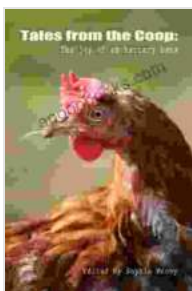


The Joy of Ex Battery Hens: A Comprehensive Guide to Keeping and Caring for Ex Battery Hens



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Ex battery hens are hens that have been rescued from the egg industry. They have typically spent their lives in cramped, unsanitary conditions, and have never experienced the joys of being outside or scratching in the dirt. When these hens are rescued, they are often in poor health and have a long road ahead of them to recovery.

However, with proper care and attention, ex battery hens can make wonderful companions and pets. They are hardy birds that are resilient and eager to learn. With a little patience and love, you can help these hens to heal from their past and enjoy a happy and healthy life.

Choosing the Right Breed

There are many different breeds of ex battery hens, each with its own unique personality and characteristics. Some of the most popular breeds include:

- **Rhode Island Reds:** Rhode Island Reds are a classic breed of chicken that is known for its hardiness and egg production. They are also friendly and easy to care for, making them a good choice for first-time chicken keepers.
- **White Leghorns:** White Leghorns are another popular breed of chicken that is known for its egg production. They are also very active and intelligent, making them a good choice for people who want to keep chickens for their personality as well as their eggs.

- **Barred Rocks:** Barred Rocks are a dual-purpose breed of chicken that is good for both meat and eggs. They are also very hardy and easy to care for, making them a good choice for beginners.
- **Australorps:** Australorps are a large breed of chicken that is known for its egg production. They are also very docile and friendly, making them a good choice for families with children.
- **Sussex:** Sussex are a heavy breed of chicken that is known for its meat. They are also very hardy and easy to care for, making them a good choice for beginners.

Housing

Ex battery hens need a safe and secure place to live. The best type of housing for ex battery hens is a coop that is predator-proof and provides plenty of space for the hens to move around. The coop should also have a nesting area and a roosting area.

If you are unable to provide a coop for your hens, you can also keep them in a run. A run is a fenced-in area that allows the hens to get outside and enjoy the fresh air. The run should be at least 10 feet by 10 feet, and it should have a roof to protect the hens from the sun and rain.

Feeding

Ex battery hens need a diet that is high in protein and calcium. The best way to provide this is to feed them a commercial layer feed. Layer feed is specifically designed to meet the nutritional needs of laying hens. You can also supplement their diet with fresh fruits and vegetables.

It is important to make sure that your hens have access to fresh water at all times.

Health Care

Ex battery hens are susceptible to a number of health problems, including respiratory infections, digestive problems, and reproductive problems. It is important to take your hens to the vet for regular checkups to make sure that they are healthy.

You should also be on the lookout for signs of illness in your hens. These signs include:

- Lethargy
- Loss of appetite
- Changes in droppings
- Sneezing or coughing
- Discharge from the eyes or nose
- Feather loss

If you notice any of these signs in your hens, you should take them to the vet immediately.

Ex battery hens are wonderful birds that deserve a second chance at life. With proper care and attention, these hens can make wonderful companions and pets. So if you are looking for a rewarding and fulfilling experience, consider adopting an ex battery hen today.



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