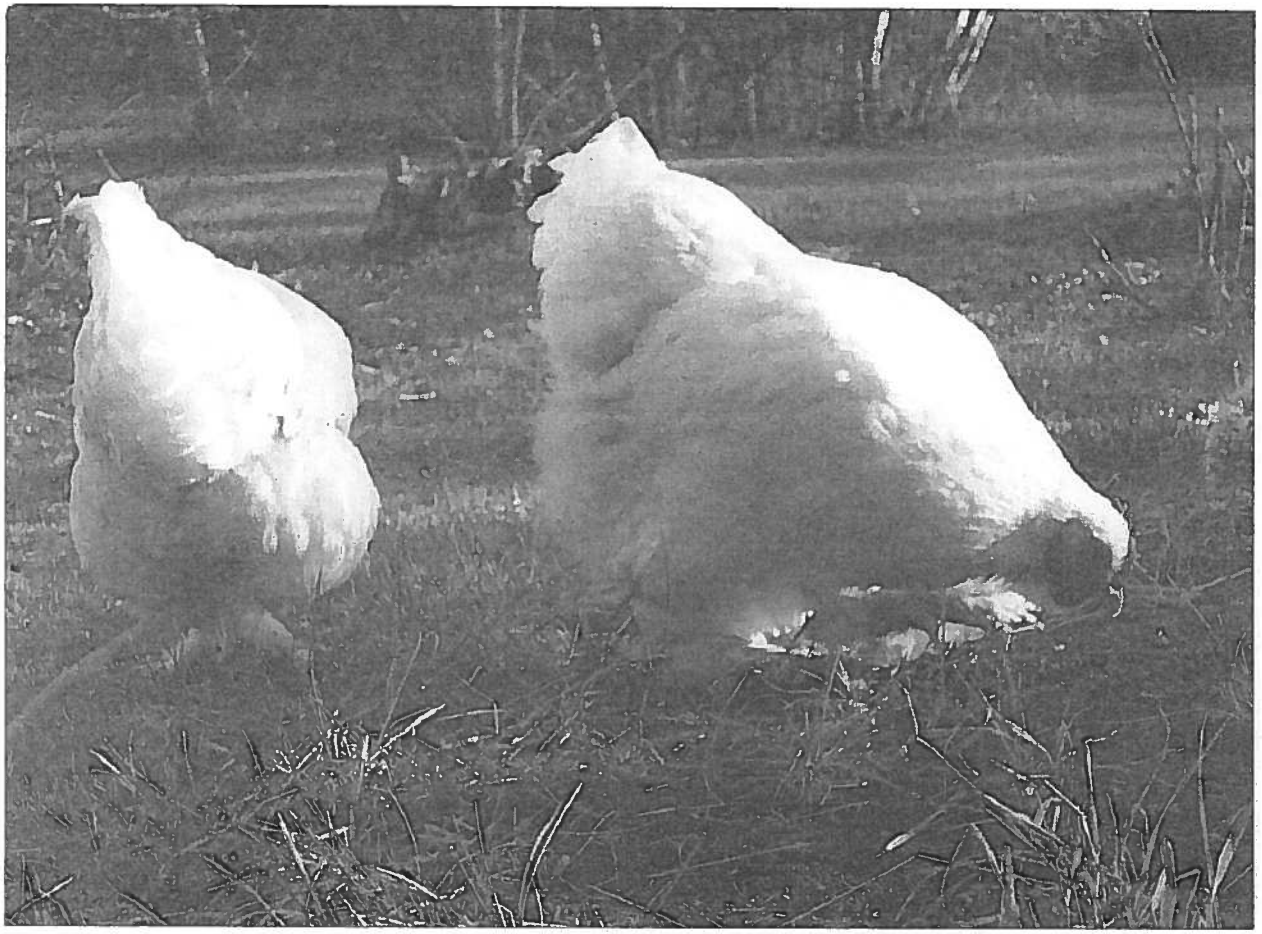


Keeping Urban Chickens in Winnipeg

The Facts:



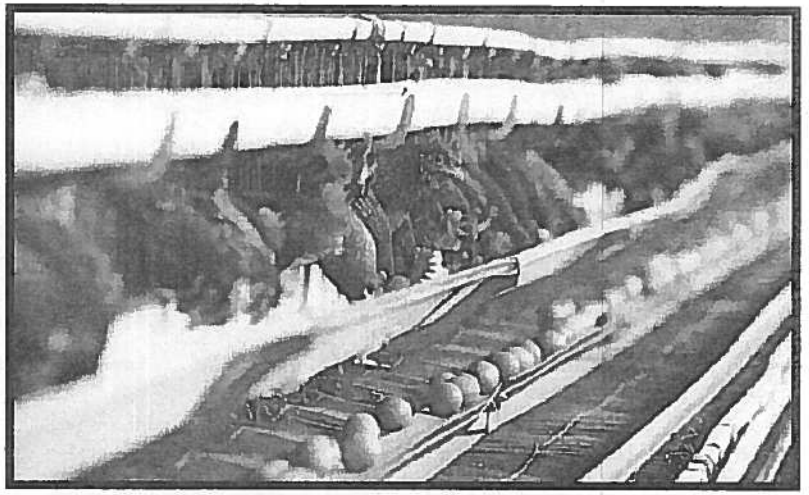
It all started when, 3 years ago, our family hatched eggs for a homeschool project.



We have had chickens for 3 years and have only received positive feedback from our neighbors. Everyone that we have interacted with have expressed delight in the chickens.

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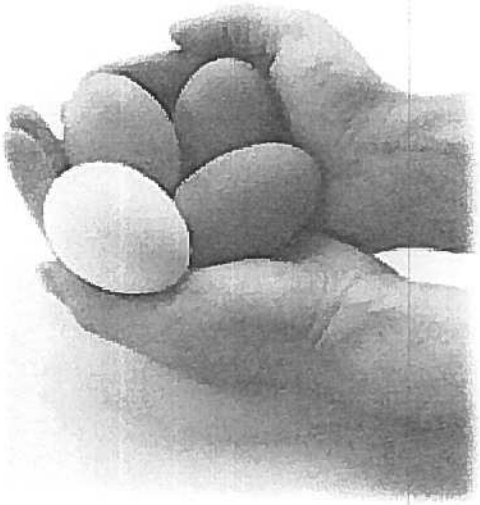




Without supporting the inhumane and unethical practices of factory farming.....

We get a constant supply of fresh eggs.





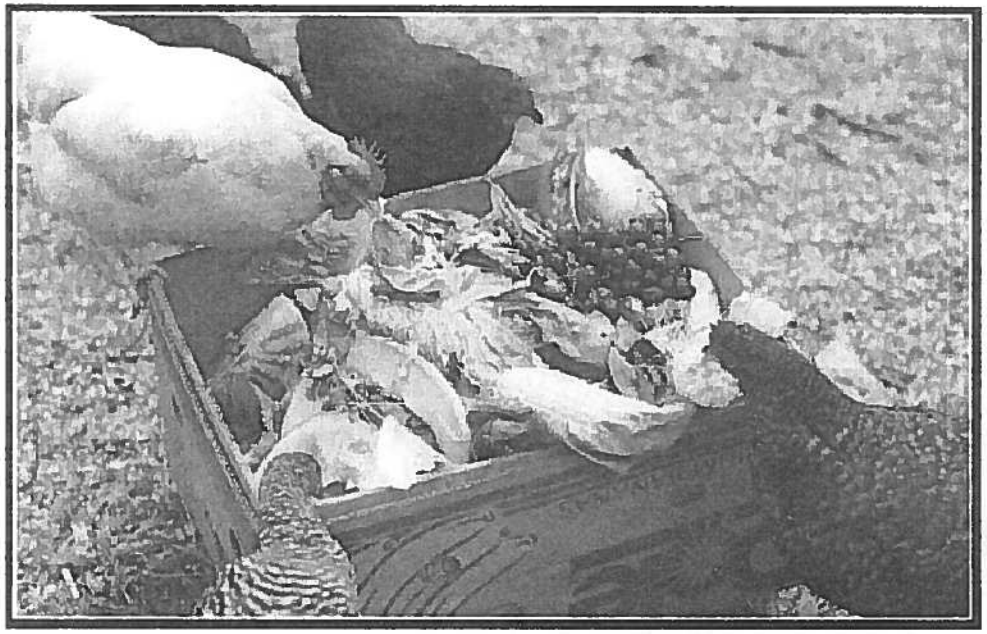
Our 5 chickens give us 3 – 5 eggs a day.

There are many benefits to keeping urban chickens:





Chickens provide organic compost and straw mulch, which is great for use on gardens.



Economical

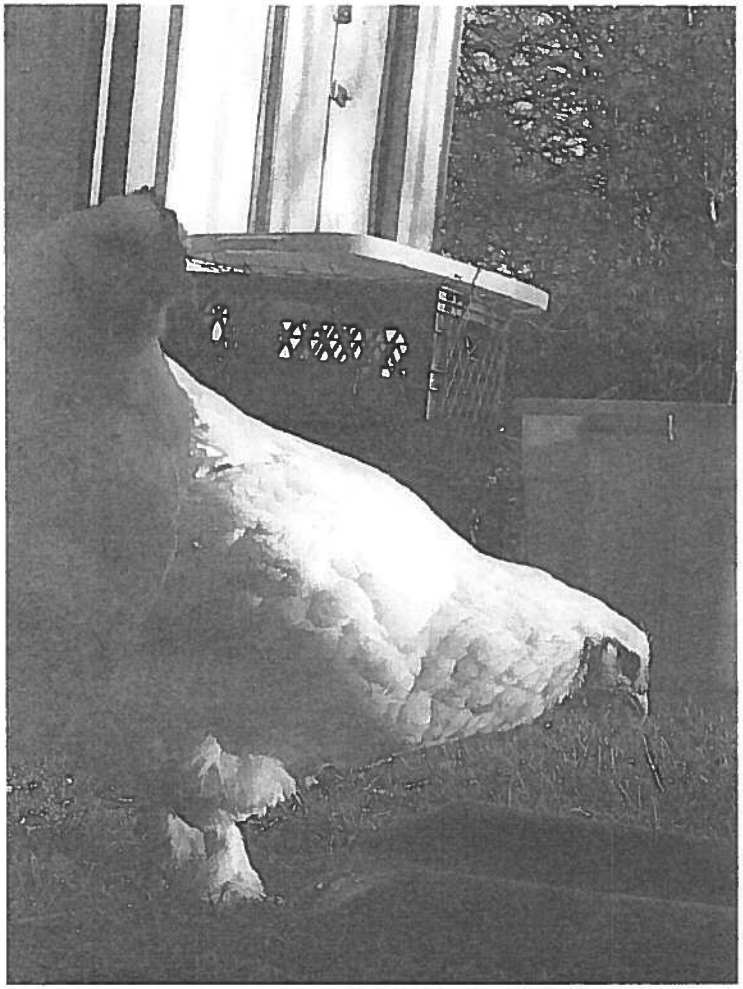
Their diet can be supplemented with a variety of kitchen leftovers and garden weeds. They are affordable to keep.



Chickens make great pets for children.

They are sweet, friendly, gentle, and social creatures.

Chickens are excellent pets.



Schools allowed to keep chickens!

We are a homeschooling family, learning a lot from raising and keeping hens. We ask that we be allowed to continue to keep our chickens, and that our homeschool youth be allowed the same opportunity to raise a urban hens.

- We've integrated raising chickens into all areas of our curriculum:
- - Industrial Arts: planning a chicken coop build
- - Math: cost analysis of coop/chicken feed
- - Small Business Model: cost effectiveness study of raising eggs
- - Social Sciences: animal studies and care
- - History: local farming history

Low-Density Neighborhood

We live in a low-density area of Winnipeg.

We have a park directly behind us.

We have one neighbor who is directly beside us, and they love our chickens. They have written a letter supporting us.

All other neighbors are over 150 feet away from us and across the street as well.

- To whom it may concern,
- I am writing to express our support for the chickens of our neighbors. We don't understand what the problem is, those chickens don't bother anybody.
- The two girls are looking after them very well. They don't smell and make very little noise.
- We would really miss them, we like to sit outside and we feel like they are talking to us.
- *Mr. and Mrs. F. Moehring*
- *(of 130 Essar Avenue, Winnipeg)*
- P.S.: We think that dogs are much noisier.

A letter from our neighbor

Here is the letter from our only neighbor that is close to us. All other neighbors are over 150 feet away, as well as across the city street.

As you can see, they enjoy the chickens and would miss them if they had to go.

Our chickens are NOT a problem with the only people that they might affect.



Here is a picture of our chicken coop.

It is a winterized, well-made coop.

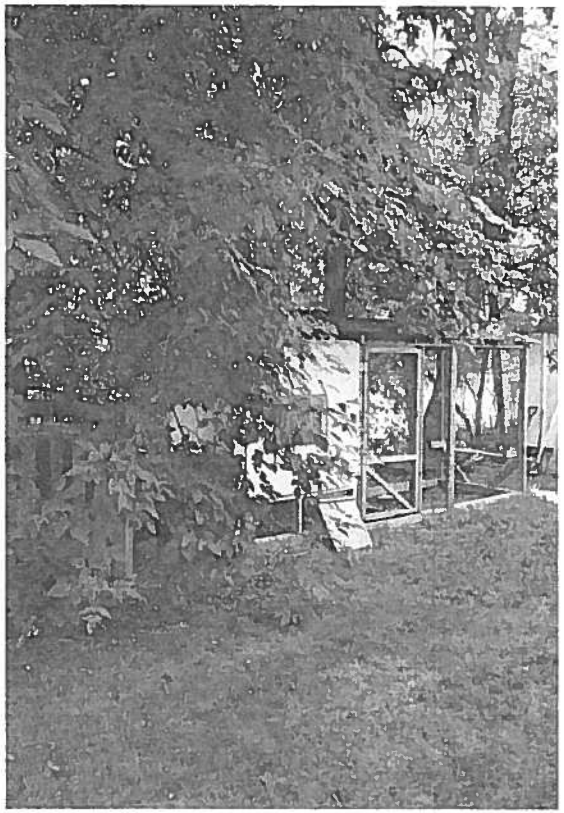
It provides a place for the chickens to lay their eggs.

It provides places for the chickens to roost at night.

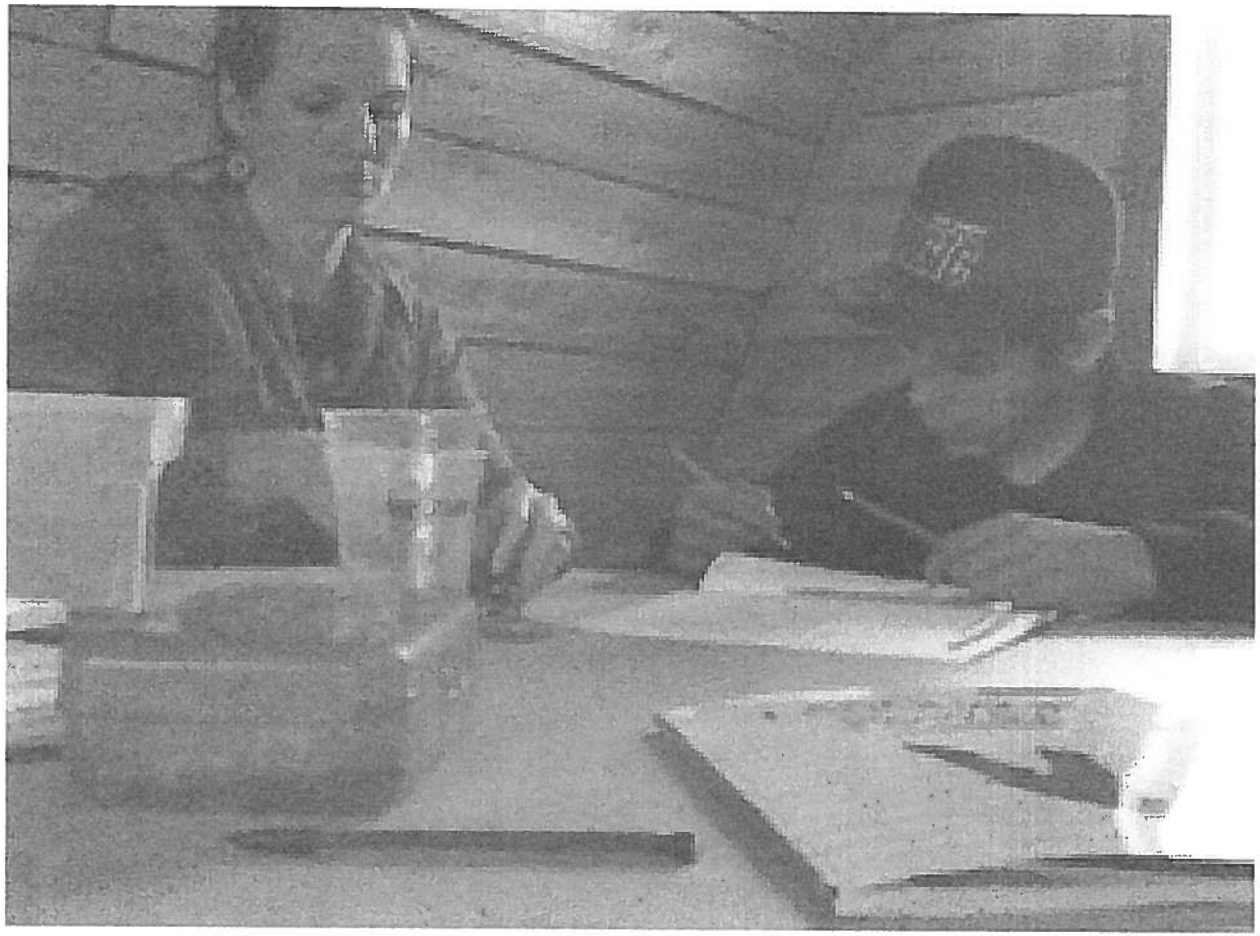
They are safe from the weather, and from predators.

This is where our chickens live.





Here are 2 pictures taken of our coop. It is in a very private location.



Our chickens paid a visit to St. Aidan's School.

The students had the opportunity to meet 2 of our hens and interact with them.

They were surprised at how soft and quiet and friendly that the chickens were.

The students learned that chickens are more than just egg-laying machines.

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Our chickens visit St. Aidan's School for Educational Outreach Work!

- http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/pigeon-racers-back-enthusiast-118226129.html

Local pigeon racers defended their "misunderstood" sport at city hall Thursday to help a North End man win his bid to keep **30 thoroughbred pigeons** in his backyard.

In January, **the city's board of adjustment approved Robert Madlangsakay's request** to maintain an aviary for racing pigeons on his Anderson Avenue property. Madlangsakay has raced and bred pigeons for the past five years, a sport he first tried as a child in the Philippines.

Winnipegers allowed to keep pigeons.

This article states that there are at least 10 other Winnipeg pigeon keepers. The owner of these particular pigeons has 30 birds in his yard, and he was allowed to continue keeping them.

We have only 5 chickens, and they are not loose, nor do they fly.

We ask that we be given the same opportunity as the pigeon owners, and that we be allowed to keep our 5 chickens.

