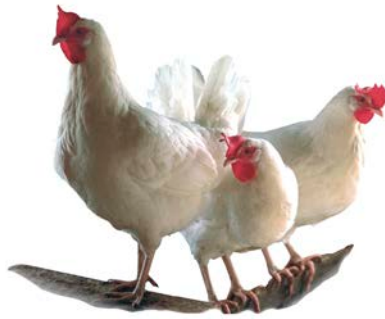


Vetark has a long established tradition of working with 'minor' pet species and is turning its attention now to the increasing numbers of chickens and ornamental fowl being kept as pets or rescued. After 25 years working with birds Vetark have introduced some key products for use in domestic/pet poultry.

The lives of many ex-battery birds have been improved dramatically by their rescue. These birds are selectively bred for short highly productive lives and sadly often don't live very long after rescue/rehoming.



Avi-Sol
Liquid vitamins for routine supplementation to bring birds into top condition. Used alongside a good quality pellet or crumb.



Avian Electrolyte

Vitamins and electrolytes for stressed birds, in hot weather, or for rehydrating birds with diarrhoea. You can also add AVIPRO Plus probiotic if necessary for further support.



Avi-Tonic

A liquid supplement, with key extra vitamins including D3, and fluoride to support and rehabilitate exhausted battery birds or simply heavy layers.



These all come in a 200ml pack with a built in dosing pump. These are ideal for the small flock.

CitroSan

A safe & natural water sanitizer to add to drinking water to minimise transmission of *Trichomonas* between chickens and wild birds. In the winter it also safely helps prevent freezing.



AVIPRO PLUS

Water soluble pre-biotic with vitamins electrolytes and probiotic *Lactobacillus acidophilus*. For support of stressed or sick birds or those under veterinary treatment.



Critical Care Formula

Designed to be 'instant' food which can be given by syringe or tube to weak birds, also used for old birds to simply 'increase their nutritional status.

SoluVerm Wormer

For ornamental, pet birds not destined for the table (nor producing eggs for the table) we have introduced **Soluverm**, a water soluble roundworm treatment for use in a huge range of species. Packed in a convenient simple to use sachet.



BASICS

Healthy chickens have good open bright eyes, nostrils open and without discharges. They are active and have a nice bright red comb or facial skin. Generally skin colour of legs tends to yellow when they are off lay and become paler when laying.

Many of the current breeds of chicken will lay between 180 – 320 eggs per year for their first year of laying. (there are records of hens averaging an egg a day for over a year). The rate of laying then tapers in the second year and beyond, until it may only take place during the spring. Some of the older breeds that haven't been selected for egg production (selected for show, or other qualities, instead) may only lay eggs in the spring and early summer. Generally chickens may live 5-10 years.

Chicken Feed

There are excellent commercial diets available for chickens from local agricultural merchants and those birds lucky enough to free-range will supplement their diets with seeds, insects, worms, weeds and bits of grit etc.

It is usual to use a chick crumb for the first 3-4wks then move onto general poultry pellets. After about 20 wks old they are usually fed layers pellets or layers mash (with higher calcium levels etc).

Parasites

Chickens and ornamental fowl which forage outside will take in parasitic worms, usually just roundworms although tapeworms can occur. Regular worming is recommended.

Wound treatment

Avian wounds often heal well, but bumble-foot lesions etc may linger for a long period. Frequent cleaning/dressing with **Tamodine Wound Dressing** can improve the healing dramatically.

Diarrhoea

Birds with diarrhoea may need veterinary treatment with antibiotics but **Avipro Plus**, our gold standard probiotic for support of stressed or sick birds can be very useful. It can help restabilise the gut of sick birds, or help 'ex-batts' on the road to recovery.

GENERAL HYGIENE

For routine cleaning/disinfection use **Ark-Klens** our powerful disinfectant - it has an excellent cleaning and detergent action, and good deodorising powers.

At the recommended concentration **ARK-Klens** is non-corrosive, it is bactericidal against a wide range of gram negative and gram positive bacteria, some viruses (including flu virus) and some fungi are also susceptible.

ARK-Klens is therefore ideal for routine disinfection of anything used around the birds.

General disinfection is carried out using:

10ml/5 litres (1 gallon),

so a 250ml bottle makes 125 litres (25 gallons).

ARK-Klens is also available as a ready-to-use refillable spray.

TAMODINE-E is an iodophore disinfectant which is effective against viruses. **TAMODINE-E** is also used as a footdip to prevent diseases transmission.



Health products for ornamental & pet fowl

Vetark Professional was founded in 1987 by veterinarian Peter Scott FRCVS who still formulates products. Peter is an RCVS recognised Specialist in Zoo & Wildlife Medicine and in Fish Health & Production.

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