

Re: New Poultry Website

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On Mar 14, 2:15 pm, " Jill" <n...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

billyjoe008 wrote:

Hello,

I just put up a new website on poultry and need to get a community going! I have a blog, forum, gallery (to name a few thing) up and would like you to check it out! Here's the link<http://www.poultry.ie/> ...Please take a look and give me some feedback!

Thanks,
The Poultry Ireland Team

Hi (no name given) but presumably Michael or Connor?

good luck with your project but you might need to get someone to read through your content, who has some experience in poultry keeping. Also get it proof read, its worse than mine, and thats saying something.

This is the first article to come up and makes some seriously false assumptions and is simply wrong on many points.
<quote>If you have to make a choice for a certain chicken breed, then please consider, before simply going out and buying 'just' a few chickens, that every standard breed tends to have its particular physical features demanding specific care.

<response>Actually very few breeds require specific care.

<quote> If you for instance want to let a few chickens wander about your backyard, then you had better not buy a breed with crests,beards or lots of feathers on their feet. After a few days of scratching around, or even sooner, they will usually look pretty bedraggled.

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<answer> If the area you give your birds is so poor and is muddy enough to make these birds mucky, then it will make any bird mucky AND sick. Crested and feathered birds shouldn't be more difficult than others, wet climates are much more of an issue to them.

<quote> If you don't want your poultry to upset your garden, you can put a check on this by choosing chickens with feathered feet. These are less fanatic diggers, but then again you should see to it that they are able to roost in dry conditions, so that their leg feathers can dry,

<answer> Some of these can be pretty active, which is why they can get mucky if they are on the wrong ground, your two statements contradict each other.

<quote> A short-legged breed like the Japanese Bantams cannot get about very well in a yard,

<answer> Oh they can !!! often vertically !!! <g>

<quote> nor can frizzle-feathered breeds that have a problem with rain.

<answer>They get around okay, but yes, wet clims can be a problem.

<quote>If you got a very little space, then needless to say you should pick some bantams or else a bigger placid breed that does not need a lot of room.

<answer> if you have very little space, maybe you should not have chickens, as all birds need a decent space.

<quote>If you don't know much about chickens and you do not intend to look into the matter very deeply

<answer> Maybe you should not consider taking on the responsibility of a life of some other creature that depends on you.

<quote>, you will do better to get a hardy breed instead of a rather delicate one needing special care.

<answer> meaningless as if they have not done any homework how can they tell if its hardy – when this is much more to do with strain, as in the immediate breeding and rearing and much less to do with the breed.

<quote> If you are of a slender build yourself or if your kids also like taking care of the chickens together with you, then don't settle on a large, heavy breed, but pick a more manageable size instead,

<answer> tosh -- any adult can pick up any bird, the largest are not as heavy as 3 bags of sugar, and many of the larger breeds are FAR more suitable for children as they tend (very general) to be more placid. There are far more flighty birds in the small ones.

<quote> Also consider the fact that big chickens produce more droppings than small bantams do.

<answer>If you are not prepared to do basic cleaning – do not start. And the difference is not that much.

<quote> As a rule, large chickens take more work in cleaning the garden or

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henhouse,

<answer>No they do not. If you have a decent henhouse.

<quote>and of course having many chickens is also a lot more trouble than just keeping a few.

<answer> only if you have poor facilities. Big units are often much easier to work in than small ones.

<quote> Thus all breeds, types and sizes have their own specific features, making the birds either suited or not to your situation and requirements

I would stay well clear of giving out bad information and concentrate on coordinating breeders in Ireland, there is certainly a great need for that. Contact breeders yourself, from every source you can and create a really good breeders list. It would be invaluable.
This will take more work though, and that may not be your thing.

I am disappointed not to see a real Irish flair to this site, I was looking forward to information about the poultry world over there. But there certainly is not the Irish Welcome I expected.
Its very slow to load between pages,

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regards
Jill Bowis

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Thanks for your reply and thoughts!

The information is not mine as I was in a rush to put up some info on the site and took extracts from a Book I own on poultry.
What kind of Irish 'flair' would you like?

I am thinking on taking photos of poultry occasions in Ireland such as shows and putting these up or just a general news section of poultry news in Ireland. I'm hoping the forum will take off and I need to get people on there as it would be a great source for people to share info.

A breeders list would be great and I have got a few emails already from people asking for it so there is interest but how would i go about it?

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