

## DO CHICKENS HAVE LIPS?

After their adventurous journey to find the legendary Golden Thread, Loretta, June, Luna, Dolly, Sam, and Greg returned to their cozy coop. As they settled in for the evening, the topic of conversation turned to a rather peculiar question: "Do chickens have lips?"

Luna, with her penchant for pondering the mysteries of the universe, was the first to bring up the topic. She looked around at her fellow chickens, her eyes wide with curiosity. "I've been thinking," she said, "about all the different animals on the farm and the features they have. But do you think we chickens have lips?"

Dolly, always the nurturing one, chuckled softly. "Well, dear, I've never really given it much thought, but I suppose it's possible. Why do you ask, Luna?"

Luna fluttered her feathers, her gaze drifting off into the distance. "I was just wondering about the purpose of lips. Humans use them for talking, eating, and kissing, right? Do we chickens have something similar, even if it's not as visible?"

June, the melodious songbird, chimed in, "Oh, Luna, you always come up with the most fascinating questions! I don't know if we have lips, but I do love the sound of words, and I use my beak to sing. Maybe that's our version of speaking."

Loretta, the wise problem solver, decided to approach the question with a practical mindset. "Let's think about it logically," she said. "Lips are often used to shape sounds and hold food in place while eating. Our beaks do the job of pecking food, but we don't really talk like humans do. So, maybe we don't have lips in the same way."

Sam and Greg, the adventurous duo, exchanged mischievous glances. "Well," Greg said with a sly grin, "if we don't have lips, then what about kissing? Humans seem to enjoy that a lot."

Dolly blushed a deep shade of red beneath her feathers. "Oh, dear, I'm not sure chickens need to worry about kissing. Our way of showing affection is quite different."

Luna, still lost in thought, added, "I suppose our beaks do touch when we preen each other, like a gentle form of grooming. Maybe that's our way of showing love and care."

The conversation continued late into the night, with each chicken offering their perspective on the existence or purpose of chicken lips. While they couldn't reach a definitive conclusion, they found comfort in exploring the question together.

As the night sky darkened, Luna looked out of the coop's small window at the stars twinkling above. "You know," she said softly, "whether or not we have lips, we have something even more special: our bond of friendship and the ability to share thoughts and ideas like this."

The others nodded in agreement, and the coop was filled with a sense of warmth and togetherness. Whether chickens had lips or not remained a mystery, but one thing was certain—they had something much more precious: the gift of companionship and the endless wonder of their shared conversations that would continue to fill their nights for years to come.