



**ABOUT
CHICKEN RUN
RESCUE**
Founded 2001

Every year, domestic fowl, mostly chickens, are impounded by Minneapolis Animal Care & Control and 5 Metro Area humane societies. These birds are victims

of neglect, abuse and abandonment, used for eggs, slaughter, fighting, ritual sacrifice, “nature lessons” or discarded after a hobby no longer holds interest.

After their release from impound, Chicken Run provides the birds with love, shelter and vet care, locates and screens adopters within 90 miles of the Twin Cities and transports the birds to their new homes.

Chicken Run Rescue is the only urban chicken rescue of its kind and receives no support from any other organizations, institutions or agencies and depends entirely on donations and sales of art merchandise to continue helping chickens.

There is a special need for rooster homes. Don't breed or buy- Adopt! There are never enough homes for displaced animals.

**LEARN ABOUT CHICKENS!
CONNECT WITH OTHERS ON
FACEBOOK!**

SUBSCRIBE!
“CHICKEN RUN RESCUE
ADOPTION CHRONICLES”
is a free monthly email newsletter with links to personality profiles and photos of the birds who are available for adoption and contain information about chicken care from the perspective of those who respect and advocate for them.

ADOPT!

SUPPORT!

BUY NEAT STUFF!

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FOSTERS AN EVOLUTION IN
CRITICAL THOUGHT ABOUT
WHO IS FOOD AND WHO IS
FRIEND THROUGH RESCUE,
REHABILITATION,
ADOPTION AND
EDUCATION.

NON-VIOLENCE BEGINS AT BREAKFAST.



CHICKENS AS COMPANIONS

Chickens are highly intelligent, gentle, vivacious individuals who form strong lifelong emotional bonds with each other as well as other species. They are warm and silky and lovely to hold. They are primarily ground dwelling birds who are very home and routine centered and can thrive in a space the size of a normal urban backyard and home. They can coexist happily with compatible dogs and cats and have similar life spans. A shift in

critical thought about who is "food" and who is "friend" could mean a less violent world for the chickens and other animals trapped in a food production hell hidden from view ("free range" and "cage free" birds meet their factory farmed cousins at the same slaughter plants). Each year in the US, over 10 billion chickens suffer from intense confinement, cruel handling and painful terrifying deaths. Although they represent over 95% of the animals raised for agricultural and other purposes, chickens are excluded from protection of anticruelty laws, humane slaughter laws and laws that regulate experimentation.

People who want to help individual chickens can do so by adopting them as companions. We can help them all by adopting a plant based diet.

"The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice".

--Martin Luther King Jr.



ADVANTAGES OF ADOPTION FROM CHICKEN RUN RESCUE

Adoption should not be confused with purchase from hatcheries, breeders or feed stores, "free to good home" or swapping birds or fertilized eggs. CRR's Adoption Agreement protects the best interests of the bird as the first priority.

Known Health All incoming birds are given a complete physical exam upon intake, vet care , medical history. Special needs are clearly stated.

Known Sex, Behavior and Personality CRR rescues are handled and socialized daily, accustomed to close contact with humans, other birds, dogs, cats and urban life. The individual bird's habits, likes and dislikes are provided to the adopter. Roosters are hand tamed and socialized.

Known History All information available about where the bird came from and what circumstances they experienced is documented and provided to the adaptor.

Experience / Education CRR has fostered hundreds of domestic fowl in an urban environment and invested in the best avian veterinary care for them. Adopters are provided with comprehensive information and unlimited access to advice on care, health and behavior 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Commitment for Life CRR will assist with advice, placement or return to our care if the adopter is no longer able to keep the bird for medical, behavior or any other reasons.

CITY CHICKEN CARE EDUCATION

The increased interest in backyard flocks has created an epidemic of unwanted chickens and other species abandoned, seized or surrendered to animal sanctuaries and shelters. Chicken Run Rescue is the only urban chicken rescue of its kind and places as many of these unwanted birds as possible but cannot help them all.

Through our website and **City Chicken Care Classes**, we strive to educate about proper care and things to consider before acquiring chickens such as:

Lifespan- Chickens can live as long as a dog or cat— up to 14 years or longer. Egg laying for a hen peaks at 18 months and declines with age.

Cost- Start up, annual supplies, vet care

Commitment- Time, space and location

Shelter- Chickens are descended from Tropical Jungle Fowl. Toes, combs and wattles are subject to frostbite. Shelter must be moisture proof, insulated and have a heat source.

Uninvited guests- Chickens attract parasites, rodents, predators and vandals.

Consequences of purchasing and breeding - Inconvenient Truth- a 50% mortality. Only hens are wanted for eggs. One half of chicks hatched are roosters who are killed or otherwise discarded as waste.

The identification of the sex of chicks by feed stores, breeders and hatcheries is often wrong and not apparent until the bird is 6 months old.

Newborn chicks shipped through the postal service often die in transit, deprived of their mother's warmth and food. The care of fragile young birds is the most difficult.