







Symptoms	Disease/ Problem	Cause	Treatment	Bird Species
Shell-less eggs		Finding just the inner egg sack without a shell	Young birds first starting to lay. Their body simply hasn't got into the routine of adding a shell to the egg.	Young hens
Depressed, pale comb & wattles, itchy head, brown mites around eyes	Northern Fowl Mite	Northern Fowl Mite	Dust bird with Diatom powder, Pyrethrum-based louse powder, tea tree oil. Try and reduce contact with wild birds.	All birds
Reluctant to enter house at night, pale, lethargic	Anaemia/Red Mite infestation	Red Mite	Treat house immediately with Poultry Shield/Smite/Red Mite Liquid and follow with Diatom powder in house/on birds. Repeat every 6 days. <a href="#">Read FSF website page about Red Mite.</a>	All hen housing
Cannibalism, drawing blood	Heat stress, other stress	Too light in house, overcrowding, boredom, hunger/thirst, parasites, bad housing	Make house dark at night, increase ventilation in house, add boredom busters to run, have ad-lib access to layers pellets all day, larger drinker, diatom powder on hens and in house to reduce parasites.	All birds
Aggressive feather pecking	Feather pecking	Boredom, cramped house, no cockerel, new birds introduced	Give more room, hang boredom busters in run area, remove aggressor completely or remove victim.	All hens
Feathers falling out	Moulting	Annual moult	Natural annual process, could last two months. No action needed or, give Moulting Solution boost to speed up recovery.	All birds
Feathers pulled out and eaten	Feather eating	Lack of protein in diet, eating feathers as they are high in protein.	Change type of layers pellet to higher protein content. Give high protein treats like mealworms (not too much!)	All poultry
Not perching		New birds, point-of-lay birds, new house, rescue hens, red mite. Perches too high, unstable or wrong size.	Teach them to perch by putting them on the perch every night until they learn. Perch size should be 2" wide with rounded off edges, lowest perch no higher than 12"-18", lower for large birds/ bantams.	All poultry
Green diarrhoea, respiratory problems, soft-shelled eggs, twisting of neck, sudden death	Newcastle Disease	Paramyxovirus, fowl pest	No cure, infected birds culled. DEFRA Notifiable Disease.	All poultry
Bird reaches point-of-lay, goes light, suddenly dies	E. Coli infection	E. Coli infection during hatching and brooding	No cure. Prevention: Disinfect incubator, brooder and hatching eggs thoroughly before incubating	All poultry

This simple reference guide to poultry health has been put together and collated from calls we regularly receive on our advice line here at Flyte so Fancy, and after many requests from our customers. We hope you find it useful.

Please note though, we are not vets and these notes should not replace the advice from a qualified person, but we are offering these guidelines from our own experiences as long-time poultry keepers.

We would like to add that most poultry keepers would rarely come across most of these diseases or problems in a lifetime of keeping so, please don't panic, we are not trying to scare you. If you still have queries or worries just call or e-mail.



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