



Feeding your duck a complete and balanced diet is **essential** to ensure they live a long and happy life. Ducks should be fed a commercially prepared age appropriate food as their main diet.

Up to three weeks of age

Duck starter crumbles are ideal. This is a high nutrient feed with a protein level of around 18-20%. **Avoid chicken feed at this age** - it is deficient in some of the nutrients that growing ducks need.



3 – 20 weeks of age

Ducklings can now be fed a good quality grower food suitable for ducks or for pullets (young chickens). Protein level for this food should be around 15%.

20 weeks and older

The ducks can now be fed a good quality layer or breeder food suitable for adult ducks or chickens. Pellets or mixed grain are best. They also need daily access to shell grit as a source of calcium to ensure strong shelled eggs.

Ducks enjoy vegetables and fruits to supplement their pellet or grain diet. Below is a chart of what to feed and what not to feed your pet ducks.



DO FEED:



Zucchini



Peas



Leafy Greens



Corn



Veg Peels



Non-citrus Fruit



Worms



DON'T FEED:



Bread



Popcorn



Chocolate



Onion



Garlic



Avocado



Citrus Fruit



Ducks need plenty of clean water provided to wash their food down with. Ensure the food and water bowls are close to each other.



Although bread is commonly given to ducks, excessive amounts are not good for them. Ensure any bread or bread products are only ever given as an occasional treat.