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# WE LOVE *Talking Hens*

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## RAISING BABY CHICKS A FUN FAMILY ACTIVITY

**R**aising baby chicks is a great experience for kids, parents and grandparents alike. As the chicks grow they transition through a number of different cute and fluffy stages before arriving as fully mature, laying hens.

At Talking Hens, we have always been interested in growing our hens from day-old chicks and finally, we now have the opportunity to actually do it! My father, Agostino was a poultry farmer who would always raise his own baby chicks which I used to love watching as a child. It was amazing to see all those little, fluffy chicks grow into laying hens and the weekly changes in feather growth, body size and confidence as they quickly grew.

I learned that there are some important things to understand with growing chicks. These include a heat lamp to provide them with constant 30-degree warmth for the first few weeks of their life as they can't regulate their own body temperature when young. They also need a sturdy, draft-free box or container to live in with a dry layer of wood shavings for insulation.

Food and water is also vitally important so good access to the correct water drinker and feeder is needed. They don't need much food but it must be tailor-made for them to provide all of the nutrients needed.

Talking Hens will be getting a flock of Hy-Line Brown day-old chicks in June 2020 and will have them available for families during our open times through school holidays. We will also have all the other equipment and feed needed to keep them happy and healthy and can answer any questions that you might have as they grow.

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### Wanting baby chicks but unsure where to start?

Talking Hens is a family business that loves backyard chickens! We like them so much that we specialise in supplying only the friendliest, best-laying hens along with the best quality products to keep them happy and healthy.

There's nothing like the friendship, entertainment and nutrition that you receive from our hens - a pleasure to be shared!

Visit our Website to learn more  
and download our FREE, Beginner's  
Guide to Backyard Chickens at:  
[www.TalkingHens.com.au](http://www.TalkingHens.com.au)

Or visit our farm on any Friday,  
Saturday, Sunday or Monday  
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