



# Settling In

### Key Points:

- Ensure the coop is set up and ready for your birds' arrival
- Make sure the environment is calm and quiet
- Leave them to settle in their coop for the first 24 hours
- Check them regularly for first couple of days

### Bringing your new birds home ...

Before you bring your new birds home, ensure that their coop and enclosure are set up and ready. If you need any advice on how to do this, please ask a member of staff. Ensure that there is some water and pellets/crums (which can be sprinkled on the floor) inside the coop.

You will probably bring your chickens home in a cardboard box. When you get home, place the box into the coop (not the run) and open it up so that the chickens can hop out when they are ready. Check on them after a few hours, and if they haven't already left the box, gently lift them out and place them on a perch.

Leave them shut in the coop for the first 24 hours so that they learn that it is their home and their source of food and water at night time.

After the first 24 hours, you can allow them to go out into their run/enclosure. Just open the door and allow them to come out in their own time. To encourage them you could spread a little food in the run.





At dusk, if the chickens have not already gone into their coop, encourage them back in calmly and slowly. You may find that you need to encourage your flock in and out of the coop for the first few days.

Check on them regularly for the first couple of days.

### Good signs that your chickens are settling in:

- Starting to take dust baths
- Clucking to one another more often
- Digging for bugs



### 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.

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