POULTRY SHIELD Cleaner & Sanitiser

ADVICE and DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Poultry Shield is a safe liquid concentrate, mainly made from plant oils, which you dilute with water before use, to clean and sanitise your animal housing and for spraying onto Poultry Red Mite. It is essential that Poultry-Shield actually makes contact with the mite to be effective. The reaction on contact is the break up of the wax coating causing dehydration and death of the mite. The kill time from contact of Poultry Shield with the mite to eventual dehydration is approximately 48 hours and it should be combined with use of Diatom powder for on-going residual effectiveness against mites.

Poultry Shield is supplied in concentrate 1 litre or 5 litre sizes and diluted at the rate of 1 part concentrate to 5 parts clean water (i.e. add 200ml poultry shield to litre of water). Also now available in Ready to Use 750ml bottles Convert to old money! - 200ml = 7 fluid ounces, so 1 litre = 35 fluid ounces, or 1.75 pints. Therefore, add 4 fluid ounces of Poultry Shield to one pint of water. Do not be tempted to make a stronger solution as it will not give any greater affect.

We recommend regular use of Poultry Shield when cleaning your Henhouse to help prevent infestation of mites and to give the hens a healthy living environment. Using Poultry Shield regularly has the effect of breaking the reproductive cycle. Poultry-Shield’s oily consistency has a deep penetrating effect into the cracks, crevices and corners where the mite aggregate to sleep and lay eggs. No egg withdrawal period is necessary after use of these natural products. More information about Diatom is available on the Flyte so Fancy website www.flytesofancy.co.uk.

In a 1:20 solution, Poultry Shield can be used as a detergent and is able to clean and remove the organic matter present on material, equipment and cages and therefore removes the places where mites hide. It has excellent sanitising properties and will reduce cross contamination. Poultry-Shield’s deodorising properties will greatly reduce the ammonia content in the atmosphere of your bird house. It has also been shown to be effective against maggots, Forage Mite, Litter Mite etc.

If you have been able to move the hens to other accommodation, then we suggest you clean the house as late as possible in the day because the mites come out towards dusk so it is the best time to attack them. The house would need time to dry though before re-admitting your birds. If you are not able to keep the hens out then do start as early in the day as necessary to leave time for the Poultry Shield to dry before refreshing the litter.

Having loaded the sprayer, soak the house from top to bottom. Do not rely on just misting the poultry house, as it has to be thoroughly wetted with the solution, so that the liquid can penetrate all cracks and crevices, removing eggs as well as mite. If your house has removable perches, remove these, scrape clean and spray liberally, do the same with their nest boxes/trays. Pay particular attention to where the ends of the perches sit in the house as that is their favourite place (see below).

The birds can be allowed back in as soon as it is dry. Repeat again within 6-7 days as a precaution against any missed areas or hotspots. In the case of a bad infestation, should the house have a felted or insulated roof, it may be necessary to strip off the felt, treat and re-felt. Once dry we advise liberal dusting with Diatom Powder.

Keep an eye on the crevices for a few days to make sure there are no places where the solution has not reached, especially under the house and re-spray if any are found. The mite will not die immediately but you will certainly notice a difference within 48 hours. Follow any treatment for Red Mite with Diatom Powder which will remain in the house to ‘mop-up’ any that have been missed with Poultry Shield.