

Contract Details for Fostering Ducklings 2021

Woolley Wonderland Farm thanks you for your booking for the Foster Duckling Program. You should have a start date (farm pick-up).

It will be YOUR responsibility maintain appropriate sanitization for your home/school/duck space. An adult must supervise toddlers & children around the ducklings at all time. Pets in your home may react well to the ducklings or may react in an aggressive manor. **We entrust that you** will provide appropriate protection for the safety of the ducklings.

By following the guide booklet we provide, you will be able to successfully care for your ducklings. Please be wary of our warnings, specifically; do not leave ducklings unattended outside ever, do not leave them in water unattended ever, do not leave them around pets or children unattended.

Our expectations are that the ducks are returned to us, at the end of your foster period in good health. In the past we have had calls regarding accidents – stepping back on a fast-moving duck, unknown predators scooping them from the yard while the client is out on a short errand, too much love from a toddler's hand, or drowning from swimming while the client was "just in the other room". We learn from our clients and share their experiences with you, so you won't have an experience that ends sadly. At the same time, there may be a duckling that won't thrive for an unknown reason. We work with the best hatcheries and breeders to bring you the best *livestock*. We can help you if that happens, we're a call away.

We stress the word Livestock. While you will welcome them into your home and treat them like family, they are barnyard friends and must return to our farm. Due to past issues with Animal Rights Activists falsely accusing our farm of unsavory practices and contacting our clients to "help rescue" ducklings, **we wish to make it clear from the start** that this program provides you with the experience of growing livestock, **and the ducks must come back here**. We treat all our animals with respect and the best of care while they are at Woolley Wonderland farm. We do not slaughter any animals at Woolley Wonderland Farm. Any of our livestock we process for food is done at a government licensed facility. Our ducks are sold to other farm clients who return year-after-year for our healthy, well-cared for birds. Your returned duckies may become part of our breeding program, sold to another breeder or farm.

Most communities DO NOT allow ducks as outlined in local by-laws. Anseriformes (such as ducks, geese, swans, screamers) AND Galliformes (such as pheasants, grouse, guineafowls, turkeys, chickens) ARE NOT allowed within most city limits. Some clients ignore the by-laws for the duck "baby to toddler phase" of our program. Some clients keep ducklings at their cottage where the by-laws allow ducklings. **It is your responsibility to know the limitations in your area.** We are not responsible for any fines if you decide to ignore local by-laws.

Please see our additional sheet regarding Covid Protocols for Pick-up and Return as well as our **General Health Notice** regarding keeping ducklings. **Know your by-laws.** **This is a non-refundable program.**

If you have any questions, please email

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