

SICK BIRD SURVIVAL



Birds are great at hiding their symptoms and illnesses for as long as they can – which means if you identify an issue, they may have already been ill for some time and you must act quickly!

SIGNS OF ILLNESS

These are some symptoms that may indicate a serious health problem. Seek veterinary assistance right away.

Change in attitude, personality or behaviour – decreased activity, decreased talking and singing, increased sleeping, no response to stimuli

Discharge from the eyes, nose or mouth

Decreased or excessive food or water consumption

Change in character of respiration – any noticeable breathing movement (e.g. tail bobbing) while resting, heavy breathing after exertion, change in quality of voice, respiratory sounds such as sneezing, wheezing or clicking

Injury, bleeding, enlargement or swelling of the body

Change in appearance or posture – ruffled feathers, inability to stand, staying on the bottom of the cage, sitting low on the perch, drooping wings, convulsions

Change in weight or general body condition – as determined by a gram scale, or by handling. A prominent breast bone due to loss of breast muscle tissue is serious



If any of the above symptoms are detected in your birds the safest course of action is to get the bird to your preferred vet – ASAP. If this is not an immediate option, the next step is to hospitalise, monitor and administer first aid if necessary, until you are able to have them seen to.

EVALUATE THEIR DROPPINGS

Normal pet bird droppings consist of:

FAECES – food waste material from the digestive tract. Normal faeces can vary somewhat in colour and consistency, depending on the diet. Diets with a high seed content usually produce black or dark green faeces. Birds on formulated diets (pellets) normally exhibit softer, brownish faeces.

URINE – the liquid portion, is normally clear. A diet high in vegetable and fruit matter may increase the urine component.

URATES – creamy white waste from the kidney, are often suspended in the liquid urine or appear to wrap around the faeces.

Observation of droppings is a simple method of monitoring your bird's health. Paper towels, newspaper or other smooth surfaces can be used to line the cage bottom so that the number, volume, colour and consistency of the droppings can be noted daily.

A SICK BIRD MAY EXHIBIT:

- Decrease in the total number or volume of droppings
- Change in the colour of the urates or urine
- An increase in the water content of the faeces (diarrhoea)
- Decrease in the faeces volume with increased urates
- Increase in the urine portion (polyuria)

FIRST AID ESSENTIALS



When a bird falls ill or becomes injured it is important to be ready with the correct tools for first aid. Acting quickly puts your bird in the best position to receive veterinary care and recover.



POLY AID PLUS

SUSTAINED RELEASE CARBOHYDRATES, PROTEINS, PROBIOTICS AND ELECTROLYTES

Poly-Aid Plus is “time in a jar” - giving birds the energy to fight until you can get them to a veterinarian. It contains sustained release carbohydrates for ongoing energy, essential proteins, probiotics to restore gut flora, vitamins and electrolytes to assist in recovery from illness and stress. It is a necessity for any bird keepers first aid kit.



PROBiotic

SOLUBLE PROBIOTIC

The health of the microbiome in our bird's gut is absolutely essential for a healthy life. The bacteria in the microbiome helps digest food, regulate the immune system and protect against other bacteria that cause disease. Probiotic contains 7 unique strains of beneficial bacteria. Probiotic is an essential item to aid in the rebalancing and support of the digestive system during and after illness and antibiotics.



SPARK LIQUID

ENERGY AND ELECTROLYTE SUPPLEMENT

Spark Liquid is a fast and effective energy and electrolyte source to ensure optimum results for rehydration, replenishment and recovery. Recommended for use in aviary and companion birds drinking water in times of extreme temperature or as a first aid supplement for sick, stressed or injured birds. Spark Liquid is also an invaluable tool for birds in transport or on show.



TRIPLE C

BROAD-SPECTRUM ANTIBIOTIC FOR BIRDS

Broad spectrum antibiotics are an essential tool to have on hand when a bacterial infection is suspected but the group of bacteria is unknown or when infection with multiple groups of bacteria is suspected. Triple C is a broad-spectrum antibiotic powder formulated for use in ornamental birds for bacterial infections. Used as an ideal first line antibiotic, Triple C is an easy to use powder that may be added to your birds food or water.