Morning Duckling Routine

1. Give the ducklings some water. You can fill up their water bottles in the sink in the Seabird Building.
   a. When transporting the ducklings later in Step 13, you may want to empty and refill the water bottles, so it does not spill during transport. If you do, make sure you refill them outside after step 17.
2. Grab a large, clean bin from the Shorebird Aviaries and bring it back to the Seabird Building.
3. Back at the Seabird Building, place a towel in the bottom of the bin for softness and a shade cloth for cover.
4. Use 4 plastic clips to hold down the 4 corners of the shade cloth.
5. Before bringing the ducklings outside, check on the ducks outside in the blue pool.
6. Prepare duckling boxes laying a towel over the edge of the water bin. Use two rocks to hold down each end of the towel- one outside, and one inside the bin. This will make a ramp for the ducklings to climb in and out of the bin.
7. Fill the tub with water using the hose. Smaller ducklings need shallow bins.
8. Empty out murky tubs of water and fill with fresh water using the hose.
   a. Clean if necessary
9. Use a clean bowl to scoop food into food bowls for the ducks outside, a smaller one for the ducklings you will transport in step 10. Make sure food bowls have plenty of fresh duck food/
10. Back in the Seabird Building, use the bin with shadecloth from step 2-4 to transport the ducklings.
   a. Remove the water bottle and food bowl from the cage.
   b. Count the ducklings out loud each time you transfer them
11. Hold the ducklings close to your body with both wings tucked in when putting them in the bin
12. If there is a feather duster in the cage with the ducklings, make sure to give them a fresh one when they are moved to their outdoor enclosure (smaller ducklings like to snuggle with them).

13. Place the food bowl and water bottle in the bin with the ducklings and take everything outside.

14. For the type of box shown in the video, roll up a clean towel and place it in the space between the wooden wall and black bin. This is to make sure the ducklings don’t get stuck or fall out.

15. Fill up any remaining tubs.

16. Place the lid of the box open just enough room to move the ducklings inside. Grab the ducklings with both hands and their wings tucked in. Carefully place the ducklings in the water.

   a. **Watch both the bin and the box to make sure no one escapes!**

17. Put water and food in with the ducklings are they are all in the wooden box.

18. Cover the wooden box with a shadecloth and sheet for visual barriers. Use heavy duty clips on all 4 posts to hold them in place.

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