

Baby Quail Needs

- **Heat** – Baby quail need the right amount of heat. If using a heat lamp, watch their behavior. Crowding under the lamp means it's too cold. Staying away from the lamp means it's too hot. If using a heat plate, it must be low enough to touch their backs.
- **Food**: Baby quail need high-protein crumbles. 20-30%. If the crumbles are large, grind them to make them easier to eat.
- **Water**: Wet chicks are dead chicks. Use water containers that don't allow chicks to get wet or drown.
- **Less is more**: Electrolyte packets are full of salt. If used too long or mixed improperly, they can be harmful to your chicks. Don't use them unless absolutely needed.
- **Substrate**: Chicks need to start out on a surface that provides them traction. They need something non-slippery. If you use shavings, make sure they're pine, not cedar. Make sure the substrate stays clean and dry. Wet bedding will chill chicks. Bedding with lots of feces will harm them from ammonia.
- **Incubation**: Proper and constant temp and humidity are key factors for hatching healthy chicks!
- **Genetics**: not all breeders are equal. Choose breeders who select for health and cull for defects.
- **Avoid**: Drafts, handling after drinking, and be careful letting small children handle them, and fixing defects. Fixing a defect now and breeding that bird can introduce defects into future generations.