

Hints

Spend time with your birds. You are their provider of food, water and protection and they depend on you to meet these needs. Give them good food, clean water and make sure nothing can get into their pen that could kill them.

Learn all you can about chickens. Get a copy of a "Standard of Perfection" or a "Bantam Standard" and learn how to read them. Read things on the Internet about birds. Join a poultry club and be active. Learn the lingo. Hatch and raise some chicks.

Learn the parts of a bird and the different feathers.

Attend shows and talk to breeders and judges.

Buy good birds from breeders. Most feed stores sell commercial type chicks or "so-so" quality fancy chicks. You will never win with a "so-so" bird.

Most of all, have fun. That's what this hobby is all about.