



## Pullets in Pittsburgh

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If you recall in a previous post, I was supposed to get our chickens from a farmer friend, but that fell through. It was very frustrating.

As a result, we had an empty coop for months just sitting there waiting to be filled. For a brief moment, I considered getting a rabbit instead! Then, on a whim one night, I googled 'Pullets in Pittsburgh' to see what I would get.

I ended up on Craigslist (which I had never used before) looking at a listing for 10-week-old pullets being sold by a young woman a mere 45 minutes from where I live. Of course, I emailed immediately and we had a chicken pick-up scheduled within the hour. Two days later I had my ladies.

Two days after that, all the hens had names assigned to them by the resident 3-year-old. Hammy and Cobby are Barred Rocks, Bock-Bock is a Rhode Island Red, Boo-Boo is a red sex link, and Flower and Buffalo are Welsummers. The Rocks are a bit older and are laying already – gorgeous, plump brown eggs. We couldn't be more pleased.

And so now, every night, I do a quick scan of Craigslist's Farm and Garden listings. The neighbor across the street got himself two young turkeys from a listing there.

Who knows, maybe someday I'll get that rabbit after all...

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