

Re: hens out of the run?

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I have got my first two hens, light sussex. They are safely tucked away at the moment. Is it a good idea to let them get used to us and their new surroundings before we let them out of the run and roam the garden supervised? Or will they stay nearby anyway. My only worry is my neighbours two border collies which have the run of their garden, they have never escaped though. We have a 6 ft hedge and fence.
Thanks Keith

If your garden is secure there's no reason why the hens can't roam free. They might be alarmed for a time when they see or hear the dogs but they'll get used to it.

They will quickly learn to tease the pair from the safety of their own side!!

In general you can let birds out within a few days of getting used to their new surroundings

If you let them out in the afternoon they will mooch around close to the house before returning to roost at dusk

Birds work back and forth from their house all day

— the house should be where their food is [layers pellets/mash in a hanging or wall secured hopper and a constant supply]

— the house is where they will lay

— the house is where they will shelter in the rain or the heat unless there is good shelter elsewhere

— the house is where they will roost

Enjoy your birds

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regards
Jill Bowis

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