

# Re: Non swimming ducks

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Amy Blankenship wrote:

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Deb wrote:

I read all the books that said not to let the ducklings get wet until after they had feathers, then Mama duck led them practically straight from the shell to the 'little pond' (water bowl). I tried telling her she was making a mistake, but she knew better. ;>

A friend suggested that because they had a Mom, these ducklings were getting oils on their fluff that the incubated ducklings wouldn't have. Does that make sense?

Exactly  
From the moment ducklings hatch out from under Mum they are snuggling in amongst her oily feathers. So after teh 24 – 36 hours she will wait before taking them for their first perambulation and show-off they will be wonderfully oily. Have you not noticed how they just sit on top of the water. Its almost difficult for them to swim they are SO bouyant.

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Not around here. My friend who has ducks keeps them off the water until they are too big for the catfish to eat!

<grin>

You all keep coming up with fearsome predators!!

Its still possible to give mum and babies a paddling pool so she can get herself all cleaned up from long time sitting and the babies lurve it.

She usually buys ducklings, since it's too difficult keeping the mother duck from doi