

Chickens are smarter than you think

Ask people whether they think chickens are intelligent and most of them will answer a (1)..... 'no'. This is because we (2)..... to think of mammals, such as cats, dogs or horses, as being smarter than birds. We also believe that birds like chickens do not feel emotions in the same way other animals do.

Research has (3)....., however, that this is not necessarily the (4)..... . Chickens do observe each other's (5)....., which means they can not only learn from each other but are able to notice how other chickens are feeling too. The research proves that chickens have minds: they have memory, thinking ability and emotions, and are (6)..... of others and their surroundings. Chickens also (7)..... that they have complex social structures, often thought to be a unique (8)..... of mammals. Chickens, then, are just as sensitive as we are, and it is important for us to recognise this in our (9)..... of them.

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| 1 A definite | B specific | C fixed | D particular |
| 2 A regard | B consider | C tend | D assess |
| 3 A indicated | B expressed | C advised | D displayed |
| 4 A matter | B point | C case | D fact |
| 5 A action | B behaviour | C manner | D practice |
| 6 A familiar | B wise | C clear | D aware |
| 7 A declare | B confirm | C demonstrate | D expose |
| 8 A characteristic | B nature | C style | D personality |
| 9 A management | B approach | C dealings | D treatment |