

MEET OUR ANIMALS

The Cochin Bantams- the Friendly Chickens



We have two breeds of chickens on our farm stay and one breed is the Cochin Bantams. These chickens are very friendly, sweet chickens- even the roosters- and are great for children. We keep them in our petting pen with our rabbits, our ducklings and chicks and also any injured animal that needs special care. Because the Cochin Bantams are so friendly we can trust that they won't pick on any young or injured animals.

Being a Bantam means that they are a small chicken and there are many types of bantam chickens. We have chosen the Cochins because they are friendly but also quite hardy as we have quite hot weather as well as quite cold weather throughout the year.

Did you Know?

- Cochins originally came from China and you can tell them apart from other bantams by the distinctive feathering on their legs, which makes them look like they are wearing slippers.
- They lay a small brown egg (although we sometimes get a bluish egg) and we usually get an egg or two most days in egg laying season, which is spring through summer.
- They are very good mothers and get broody (that means they like to sit on eggs) a lot. Cochins get so broody they will even sit on another hen's eggs or even on a turkey's egg. They will even happily hatch them and raise them as their own chicks

We have several roosters in our pen. A rooster has a larger and brighter comb, longer and brighter tail and fancier neck feathers and he crows....Can you tell which ones are our roosters?

Our Secret

These chickens will quite happily let you pick them up as long as you have some seed to feed them. But you will have to catch them first and some of them can be pretty fast.