



# Chicken Sitting

If you're going away on holiday, you'll need a Chicken Sitter!

It's not just about the collection of eggs as many sitters might think. If you are away for a week or longer, some cleaning will probably be necessary.

Spend some time showing the chicken sitter how you normally do things. As summer is the most likely time for red mite to strike, use plenty of mite powder in the coop and bedding; you don't want to return to an infestation!

Do a weather check for the period you're away - do you need to move the coop to a shadier spot?

There's a lot to think about, so overleaf you'll find a handy checklist that you can leave for your sitter.

You can leave specific instructions about feed quantities, timings and mix.



### Need Advice?

With over 15 years of poultry-keeping experience, we are best placed to help with all of your poultry needs.

We aim to give you the best advice possible and the best service possible: novice or experienced we are here to help you.

**Contact us today!**

## Care & Advice Sheet



### Thanks for looking after our poultry for us whilst we are away!

1. Please let the birds out as early as possible. Leaving hens shut in later than normal will cause issues with behaviour and pecking.

Let birds out at \_\_\_\_\_ am

2. Please shut birds away at the correct time to avoid predators such as Mr Fox.

Shut birds away at \_\_\_\_\_ pm

3. Provide feed and fresh water daily. Check that feeders and waterers are not getting knocked over. If it's hot, wash the drinker out daily to prevent algae please.
4. In event of hot weather, please double the water provided and give ice treats (you can find these in the freezer).
5. Collect eggs at least one a day – they are yours to keep!
6. If you spot a hen who spends her time in the coop, unmoving, screeching at anyone who comes too close, is off her food and drink, she is probably broody, don't worry about her as this is perfectly normal!
7. Birds will dust bathe and will look like they are having a seizure as they roll around flapping wings and rubbing their necks in the dirt! This is normal behaviour, do not panic!

In the event of emergency, call or text us, \_\_\_\_\_