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What are DNA sexed Bearded Silkie Chicks?

DNA Sexing

Amber Waves is one of the few or only Silkie breeders that does DNA sexing on their chicks. It is well known that it is impossible to sex silkies till they are near full grown.

Many of our customers can only have female in the city or have had their hearts broken when they purchased straight run chicks only to find out their loved birds turn out to be males and they must rehome them do to city regulations.

Bird DNA Sexing What is it?

Avian DNA Gender Determination (bird sexing) is a non-surgical tool used by veterinarians, breeders, and bird owners who otherwise cannot determine the gender of their bird by its physical appearance or characteristics.

DNA testing can be performed on blood cards or feathers for many different species. We use PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) to detect the presence of male and female chromosomes in the bird's DNA.

How often are Female Chicks Available?

Depending on the age of chicks we do several test groups a month. We do not do DNA sexing till chicks are old enough to wing band for testing

What are the prices of DNA sexed Chicks?

We never know the cost of DNA sexed chicks until we get the lab report back. It costs \$25 per bird to DNA plus the cost of the chick. To arrive at the cost of the females we take the total cost of testing divided by the number of female chicks in the test group to arrive at a price. The males have no value and we rehome them for free.

Average prices are \$95 - \$150 but can run higher. In one tested group of eighteen chicks the results came back with one female out of 18 which made that one chick VERY expensive.

Pick-Up and Shipping DNA Sexed Chicks

You can pick up sexed chicks at any time by appointment go to this link <http://amber-waves.genbook.com> . Shipping is available at the flat rate of \$95 which includes a specially approved USPS shipping box, express mail postage and fresh fruit for their trip. Our minimum to ship is 2 and chicks must be at least 1 month of age and preferably older.

We do offer boarding of chicks till old enough to ship space permitting. They are kept in our climate controlled barn till old enough to ship. We charge \$10 per month or any part of a month per chick.

In the event your chick(s) become ill or die Amber Waves reserves the right to replace any chick purchased with another female chick of equal value which may or may not be the same color as originally purchased or refund the price of that chick.

How do I get notifications of new DNA tested Silkie Female chicks?

Sign up here and you will be notified before the chicks are added to our sales list [Click Here](#)