Henny Penny Hatching – Guidelines for Running the Hatching Program

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Day	Hatcher Tasks	Brooding Pen Tasks	Adopting out Chicks (Optional) & Other Thoughts
1 Mon	 Briefing with HPH franchisee Monitor temperature (98 – 101 degrees Farenheit) 	Top up feedTop up waterRake shavings	Interested parties to write their adoption requests on the <i>Adopting Chicks</i> form. Please direct them to read <i>Ethical Issues</i> and <i>Adopting Chicks</i> on HPH website
2 Tue	 Monitor temperature Pink stamped eggs to hatch Transfer dry chicks, remove shells 	 Top up feed Top up water Relocate wood block and drinker Rake shavings 	before committing themselves to adopting chicks. Please make sure that prospective adoptees are aware of these key points:
3 Wed	 Monitor temperature Blue stamped eggs to hatch Check water level of bottle attached to hatcher and refill if necessary Transfer dry chicks, remove shells 	 Top up feed Top up water Relocate wood block and drinker Rake shavings 	 Although chicks are layer strain, 50% will be hens and 50% will be roosters. Once chicks have been taken, they cannot be returned.
4 Thur	 Monitor temperature Purple stamped eggs to hatch Transfer dry chicks, remove shells 	 Top up feed Top up water Relocate wood block and drinker Rake shavings 	 We are unable to tell if chicks are male or female. Prospective owners are responsible for checking council regulations regarding
5 Fri	 ➤ Monitor temperature ➤ Green stamped eggs to hatch ➤ Transfer dry chicks, remove shells ➤ If all green eggs have now hatched: → turn hatcher off → bag and bin any other, unhatched eggs → empty water bottle; clean/rinse blue base, wire mesh & water bottle collar 	 ➤ Top up feed ➤ Top up water ➤ Relocate wood block and drinker ➤ Rake shavings If you are unable to check in on the chicks over the weekend, ensure that both the feeder and waterer are topped up at the 	keeping a backyard flock (councils vary) and for re-homing roosters. chicks must go to homes in pairs or more as they are flock birds. This applies to those who already own chickens as well as first time owners. If your franchisee sells Take Home Packs, it is recommended that those
	 → place dome upright & keep all hatcher components with dome; do not sit anything on top of thermometer ➤ If some green eggs have not yet hatched → leave hatcher on until Monday → Check water level of bottle attached to hatcher and refill if necessary 	end of the day, and supply extra feed in a shallow container.	new to keeping backyard chicken purchase on of these packs. Chicks are available from day 11 of the program (the day before equipment pick up). NOTE: Henny Penny Hatching is not able to take chicks back once they leave the
6/7 Sat/ Sun	 If hatcher is still on, monitor temperature If eggs are still hatching, transfer dry chicks, remove shells 	 Top up feed twice Top up water Relocate wood block and drinker Rake shavings 	venue at the end of the program. More information regarding Adopting Chicks is available on our website, www.hennypennyhatching.com.au.
8 Mon	 If eggs were still hatching over weekend: → turn hatcher off today → bag and bin any other, unhatched eggs → empty water bottle; clean/rinse blue base, wire mesh & water bottle collar → place dome upright & keep all hatcher components with dome; DO NOT sit anything on top of thermometer or dome 	 ➤ Top up feed twice ➤ Top up water ➤ Relocate wood block and drinker ➤ Rake shavings 	Use Access Code to access activities from <i>Resources</i> section on HPH website. Thinking about booking again next year? Don't miss out on your preferred term/week! Discuss this with your HPH franchisee on pick-
9 Tue	> Attend to brooding pen	 Top up feed twice Top up water Relocate wood block and drinker Rake shavings 	up day.
10 Wed	Attend to brooding pen	 Top up feed twice Top up water Relocate wood block and drinker Rake shavings 	If your franchisee offers Take Home Packs you should order these from him/her, by email or by phone, by the close of business today.
11 Thur	 Attend to brooding pen Chicks being adopted out can go to their new homes this afternoon. 	 Top up feed twice Top up water Relocate wood block and drinker Rake shavings 	Organise/coordinate > boxes for transporting adopted chicks > temporary containers to feed and water chicks whilst they await transport > collect money for Take Home Packs if you have ordered any
HPH Pick -up Day Fri	Ensure that all equipment is available and ready to go before HPH franchisee arrives to collect it – refer to checklist on of items on equipment box		When HPH franchisee arrives to collect equipment, please ensure that chicks being adopted out have been transferred to boxes already, OR assist the franchisee with this at pick-up time.