

Welsh Harlequin Ducks

Better egg production than chickens!



If you want birds that are always happy, get ducks. No fair weather birds here, ducks love it wet, and cold, and hot. It doesn't matter what conditions are like, a duck is prepared for it. They are far more winter hardy than any chicken and when it gets really hot, they know the best way to cool off is a swim.

Duck eggs are very underappreciated. Welsh Harlequins are exceptional layers of eggs that are larger than chicken eggs, with higher levels of almost everything. In addition, ducks are more efficient foragers than chickens.

They are however, "sitting ducks" when it comes to predators. Please protect them well, they can't fly at all and run rather slowly on land. They also love water and they know the recipe for mud! If you consider where the water drains in their pen and put the water on a short platform that allows the water to drain away, you will have minimal problems. Ducks don't need water to swim it (but they like it), but they need it deep enough to dip their head under to get clean.

Welsh Harlequins are the only breed that is sexable by the color of their beaks when hatched. Males are the quieter sex, so you can easily have one in a group.

Ducklings, females \$10, males \$5