

Chicken

When most people hear the word 'chicken', they think of food - something they often see crumbed, in small pieces, maybe served in a box with fries.

Before this chicken arrived in the shop, she/he was a living being just like us.

Chickens are birds and like other birds, they like to peck at the ground, make nests, lay eggs and look after their babies when they hatch from the eggs.

Chickens bred for eating are called 'broilers.' Most live in crowded barns.

Find out about broilers. How long do they live before they are killed? What kind of diseases or injuries can they get from living in crowded barns?

Most egg-laying hens in Australia live in cages. They are different to broilers and are bred especially to lay eggs.

Both broilers in crowded barns and egg-laying hens in tiny cages suffer. What could people do to be more compassionate towards chickens? After you've done some research about broilers, egg-laying hens and free range farms, write your findings on the back.

