

## Local Resources for Keeping Hens<sup>1</sup>

### City requirements for hens in Edmonton, St. Albert and Leduc:

<http://www.edmonton.ca/hens>

<https://stalbert.ca/city/approvals/backyard-hens/>

<https://www.leduc.ca/hens-and-bees-program/backyard-hen-keeping>

### Premises Identification (PID) Program:

[http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/trace12354](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/trace12354)

### Edmonton and area veterinarians who have indicated an interest in caring for hens:

Albany Veterinary Clinic – Dr. Dobrescu

Blackfalds Vet Hospital (just outside of Red Deer, AB) – Dr. Lydia du Toit

Castledowns Animal Hospital – Dr. Sired

Crestwood Veterinary Centre – Dr. Scott and Dr. Heffelfinger

Harvest Pointe Animal Hospital – Dr. Darren Mandrusiak and Dr. Susanna Ogle

Hastings Lake Animal Hospital – Dr. Dani Montoya

Ottewell Animal Clinic – Dr. Pettifor

Park Veterinary Centre – Dr. Teresa Bousquet

Southside Animal Hospital – Dr. Heather Steele

Stockyards Veterinary Services – Dr. Megan Johnsen

Uncas Veterinary Clinic - Dr. Tanya Marazzo

### General info on keeping backyard hens:

Health tool: <http://www.worldpoultry.net/healthtool/>

<http://www.poultrydvm.com>

<http://Backyardchickens.com>

<http://thepoultrysite.com>

Alberta Chickens Etc facebook group

Alberta Animal Farm Care: <https://www.afac.ab.ca/resources/urban-hen/>

Alberta Agriculture Raising Chickens in Alberta: <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/9780773261174>

<https://www.backyardchickens.com>

<http://www.the-chicken-chick.com>

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<sup>1</sup> Check with your local authority as to permit or licensing requirements in your area.

### **Coops and supplies:**

**Note:** Coops and runs must meet local bylaw requirements and must protect against Edmonton winters. Proper coop design is critical. Watch for adequate ventilation and ensure protection from drafts. It is your responsibility to review your municipality's requirements and ensure that your coop complies.

DIY: many coop designs are available online, but will need modification to ensure adequate space, insulation, and ventilation.

Pre-made: eg. Peavey Mart, Home Hardware – most pre-made coops will need significant modification to ensure adequate space, insulation, and ventilation.

Custom: local businesses, such as [Urbancoops.ca](http://Urbancoops.ca), may offer custom coops.

### **Breeds, local chicken breeders:**

**Note:** Select cold-hardy breeds with low-profile comb and wattles and plenty of feathers. Ensure hens meet the minimum age requirements for your area. Always consider biosecurity when choosing or introducing new hens.

<https://www.mypetchicken.com/chicken-breeds/breed-list.aspx>

Alberta Chickens Etc Facebook group

[www.kijiji.ca](http://www.kijiji.ca)

### **Feed/bedding/vet supplies:**

G&E pharmacy: <http://www.gepharmacy.com/>

Clover Bar Feeds: <http://www.cloverbarfeeds.com/feedstore/poultry/>

Leduc Coop: <http://www.leduccoop.ca>

UFA <http://www.ufa.com/>

Peavey Mart: <http://www.peaveymart.com/>

Parkland Chip: [http://www.companylisting.ca/Parkland\\_Chip\\_Products\\_Ltd/default.aspx](http://www.companylisting.ca/Parkland_Chip_Products_Ltd/default.aspx)

### **Biosecurity information / best practices:**

CFIA: <https://www.inspection.gc.ca/animal-health/terrestrial-animals/diseases/bird-health-basics/eng/1323643634523/1323644740109>

Alberta Agriculture on flock health: <https://www.alberta.ca/flock-health.aspx>

Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT): <https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/infectious-laryngotracheitis-ilt-in-poultry>

Poultry DVM : <http://www.poultrydvm.com/>

### **End of life services / rehoming:**

Local veterinarians (see above)

Pigeon Lake Poultry Processing: <https://www.pigeonlakepoultry.com/>

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