

# CITY CHICKENS, AND DUCKS TOO!

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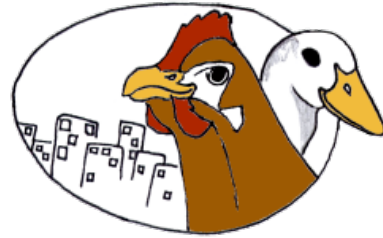
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## Resources

### Guide to Raising Chickens

Gail Damerow, 1995. Storey Books, Pownal, VT. ISBN 0-88266-897-8 Lots of good information here for the beginner.

### Keep Chickens!

Tending Small Flocks in Cities, Suburbs, and Other Small Spaces, Barbara Kilarski, 2003. Storey Publishing, Pownel, VT. ISBN 1-58017-491-4 Smaller than the *Guide to Raising Chickens*, but a great beginning resource.

### Storey's Guide to Raising Poultry: Breeds, Care, Health.

L. S. Mercia. Storey Books, Pownal VT. 2001. ISBN 1-58017-263-6 Includes info on ducks, geese, game birds and turkeys in addition to chickens.

### Chicken Health Handbook

Gail Damerow, 1994. Storey Publishing, Pownel, VT. Once you have your birds and they're settled in, this is a great reference to have on hand. ISBN 0-88266-611-8

### Breeds

[www.privethatchery.com](http://www.privethatchery.com)  
[www.mcmurray.com](http://www.mcmurray.com)  
[www.halfmoonbayfeedandfuel.com](http://www.halfmoonbayfeedandfuel.com)  
[www.backyardpoultrymag.com](http://www.backyardpoultrymag.com)

### Local Public Flocks

#### *Spiral Gardens*

2830 Sacramento St  
Berkeley, CA 94702  
(510) 843-1307  
[www.spiralgardens.org](http://www.spiralgardens.org)

#### *City Slicker Farms*

16th and Center St  
Oakland, CA  
[www.cityslicker.org](http://www.cityslicker.org)

### Feed

[www.halfmoonbayfeedandfuel.com](http://www.halfmoonbayfeedandfuel.com)  
Biofuel Oasis, Berkeley

### Chicken Breeds & Their Lovely Shell Colors

#### *White Layers (Common)*

Ancona, Dorking, Holland, Houdan,  
Leghorn, Polish, Sicilian Buttercup,  
Yokohama

#### *Brown Layers (common)*

Australorp, Brahma, Cochin,  
New Hampshire, Buff Orpington,  
Barred Plymouth Rock, Rhode Island Red,  
Speckled Sussex, Wyandotte

#### *Blue/Green/Easter Egg Layers*

Ameraucana, Auracana

#### *Duck Layers*

Ancona, Buff, Campbell, Dutch Hookbill  
Golden Cascade, Saxony, Welsh  
Harlequin

## REGIONAL HEALTH CODES RELATED TO URBAN FLOCKS

### City of Berkeley:

*Section 10.12.040 Rabbits, domestic fowl, etc.--Enclosure requirements.*

It is unlawful for any person to keep on any premises owned, occupied or controlled by him in the City any rabbits, guinea pigs, or any chickens, ducks, pigeons, geese, turkeys or other domestic fowl, unless such fowls or animals are kept in an enclosure, no part of which is within twenty-five feet of any dwelling house occupied by human beings; provided, however, that the dwelling house referred to above does not mean the house in which the person resides who keeps the fowls or animals; provided that any of said fowls or animals may be kept temporarily for purpose of sale at any shop or place of business where the same are bought, sold or dealt in. (Ord. 2533-NS (part), 1942: Ord. 557-NS § 7, 1918)

### City of Oakland:

*Section 6.04.320 KEEPING OF FOWL*

It is unlawful for any person to keep any ducks, geese, chickens or other fowls in any enclosure in the city unless the exterior boundaries of said enclosures are more than twenty (20) feet from any dwelling, church or school. (Prior code § 3-9.28)  
It is unlawful for any person to keep, harbor or maintain roosters within the city limit.

### City of San Francisco:

*ARTICLE 1, SEC. 37. KEEPING AND FEEDING OF SMALL ANIMALS, POULTRY AND GAME BIRDS.*

(a) Number of animals. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to keep or feed, or cause to be kept or fed, or permit to be kept or fed, on any premises over which any such person, firm or corporation may have control within residential districts, (1) more than three dogs of age six months or older without obtaining a proper permit and license to operate a dog kennel as defined in Section 220 of the San Francisco Business and Tax Regulations Code, and (2) more than a total of four of the following in any combination: dogs of age six months or older unless part of a dog kennel, hares, rabbits, guinea pigs, rats, mice, gerbils, chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, doves, pigeons, game birds of any species, or cats. Nothing in this section, however, shall prohibit the feeding of any wild bird not specifically prohibited by this section unless such feeding creates a public health nuisance.

(b) Enclosures. Any person, firm or corporation, keeping, feeding, or causing to be kept or fed, or permitting to be kept or fed, on premises over which such person, firm or corporation may have control, four or less hares, rabbits, guinea pigs, rats, mice, gerbils, chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, doves, pigeons, parrots of any species, game birds of any species or wild animals of any species except those animals prohibited by Section 50 of this Code, shall keep same in coops or enclosures that are approved by the Director of Public Health. Where the coops or enclosures are located on the outside of or on top of any buildings, premises or structures, the coops or enclosures shall be not less than 20 feet from any door or window of any building used for human habitation.

(c) Prohibition. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to engage in the business of keeping, feeding, or breeding any hares, rabbits, guinea pigs, rats, mice, gerbils, chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, doves, pigeons, parrots of any species, game birds of any species, dogs, cats, for commercial purposes, within the residential districts.

(d) Commercial Purposes. It is hereby declared to be unlawful to conduct for commercial purposes any establishment in which dogs, cats, hares, rabbits, guinea pigs, rats, mice, gerbils, chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, doves, pigeons, parrots of any species, game birds of any species, are kept and maintained in the commercial or industrial districts without first obtaining from the Department of Public Health a permit so to do.