

RE-QUEENING UNDER THE QUEEN GRANT

These are the recommended steps discussed by Ken Warchol at Godena Farms 6/12/16.

1. Find old queen and remove her from the hive-- pinch her -- hive will tolerate several hours of being queen less. Be sure she has an open drawn frame that is not honey bound
2. Squash/remove ALL swarm cells -/ double check
3. Get new queen
4. Install her between two frames with plug secure / watch that the bees are calm-- if bees are biting the cage re inspect for another queen
5. Leave for two days then remove the block so the candy plug is available to the bees --candy faces down.
6. Wait 4 more days and check to see if she is out and if she is, then remove cage and replace with frame. If she is not out, remove the candy plug and either lay the cage either in the front entrance or on top the brood frames with a spacer Sometimes the candy is very dry. Most of the time if you just remove the candy she walks right out and walks on down.
7. Let the hive rest for a week then check that she is laying.

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