

Resources

✓ SAMS DOWNTOWN FEED & PET

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Also See : **Chicken Feed**, [Dog Collars](#) , [Dog Toys](#) ,

✓ An Jan Feed & Pet Supply

1129 S De Anza Blvd , SAN JOSE, CA - 95129
near De Anza Blvd,blue Hill Dr | [View Map](#)

Call: **+1 (408) 446-3932**

Also See : **Chicken Feed**, [Dog Foods](#) , [Cat Skin](#)

Half Moon Bay Feed & Fuel

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331 Main Street
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

(650) 726-4814

Pet's Delight

★★★★☆ 22 reviews [Rating Details](#)


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390 State St
Los Altos, CA 94022

(650) 917-1300

<http://www.petsdelightlosaltos.com>

<http://www.mcmurrayhatchery.com/>

	4YGB	Game Size Bowl (Includes Bowl and Brass Assembly, as Shown)
4M40	Galv Hanging Feeder40 Lb.	

<http://www.backyardpoultrymag.com>

Books

- Poultry House Construction
by Michael Robert
- City Chicks, Keeping micro flocks....
by Patricia Foreman

Chicks, Pullets, and Hens

See Craig's List...depends of type

Coop Design

Read: Poultry House Construction for ideas

Location: Easy harvesting eggs. Some noise, a little smell, consider heat, shade, weather

Our coop (80" w x 60" D x 42" tall)

- Ground floor (soil) has 18" clearance to next floor.
Allows space to get out of sun or rain
- Ramp to second floor has cross rails for traction
- 2nd floor allows access to nest boxes and the roosting bars. Full 18" height clearance
- Nest boxes (15" w x 16" D x 18" tall)
Allows full size hens to stand and turn
Height location is above 1st floor but below roosting bars
No direct light into nest boxes
Rubber mat on base to discourage mites
Access to eggs from north side of building, along gravel path, so harvesting is easy
Doors to nest box are at 50" height so children and adults can harvest and keeps predators out
Latches on nest box doors
- Roosting bars
Constructed from 2 x 2s. Rounded edges with ¼ round router bit
Location is the highest standing spot in coop
We have two bars at the same height otherwise there will be a fight for height dominance
- Cleaning
All floors and nest boxes are accessed by hinged doors
Poo and alfalfa are swept directly into compost bins and covered with existing compost
Cleaning and spreading of new alfalfa takes 10-15 minutes.....three times a year

FOOD/Water

- **Organic Chicken Feed Crumbles**, 40-50# bag (1/4 #/chicken/day)
 - Where: Sam's, AnJan, Pet Delight, Half Moon Bay Feed & Fuel
 - How: Galvanized Hanging Feeder....McMurry
- **Scratch**
 - Where: Sam's, AnJan, Half Moon Bay Feed & Fuel
 - How: Broadcast by hand into chicken run
- **Oyster Shells** (5-10# bag)
 - Where: Sam's, AnJan, Half Moon Bay Feed & Fuel, McMurry
 - How: Small container nailed to post, with drainage
- **Hay-Alfalfa** (Bale—90#)
 - Where: Sam's, Half Moon Bay and Feed
 - How: Spread in coop, in nest boxes, and in chicken run
- **Water**
 - Where: Use city water
 - How: (2) Little Giant Auto waters from McMurry or Amazon.com

Coop De Ville – Elsons

Coopsters: The Elson Family
14370 Miranda Road, Los Altos Hills, CA
Contact: robert.elson59@gmail.com

Description:

Coop is a split level condo. Ground floor is an indoor/outdoor covered patio with views to the compost pile and backyard. A sloped ramp leads to the grand room for entertaining, socializing, and dancing. From the grand room it is either a hop into one of the two nest boxes, when a hen feels like giving back to the landlord, or it is a jump to one of two roosting bars for a good night sleep. The entire coop is stained to match the main house exterior doors and windows.

Uniqueness:

Coop was designed on a CAD program to fit in a very specific area in our backyard. My youngest son and I built the coop mostly out of 2x2s and plywood. The coop is integrated with a totally enclosed chicken run, to keep the predators out, and links to our enclosed raised bed gardens so they have extra area to roam and fertilize during the fall and winter months. Coop cleaning is literally a ten minute process due to positioning of hinged doors relative to compost bins. In addition, egg collecting can be accomplished without the risk of a shoe-poop encounter since accessing the nest boxes does not require entering the chicken run.

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