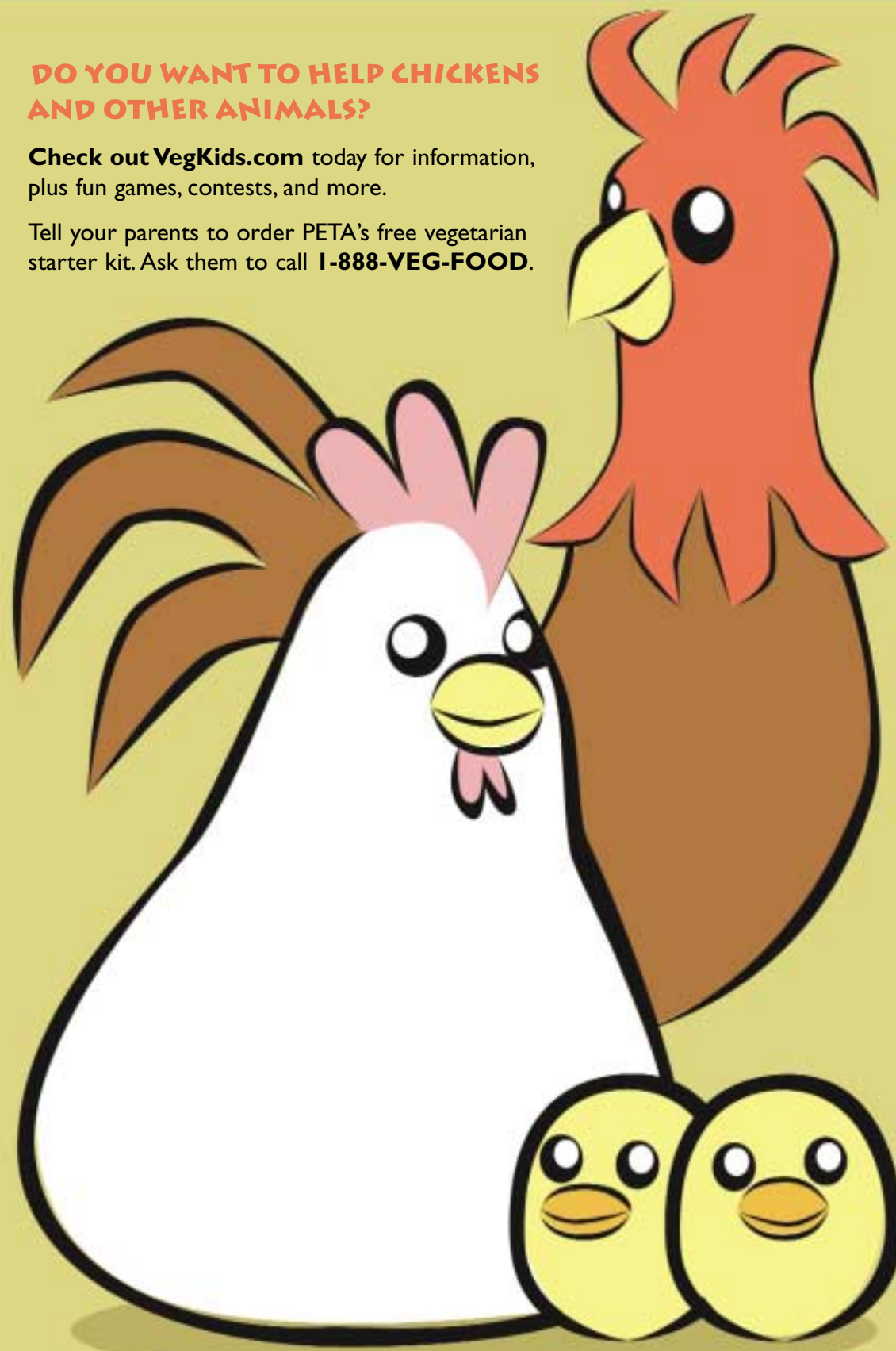


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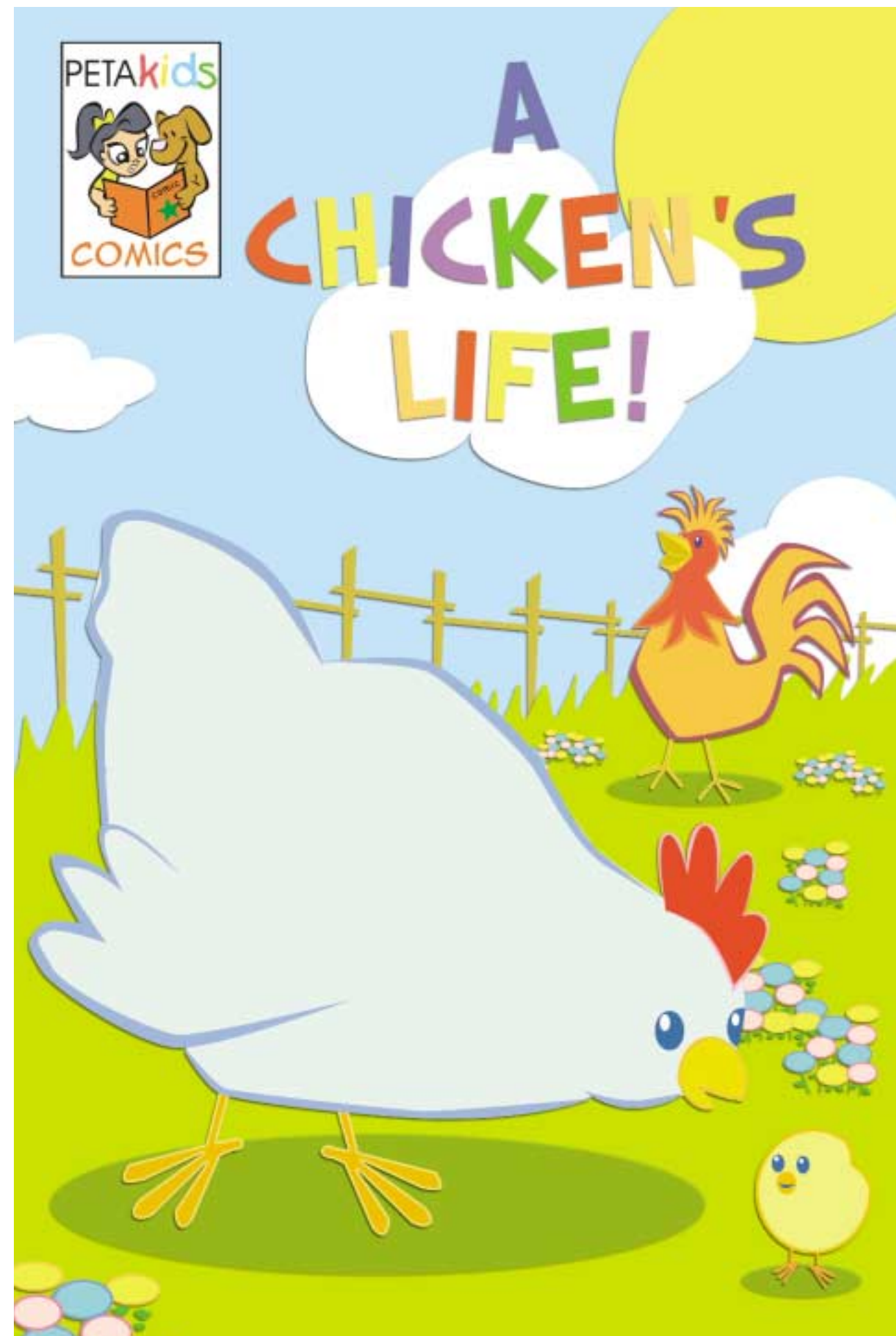
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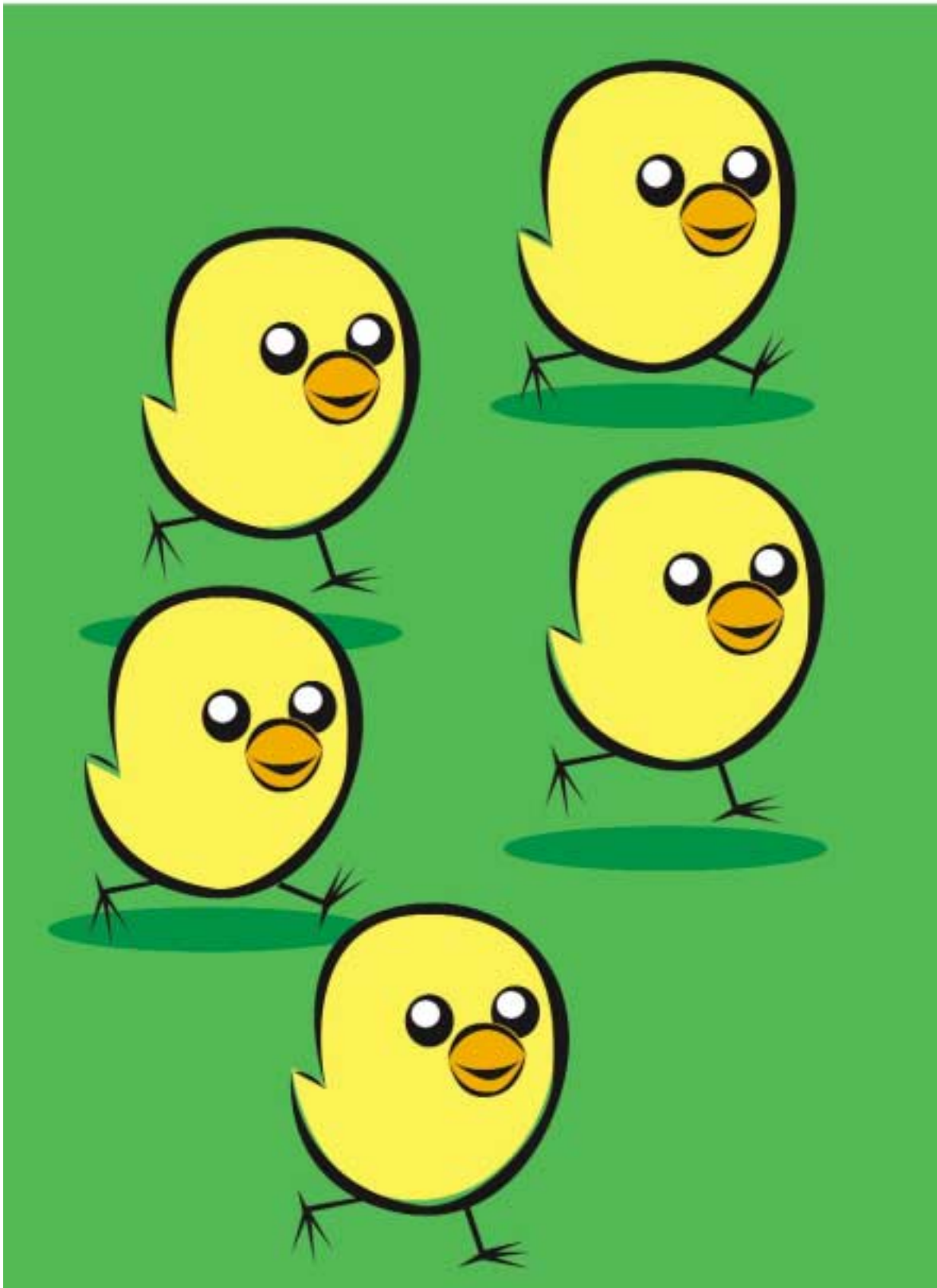
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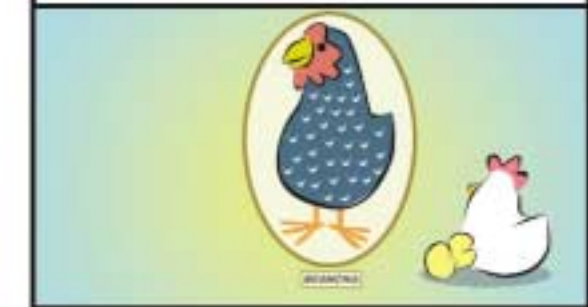
# AWESOME CHICKENS!

CHICKENS ARE AMAZING ANIMALS! DID YOU KNOW . . .

CHICKENS WERE DOMESTICATED ABOUT 8,000 YEARS AGO. THE CHICKEN WAS ONCE CONSIDERED A SACRED ANIMAL SYMBOLIZING THE SUN.



ALL DOMESTIC CHICKENS ARE RELATED TO *GALLUS GALLUS*, THE RED JUNGLE FOWL.



IN 1888, THE AVERAGE HEN LAID ABOUT 100 EGGS PER YEAR. TODAY'S OVERWORKED, STRESSED CHICKENS AVERAGE ABOUT 256 EGGS PER YEAR.



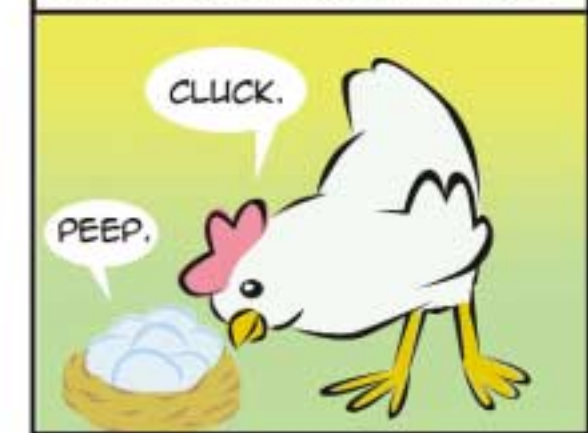
CHICKENS ON BIG FARMS ARE OFTEN FED THEIR OWN WASTE AND FEATHERS — AS WELL AS GROUND-UP CATTLE, PIGS, AND EVEN OTHER *CHICKENS*.



CHICKENS MAKE SOUNDS WITH SPECIFIC MEANINGS. THEY GIVE DIFFERENT ALARM CALLS WHEN THREATENED BY DIFFERENT PREDATORS.



HENS AND CHICKS TALK WITH EACH OTHER . . . EVEN WHILE THE CHICK IS STILL INSIDE THE EGG!





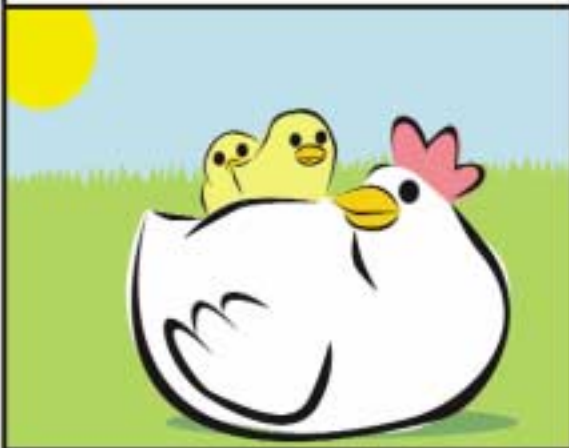
A MOTHER HEN WILL PROTECT HER BABIES FROM DANGER.



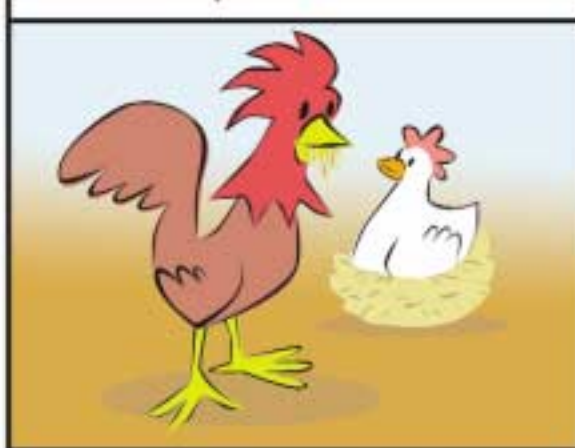
HENS WILL LET THEIR BABIES HIDE UNDER THEIR WINGS IN RAIN ...



... AND SIT ON THEIR BACKS IN THE SUN!



ROOSTERS HELP HENS BUILD NESTS OUT OF TWIGGS, HAY, FEATHERS, AND DIRT.



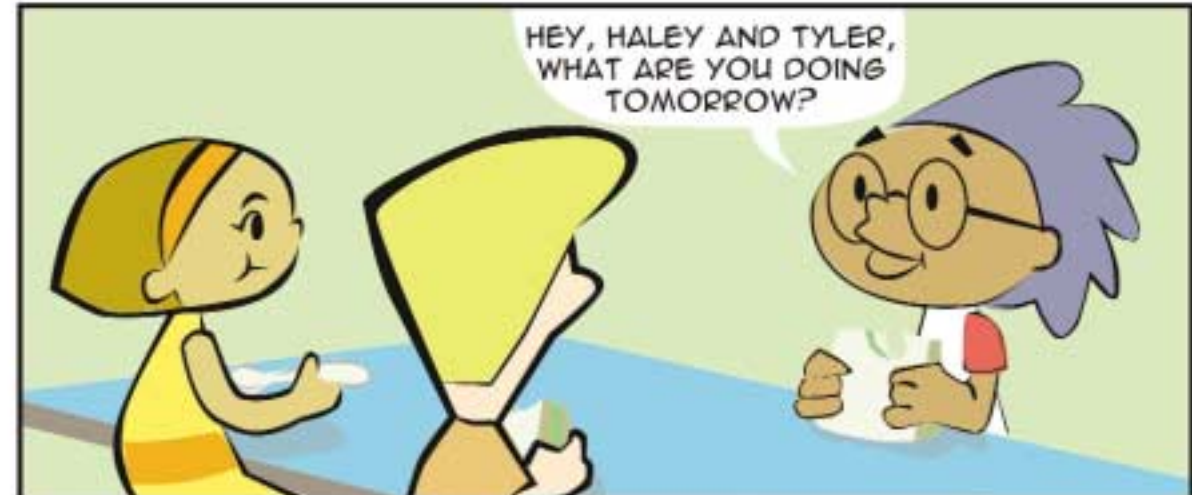
CHICKENS ARE SMART! IN SCIENTIFIC TESTS, NOT ON FARMS, THEY HAVE LEARNED TO OPEN DOORS AND TURN OFF THE HEAT WHEN THEY WANT TO COOL OFF.



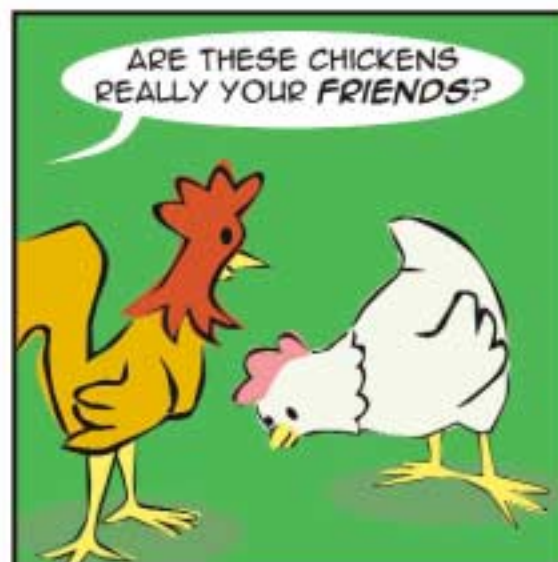
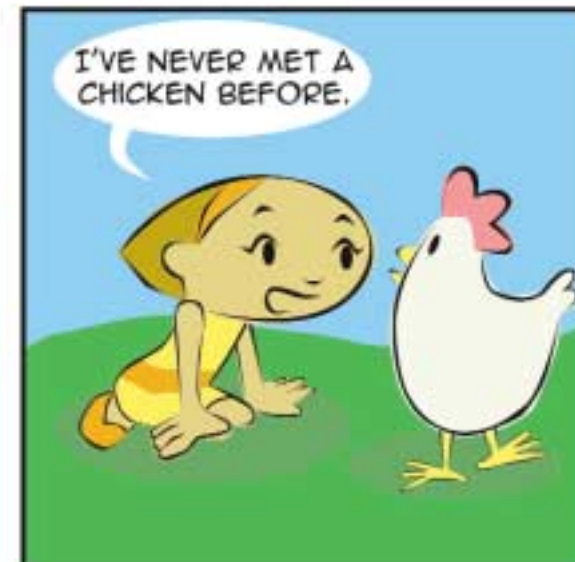
CHICKENS WHO ARE TREATED KINDLY ARE FRIENDLY — SOME LIKE TO SIT ON PEOPLE'S LAPS.



## MEETING OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS: CHICKENS



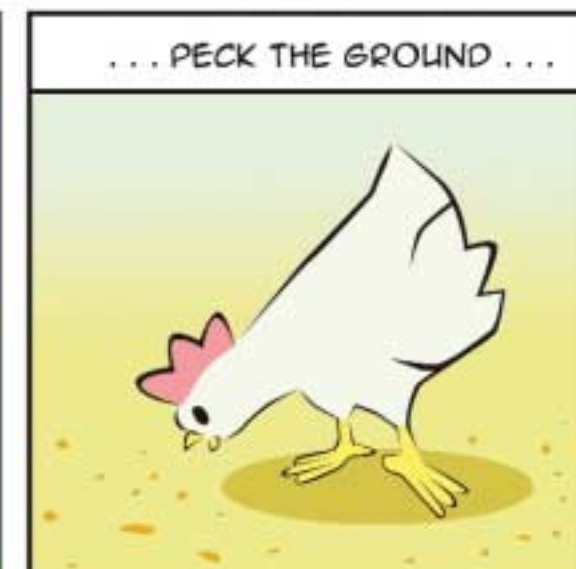
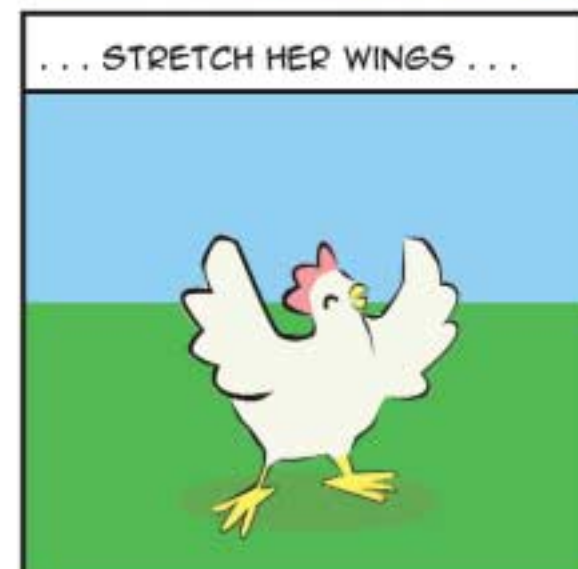
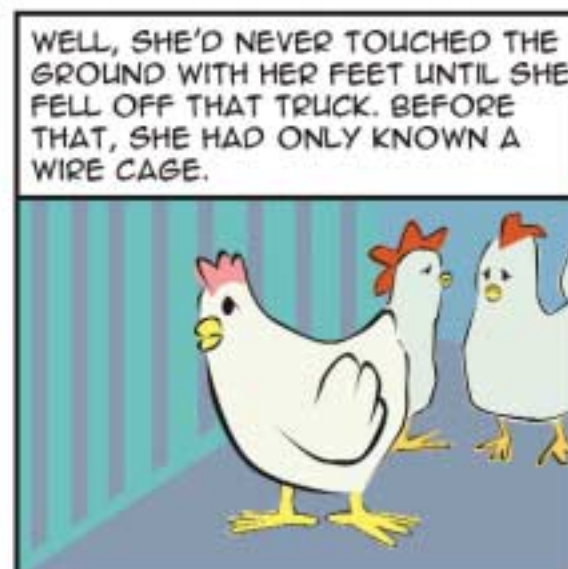
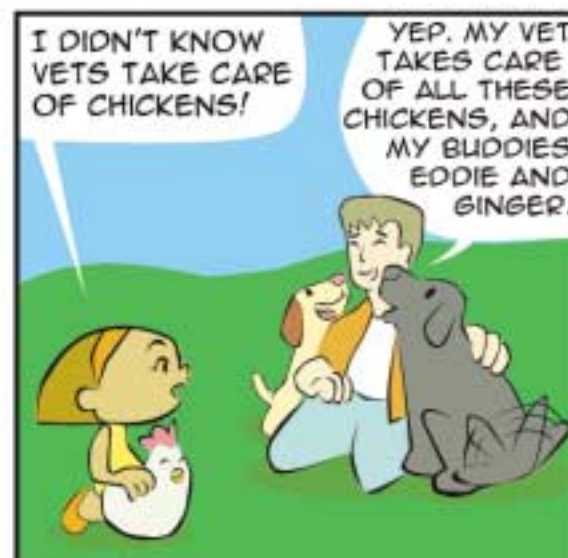




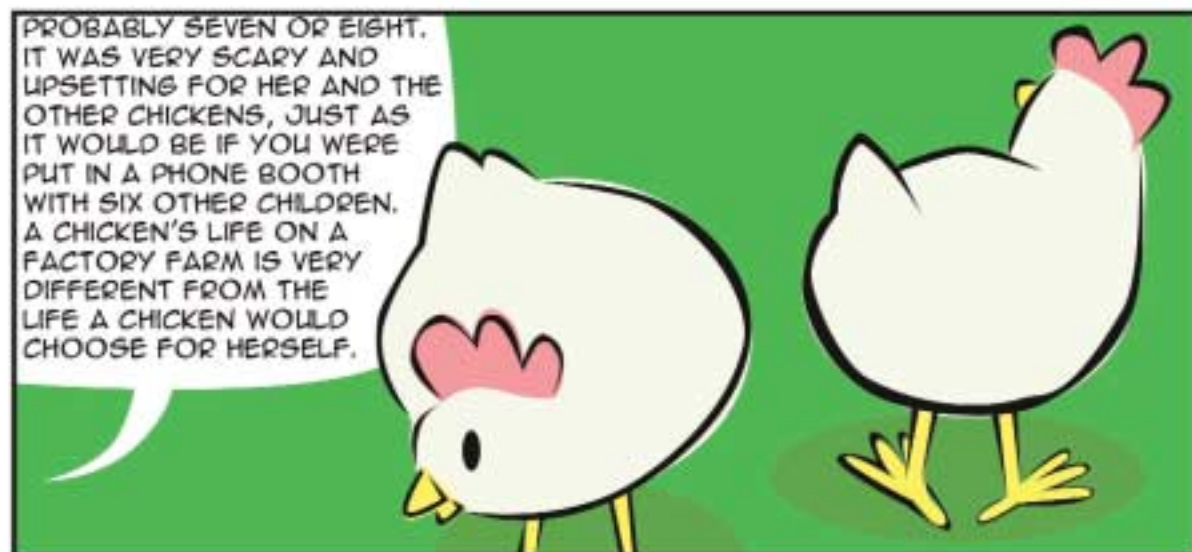
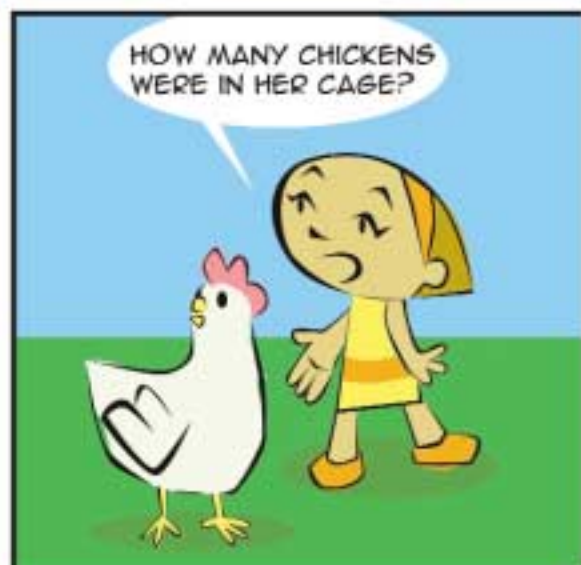
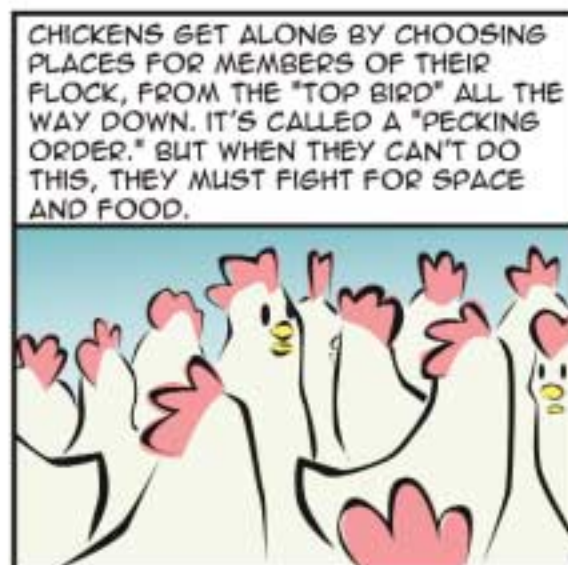






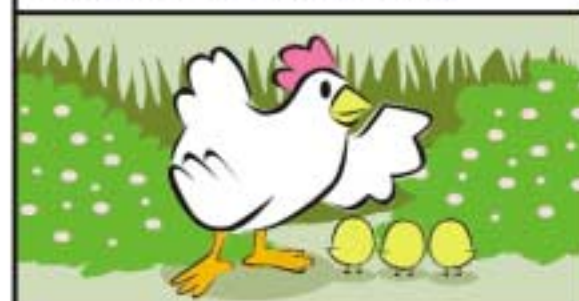




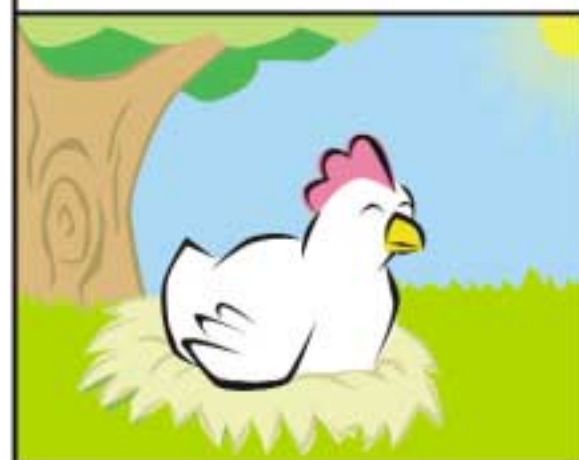


## NATURE'S WAY

CHICKS HATCH FROM EGGS THAT THEIR MOMS SIT ON, THEN AS THEY GROW UP, THEY LEARN FROM EXPERIENCES AND FROM THEIR MOMS.



CHICKENS PICK OUT SPOTS TO MAKE COZY NESTS OUT OF STRAW OR GRASS.



CHICKENS LIKE TO WALK THROUGH GRASS AND UNDER BUSHES, LOOKING FOR YUMMY THINGS TO EAT.



## THE FACTORY FARM WAY

EGGS ARE TAKEN FROM HENS AND SOLD IN STORES FOR FOOD, OR THE CHICKS ARE RAISED FOR FOOD.



CHICKENS ARE KEPT IN WIRE CAGES AND AREN'T GIVEN ANY MATERIALS TO MAKE NESTS.



FARMERS GIVE CHICKENS PLAIN, BORING PELLETS TO EAT THAT HAVE DRUGS AND BUG KILLERS IN THEM.





## NATURE'S WAY

CHICKENS ENJOY STRETCHING THEIR WINGS, NESTING IN LOW BRANCHES, AND RUNNING AROUND WITH THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.



WHEN THEY ARE ALLOWED TO LIVE NATURALLY, CHICKENS CAN LIVE AS LONG AS 20 YEARS!



## THE FACTORY FARM WAY

FARMERS GIVE CHICKENS DRUGS AND DO OTHER THINGS TO MAKE CHICKENS GROW SO FAST AND SO BIG THAT THEY CAN BARELY WALK OR STAND.



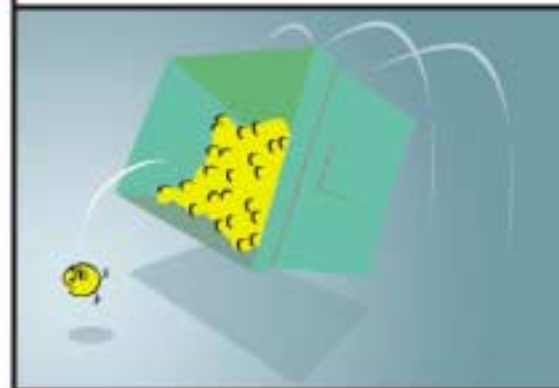
BUT ON BIG FARMS, HENS RAISED TO LAY EGGS LIVE LESS THAN TWO YEARS . . .



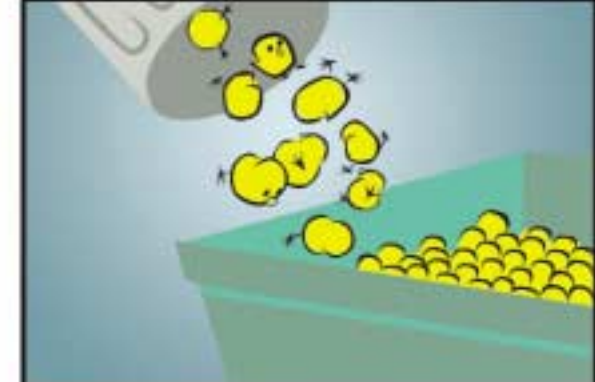
YEP. STEVE HATCHED WITH HUNDREDS OF OTHER CHICKS UNDER A BRIGHT LIGHT IN A HUGE SHED. HE NEVER KNEW HIS MOTHER OR FATHER.



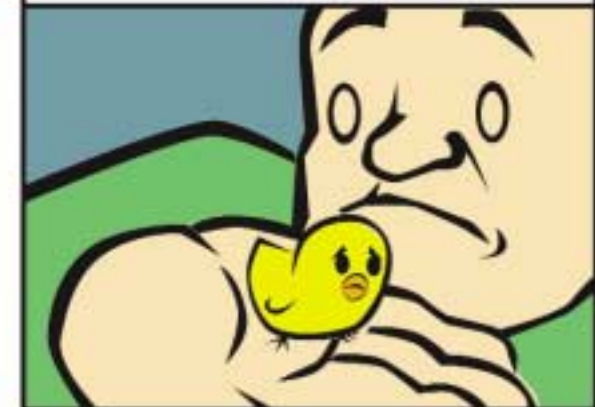
STEVE WAS ONE OF THEM. HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE GROUND UP FOR FERTILIZER, BUT HE FELL OUT WHEN THE DUMPSTER TIPPED OVER.



THE FARMER ONLY WANTED TO KEEP THE HENS SO THAT HE COULD SELL THEIR EGGS, SO HE SEPARATED THE MALE CHICKS FROM THE FEMALES . . . AND TOSSED THEM INTO A DUMPSTER.



A KIND MAN WHO STARTED WORK AT THE HATCHERY THAT DAY FOUND HIM UNDER A PIECE OF MACHINERY, SHIVERING.





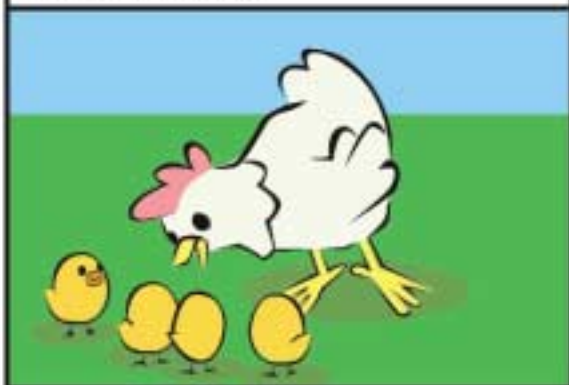
HE PICKED HIM UP, PUT HIM INSIDE HIS SHIRT TO KEEP HIM WARM, AND BROUGHT HIM TO ME. THE KIND MAN DECIDED NEVER TO GO BACK TO WORK THERE.



I WOULDN'T WANT TO WORK THERE, EITHER!



PEOPLE DON'T KNOW HOW TO TAKE CARE OF CHICKS THE WAY A MOTHER HEN CAN! I'M GLAD THAT I CAN HELP THESE CHICKENS AS MUCH AS I CAN.



AND I'M GLAD THAT I CAN HELP CHICKENS, TOO.

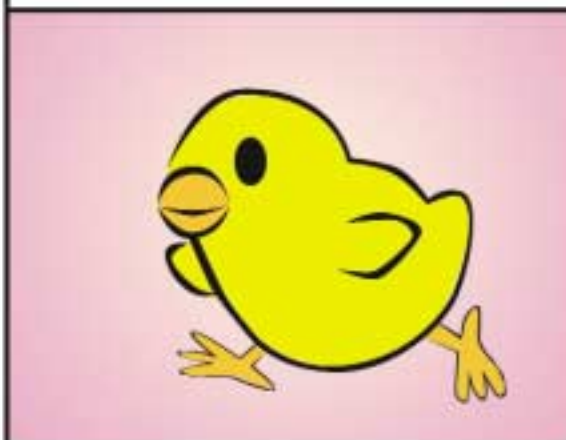
WHAT CHICKENS DO YOU HELP, ZACH?



WHAT ABOUT ANNA, THE OTHER CHICKEN?



I VOLUNTEER AT OUR LOCAL HUMANE SOCIETY. ANNA WAS BROUGHT IN WHEN SHE WAS A COUPLE OF WEEKS OLD.



THE ONES I DON'T EAT, WHICH IS ALL OF THEM!



THAT'S A GREAT WAY TO HELP THESE GUYS AND OTHER CHICKENS. THEY NEED ALL THE HELP THEY CAN GET.



SHE WAS THE ONLY CHICK WHO HATCHED IN A DUMB SCHOOL EXPERIMENT. THE SCHOOL DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH HER SO THE TEACHER TOOK HER TO THE ANIMAL SHELTER.



HEY! WE HATCHED CHICKS IN MY SCHOOL BACK IN 2ND GRADE. AFTER THE CHICKS HATCHED, OUR TEACHER DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, EITHER. HE TOOK THEM TO THE POUND.



WE WANT TO HELP CHICKENS, TOO!



END



# SAVE THE CHICKENS!

Chickens are amazing animals. Duh that s a no-brainer! They re shy, sensitive birds who make great friends, don tcha think? So help chickens today by not eating them!

All the words listed below appear somewhere in the puzzle sideways, forward, backward, diagonally, and up and down. Circle each word (as shown in the example).



- BARN
- ~~BEAK~~
- CAGES
- CHICK
- CLUCK
- CRUEL
- DIRT
- EGGS
- FARMS
- FEATHERS
- FERTILIZER
- FRIENDS
- GALLUS
- GRASS
- HATCH
- HATCHERY
- HENS
- MEAT
- NESTS
- PECK

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| RESCUED   | TRUCKS     |
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