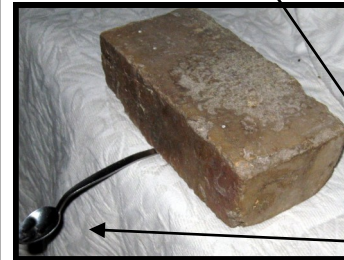


# ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION –THE EASY WAY

## The “brick & spoon method” (by David Plant Maitland 2007)

Many people have provided fanciers with many different ways of artificially inseminating Pekins over the years and it is surprising how simple this method that I am now going to outline to you, can be. Fanciers have been shown to use cups, tubes eye droppers and many other complicated methods to achieve the one goal, and that is to fertilise the female eggs by transferring semen from the male to the female pekin.



I call this easy method the “brick and spoon method” and it has worked for me for the past 30 years or more. The idea of using this method came from the fact that it then becomes a simple one-man operation, and is easily managed

### All you will require is

1. a good flat bench, (I use a 44 gallon drum with fibro on top)
2. A good solid full house brick (pictured)
3. A long thin handled old fashioned parfait spoon (pictured)
4. One male Pekin one female Pekin trimmed just superficially around the vent areas to avoid soiling of the semen

The insertion of the male semen into the female can be one of the most simplest of operations. To explain some simple myths regarding the male anatomy of the Pekin one needs to be aware that the Male pekin testes are located on the back of the male on either side of the backbone just before the tail. It is these testes that need stimulating by the handler prior to the semen being ejaculated in the receptacle which in this exercise, will be the spoon.

The steps are simple but one must remember not to handle the male for very long at all, the whole process should effectively be completed by the handler in less than one minute after you pick up the male bird.

### The Male

- Take hold of the male in the right hand
- Perform 3 quite firm stroking motions over the males back and testicles, running the action right over the tail. The actions must be quite quickly done, not wasting any time as the male may ejaculate before you have time to collect
- After the third action, very quickly move your left hand toward pushing any feather away from the males vent



• At virtually the same time your thumb and index finger should be on either side of the males protruding organ

• At the instant you have the male part right at the spoon level apply firm pressure to either side of the males protruding vent and the semen will appear and can be aimed & collected straight into the spoon end which is held firmly in place by the brick. Have your fingers in place but don't apply pressure to the male until you have the spoon adjacent to the male vent



### The female

- The female plays the most inactive part in the exercise and will be a ready recipient of the semen provided she is in lay at the time
- Simply hold the female by the legs in your right hand and rest her chest on the 44 gallon drum or bench, tipping the body gently to expose the vent area
- Simply pick up the spoon with the semen in it which is still firmly under the brick and rest the tip of the spoon on the vent of the female. This will create a natural action from the female's vent and she will automatically draw the semen into her body from the spoon. At that stage

straighten the spoon up so all semen is taken in, and presto..the insemination is complete

- If one is using several different matings at a time simply dip the spoon in clean water and wipe dry before the next male is used, no other preparation or cleaning is required
- This process needs only to be carried out each 2nd day, however if you have the time, daily guarantees a better fertility rate.....end

male



The female

