



Re: advice on re-forming flocks?

They may be able to assert themselves if they go into a new

mob. They may not either and especially if they look like they've been picked on ie featherless and ready to take to their heels at the first sign of picking – that sort of behaviour makes them the eternal victim – a bit like people really.

isn't it true. even i (their loving protector) find the lowest couple of hens in the order irritating in the way they run away screaming from everything (even me).

even if they did just get picked

on by others instead, is it a good idea anyway? or in your opinion

is it as

well if they stay with their pre-existing flock because there's

probably not

going to be any benefit to anyone?

I'd try putting them with the Isa Browns – what have you (or the picked on ones) got to lose? It may or may not work, but try to get the picked on ones looking good and eyeballing the Isa Browns before you put them together. More pens to build perhaps???? Try to keep the same number introduced as the flock your introducing them to (and the introducees the same colour too if you can – my birds have always seemed to be colour sensitive – sound silly but that's what I've observed).

thanks for the tips! handily, the two chook runs are side-by-side, so they've all had a chance to get to know each other. (fortunately, the babies don't emulate the biggies' behaviour at all, except that they do seem to enjoy running up & down together when the big girls decide it's time for a jog ;-)

on a side note, my wee babies are now laying!!! (well, two of them are). today i found two tiny eggs in a little nest they'd made on the ground! (why they didn't lay them in their house i'm not sure, but then, they don't like roosting, either. perhaps they are non-conformists? ;-)) i was not expecting this for weeks!!

kylie who is now in a mad rush to build a nesting box onto their little house

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