

cdfa California Avian Health Education Network



ABOUT US

California Avian Health Education Network (CAHEN) is an avian health and disease mitigation program that was developed after the 2018-2020 outbreak of virulent Newcastle Disease that affected many Southern California bird communities. Our mission is to improve our community's resilience against avian diseases by working with community members, academic institutions, avian health experts, bird enthusiasts, and agricultural industries on the prevention, early detection, and rapid response to a foreign animal disease (FAD) such as virulent Newcastle disease or avian influenza.

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

(Not a comprehensive list)

- Lethargy
- Respiratory: difficulty breathing, coughing, sneezing/snicking
- Discoloration and/or swelling of the comb, wattle, or legs
- Green watery diarrhea
- Neurologic: neck twisting, paralysis
- Acute (sudden) death

Photo source: USDA

RESOURCES

- For more information and resources from our program, go to: bit.ly/AHFSS-CAHEN
- SoCal Nestbox is a Southern California Guide to Bird Care at socalnestbox.com
- California Animal Health & Food Safety (CAHFS) laboratory at: cahfs.vetmed.ucdavis.edu
- For additional biosecurity tips and resources, please visit: bit.ly/BkYdBiosecurity

HOW WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES

DISEASE PREVENTION



Prevention of foreign animal disease outbreaks through training, outreach, and education provided to our communities and community partners.



EARLY DETECTION



Early detection through our regular voluntary testing programs, investigating sick bird calls, and performing regular inspections with our poultry community partners.



RESPONSE



Our trained veterinarians and animal health technicians are ready to respond to foreign animal disease outbreaks to prevent diseases from spreading and affecting our feathered friends!





Report any unusual or suspicious sick or dead domestic birds, to the Sick Bird Hotline at (866) 922-2473.



