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Looking for summer treat ideas for your chickens?

Frozen Watermelon Bowl: Watermelon consists mostly of water, and chickens love it! Cut a fresh watermelon in half, scoop out the center (save it for later!) and fill with fresh berries, herbs and water. Freeze until solid.

Ice Pops: Fill ice cube trays or popsicle molds with frozen vegetables, fruits, herbs or weeds. Need some flavor inspiration? Try peas + mint, blueberries + basil or watermelon + pineapple sage

Probiotic Smoothie: A cool smoothie on a hot day can work wonders. Adding a boost of probiotics can help keep chickens healthy, fighting off bad bacteria while improving their absorption of nutrients. Chill a metal pan (loaf, cake, etc.) and fill with cold, blended fruit + a natural probiotic supplement. You can stick the mixture in the freezer to let it get solid, or serve to them still as a liquid – either will cool them down!

Morning 'Muffins': Fill a muffin tray with water, chopped greens & vegetables. Freeze until solid, pop out of the tray and save extras in a freezer bag. For a sweeter treat, try freezing banana slices and mixed berries.



Sunblock powder is an essential for any animal that has areas prone to sunburn. Made with natural minerals, it can be safely applied to their face, legs and around nostrils. Great for horses, cattle, sheep, dogs, cats and even humans. Being a powder means that it does not attract dust and dirt to stick to the treated areas.

Seales Winslow Lifestyle Block are molasses blocks enriched with minerals, trace elements and vitamins that help stave off the possibility of mineral deficiencies in horses & livestock which can affect health and performance. A great supplement over summer when pasture quality is poor.

Manufactured and formulated locally for stock grazing in New Zealand conditions.



Keep your troughs crystal clear with Credence 1000 Tablets.

Stock water: No 1 requirement for all animals and a major source of pathogenic organisms including protozoa, viruses and toxic blue-green algae amongst the 45 common pathogenic bacteria Credence is effective against.

Credence is the ideal solution for treating stock and household drinking water, cleaning livestock housing, sheds and facilities including feeding equipment. The Credence tablet is simply added to stock dams, water troughs and directly into water holding tanks.

Ensure your animals have clean drinking water this summer.

Frozen Kong Surprise

What you'll need:

KONG

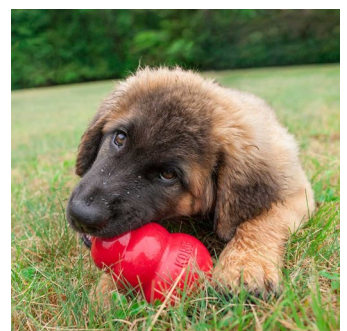
peanut butter

wet and dry dog food

a container (ice cream container is ideal)

water

Stuff the Kong with wet and dry dog food and top with a little peanut butter. Fill an ice cream container with water and place the filled Kong inside. Sprinkle a few extra small pieces of dry or wet dog food into the container and freeze.



Harvest summer vege crops of tomato, lettuce, cucumber, courgette, eggplant, new potatoes, onion, garlic, beans, peas, lettuce, radish, silverbeet and spring onion.

Plant new lettuce and herbs regularly to ensure consistent harvesting.

Pick veges every day to encourage continuous fruiting – especially peas, beans, eggplant, cucumbers and courgettes.

Pick your sweet corn cobs when the end tassels have begun to dry brown.

Don't forget to remove new side shoot laterals from tomato plants and tie the main stem to the stake regularly. Removing old bottom leaves will help air circulation and reduce the risk of fungal diseases.

Soak your garden every four days, instead of short shallow watering

Water early, or late to ensure the water gets to where it needs to

Water the roots, not the leaves for maximum plant benefit

Use a sprinkler with a timer to deliver just the right amount of water

Mulching can reduce the need to water, keep roots cooler and even conserve up to 70% of the available water.

Weed, mulch, liquid feed and slug bait regularly to keep your patch in top shape.

Feed your plants with Maxicrop weekly to help protect them from the stresses of summer.



TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR ANIMALS COOL OVER SUMMER

- *Provide Shade* - a tree, a run in shelter or even a makeshift shade shelter would all be appreciated on a hot day.
- *Have Clean fresh water available at all times. Use Credence Tablets to keep troughs clean and free from algae.*
- *Give a clean shave* - Shearing of fibre producing animals such as sheep and alpaca is a must for helping them stay cool.
- *Apply Sunblock* - those animals with pink noses need protection. Apply Sunblock powder daily.
- *Distribute Salt Blocks* - This helps restore their electrolyte balance in the heat. Use pressed blocks or rock salt.
- *Reduce Stress* - avoid working with animals in the heat of the day.
- *Control Insects* - insect strike causes stress, aggravation, stomping and excessive movement, which, in extreme heat, can be detrimental to an animal's health and well-being. Protect with a good insect repellent designed for livestock.



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