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# Treating The Sick Or Injured Chicken



TREATING THE  
SICK OR INJURED  
CHICKEN

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## Synopsis

UPDATE: The second edition has now been published! This version includes new sections covering normal, behavioral, and additional physical conditions. It also features illustrations to help diagnose distinctive symptoms and diseases. The chicken is a hardy animal, but when something goes wrong the costs of treatment can be ruinously expensive. Most veterinarians do not treat poultry, and those that do charge far more than a single chicken is worth. Rather than viewing signs of illness as an immediate death sentence, however, owners of small chicken flocks have accepted the challenge of looking after their birds on their own. This guide explains all of the common ailments seen in chickens in easy-to-understand terms, including their symptoms, prevention, and treatment. Basic caretaking tips and humane euthanasia methods are also covered to ensure that every stage of your chickens' lives are as comfortable as possible.

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Though I've had chickens for several years now, I haven't found a good resource I can turn to quickly for help when I have a problem. Until now. This book is easy to read and sticks to the basics (I'm not a vet, and I don't need a vet manual that I can't understand anyway). One thing I really

appreciate is the list of symptoms in the back as a quick reference to possible ailments. When I recently had an issue with one of my hens, I was able to very quickly narrow down the problem using this feature. The book is also just plain interesting to read. On occasion, I'll flip through it and read a chapter here and there as a refresher. Every backyard flock owner will benefit from having this book handy.

The book describes well how to care for injured chickens but unfortunately there are no pictures of the conditions. I found more info w/pictures to verify diagnoses on line. I wouldn't recommend this book.

Great book for anyone with chickens. We lost 2 (which were pets first, eggs second) due to NOT recognizing their symptoms ahead of time. Had we read this, we probably could have saved them...and I'm kicking myself. Chickens are difficult because they're a prey animal. They don't show illness until it's nearly too late and are very adept at hiding all signs. Definitely recommend this book for anyone who is starting out with chicks or even experienced, but not 100% familiar with all the issues they can have.

As a veterinary technician I get many phone calls about chickens. Veterinary advice is far and few between. The need is great for advice on chicken ailments. This book gives a straight forward common sense approach to almost any illness or injury a chicken could sustain. It is one I recommend to all my fellow chicken loving friends. I even took it down to the local feed store and recommended that they carry it. The only thing I would add would be individual dosing instructions for antibiotics etc... but I understand that laws would prohibit that information. This at least gives the reader a starting point when deciding whether to proceed with veterinary support.

I expected, based on the title, for treatments. There is very little in this book on treatments of sick or injured chickens. You can find more information from much more experienced chicken keeper on blogs or the internet.

We had a couple of chickens when I was in high school, and I sure wish I'd had a copy of this book then! There's an active index by symptom, and it even includes directions on how to, well, cull a chicken who can't be saved. Certainly a must-have for newbies to chicken parenting!!! :D

I am new to keeping chickens. I purchased seven mature hens a few months ago. This book put to rest concerns about one of my girl's curious behavior. I have one brooding. At Ms. Barrows's suggestion, I confirmed this by putting an egg near the hen. It didn't take her long to get it under her body. Now if I could just convince this hen the eggs won't hatch. I don't have a rooster... It wasn't suggested, but during the day I go out every four or five hours, pick her off the nest and set her by the water. She drinks, eats and wanders around for a few minutes then goes back to the nest. She seems to be doing fine.

Great resource for those just starting out keeping chickens. Easy to read and follow, good basic information. A nice reference book to have on hand.

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