



Signs of Disease

Poultry and Pet Birds

Sick birds are inactive, dull, and tend to separate themselves from other healthy birds in the flock. Some signs of disease are:

- Coughing
- Sneezing
- Nasal discharge
- Green watery diarrhea
- Reduction in egg production
- Twisting of the head and neck
- Paralysis
- Circling
- Muscle Tremors
- Depression
- Swelling around eyes and neck
- Sudden Death



The California Department of Food and Agriculture encourages responsible bird ownership. Please consult with a veterinarian on a regular basis regarding the health of your birds or flock. Good health for California poultry and pets is beneficial to everyone!



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To report an unusual number of sick or dead birds, call:

Sick Bird Hotline (866) 922-2473

For more information, please click the following:

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