yet, these dolls lay eggs*.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN-UP FOR PROJECT POULTRY, CONTACT ANDREW BRAKE AT ANDREW@NAPTOWNCHICKENS.ORG OR 317.938.1199.



#### **THE GIRLS**

The 4 hens (no roosters... *who needs 'em anyways*) you will receive will be roughly 6 months old (roughly the age that they start laying) and will be "winter hardy"—they will be able to withstand even the coldest Indy temperatures.

#### **THE FEED & STRAW**

Along with the coop and chickens, you will also receive an initial 50 lb. bag of "layer" feed supplied from Backyard Birds, a local bird feed store. After the initial feed is gone (it should last roughly 2 months), NTC encourages that you feed the chickens scraps from your cafeteria. Chickens will eat almost anything and a one gallon bucket full of scraps per day will keep them healthy and laying. The scraps can be dumped directly into the run so that the chickens will have to peck for their food, which is also good for them. Should you decide to continue to buy and feed them a "layer" feed, NTC still encourages you to supplement their diets with scraps to cut down on costs and minimize food that would otherwise go to waste.

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The feed container is a hanging device that suspends from the frame of the run and can hold up to 7lbs. of feed (enough feed for a week). The water container is a 3-gallon hanging device that also suspends from the frame of the run and is electronically heated so that the water does not freeze. 3 gallons of water is enough to sustain the girls for up to a week at a time.

For bedding in the nesting boxes as well as a litter filter, NTC will provide 1 bail of straw plus a container to keep the unused straw dry. A bail of straw should last you about 6 months and further straw purchases can be bought at any hardware store for roughly \$3.

### THE EGGS

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Your hens will lay roughly 1 egg a day. They should be collected once a day but it's not terrible if you can only get around to it every couple days. Once you get the eggs, you can do whatever you want with them. Sell them, fry them, scramble them, ... *just don't throw them at cars*.

### **NTC CONSULTANCY**

Maybe you'll be gone for an extended period of time (longer than a week) and need some help feeding and watering? Should a bird get sick, or any other "poultry problems" arise, NTC will be available to take care of any issue you have.

As you will learn, chickens are a very simple and easy pet to take care of but sometimes you may need a little assistance. This is where NTC's services will come in use.

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