

Dosing your hens with a medication such as **Aviverm** or **Exzolt** through their water can seem daunting. It's actually quite simple. Let's break it down.



A GUIDE TO CHICKENS: Dosing medication

Steps

1. Lock them in the run with no water for 2 hours before the sun goes down. This will make them thirsty by the next day.
2. The next morning, give them ONLY the medicated water for 8 hours. They should have no access to any other water supply during this time
3. Feed ONLY dry pellets during this 8 hours, nothing with moisture. No kitchen scraps as they will take some of their water requirements from the food
4. Avoid particularly cold days when water consumption may drop

How to medicate the water

Calculate 300mL water for every adult bird

300mL x # of hens = _____

Calculate total weight of flock

AVERAGE WEIGHT IS:	
Araucana	2.5kg
Australorp	2.7kg
Barnevelda	2.7kg
Bantam	1.0kg
Brown Shaver	1.3kg
Cornish	2.7kg
Cornish Rock	2.0kg
Leghorn	2.2kg
Orpington	4.5kg
Plymouth Rock	3.0kg
Rhode Island Red	3.0kg
Silkie	0.7kg
Sussex	3.2kg
Wyandotte	2.7kg

Calculate the volume of medication

Times the total weight of the flock by the dose rate of the medication.

Dose rates:

- Aviverm = 0.1mL per kg
- Baycox = 0.28mL per kg
- Exzolt = 0.05mL per kg

Example (for Aviverm)

- I have 10 x Araucana
- 300ml x 10 = 3,000ml / 3L
- Total weight of flock = 2.5kg x 10 = 25kg
- 25kg x 0.11 = 2.75ml per 3L of water

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