

ETHICAL STATEMENT – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Henny Penny Hatching prides itself on maintaining an ethical approach to the welfare of all livestock and endeavours to ensure the health and well-being of all involved by adhering to the following:

- ✓ Sourcing eggs from a commercial breeder who produces layer strain flocks, and who adheres to the HACCP program, which ensures a high standard of ethics and a high quality product that meets Australian health and safety standards. This includes the fumigation of eggs after collection at the farm and the use of new, sterile packaging to maintain a bio-secure status.
- ✓ Using equipment that has been designed to ensure that participants can observe the hatching process without disturbing the eggs while they are hatching, or the chicks once they have hatched.
- ✓ Providing a large, clear-sided brooding pen inside which is a feeder, a waterer and a heat source. This ensures that the chicks have ample room in which to move about, feed, drink and select their own environment at all times.
- ✓ Providing a net to cover the top of the brooding pen to ensure that the chicks cannot be touched without supervision.
- ✓ Providing comprehensive resources detailing the operation of the program, appropriate observation skills and the appropriate way for students to behave around the chicks. This is to ensure that the chicks are looked after properly and that their environment remains stress-free.

Our program is exciting, fun and educational but the well-being of the animals involved is foremost. We require that everyone involved respects the chicks as living creatures and makes sure that they are kept safe and secure at all times.

Henny Penny Hatching has sourced suitable homes, which include small-holders and farms, including Bundoora Children's Farm and farms in Ballan and Pakenham South, for the placement of all of our chicks including our roosters, at the end of our hatching programs.

Therefore, when we return to collect our equipment, we are very happy to take back all chicks that have hatched to our farm(s). Due to cross-contamination issues, however, we are unable to take back chicks once they have left our program.

Further information can be found on our website www.hennypennyhatching.com.au