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Backyard chicken egg enthusiasts worry they will get their wings clipped by the authorities if they reveal their identities.

Chicken confidential: breaking law 1 egg at a time

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Some laws are made to be broken. That's at least how Dave Farlow sees it.

The King Township resident walks around on egg shells worried that bylaw officers will get wind of his backyard chickens. That's why he's using a fake name for this interview.

"I'm always worried about getting caught,"

he said.

Farlow has been tending to backyard chickens since 2012 and can't recommend it enough for others to try, even though it is against the law.

Growing up on a farm, Farlow said the motivation to get backyard chickens was simple. "I wanted to be closer to my food," he said.

After reading a few books on raising the ani-

mals, Farlow built a coop and got his neighbours on board so they wouldn't turn him in. Bylaw works on a complaint basis, so Farlow said it's important to have a good relationship with your neighbours if you do something like this.

He finds the town's bylaws outdated. "I think they are worried about the thin edge

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