

## Chicks - 3 Months



### Pokey:

I can now tell that Pokey is a rooster. His comb is growing in like his father's (Steve). He also has feathery legs like his dad and a fluffy bottom and his beard has grown in. His feather color is much like his mom (Penny) as is his size. He is taller than the other silkie chickens and at three months is about the same size as Steve.

Pokey is beginning to fight with the other chicks. He is pecking them and flapping his feathers at them. This is their pecking order. He is trying to tell the others that he is the leader.



Figure 1 Pokey with his girlfriend

## Chirp:

Upon taking a closer look at Chirp and watching the chicken interact with the others, I can tell that Chirp is a hen.

Like Pokey, Chirp looks like both of her parents. She has brown feathers like her mom and is the same size. Her feet and face are dark in color and her feet are feathery like Steve's. She also has the extra toe on her feet. Her comb is different from Chirps and looks more like the comb of the mother hen.

Unlike Pokey, Chirp is very well behaved. She gets along with everyone in the chicken coop. She is shy and does not wander far from the pen and the other chickens. Chirp often follows Pokey around and sleeps beside him at night.

Neither of the chicks liked having their pictures taken. They froze on the spot and just stared at me.



Figure 2 The chicks love to dig holes and then lay in them on a hot day. You can see one of the holes in this picture.