

Re: duck clutch

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alex massey wrote:

- > Greetings from sunny Gloucestershire,
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- > Our Muscovy duck is sitting on her first clutch of (we hope)
- > fertilised eggs. All previous eggs have been whisked (sorry pun) away
- > for cake making. She has two admiring drakes to contend with so a
- > good chance, we understand, that some of the eight may be viable.
- > Questions:
- > Should we isolate her from the drakes?

If you have no other birds it might be a good idea as they could pester her
If there are other ducks they can lay in her nest which upsets the apple
cart with ill timed eggs

- > Will the ducklings, if any, be able to get out and about for food, or
- > should we keep them in the duck house?

Yes but they are also fair game for predators -- gulls and crows LOVE
ducklings

So you need to give her a protected area until they are big enough not to be
attractive -- they do grow super fast

- > Either way, what should we do to help them feed/drink?

They are fine -- Mum will do that -- an area of fresh sweet mown grass is
great and duck starter is a good feed and will help to put condition back on
mum too

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- > Don't want to get into the incubator thing; natural childbirth for us!

have fun
Muscovy ducklings are dead cute

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regards
Jill Bowis

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> Many thanks
>
> Alex and Hilary

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