

COCCIDIOSIS IN PIGEONS

Most pigeons carry some coccidia in their intestines and at low levels they have no detrimental effect on either the bird's health or its performance.

Two types of coccidia affect pigeons – *Eimeria columbinum* and *Eimeria labbeanna*.

Prevention of coccidiosis starts with recognising that coccidial oocysts are very hardy and survive for long periods often in small cracks and crevices within a loft. The oocysts are resistant to most common disinfectants so houses need to be disinfected with a product that is specifically formulated to destroy coccidial oocysts such as Bi-oo-Cyst ® to ensure birds are not living in a highly contaminated loft..

PRICE LIST 2013

| Services: | £ |
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| Pigeon swabs per bird | 3.90 |
| Coccidial oocyst / worm egg count & Salmonella culture from droppings | 12.00 |
| Post-mortem | 33.60 |
| Bacterial culture | 7.80 |
| Water culture | 7.80 |
| Disinfectants: | |
| Antec Virkon-S 5kg | 48.94 |
| Bi-oo-cyst 5litre | 49.15 |
| Biochlor Tablets (200) | 10.55 |
| Orffa pH 10litre | 27.24 |
| Poultry Shield 1litre | 12.23 |
| Vitamins and Tonics: | |
| Bird Tonic 100ml | 6.00 |
| Vetrelyte 200g | 7.98 |

All prices quoted are inclusive of VAT and subject to alteration without notice. Carriage will be charged extra where applicable.

Young Bird Sickness

The classical signs of young bird sickness are young birds that appear depressed, hold their corn and pass a very watery scour. In severe cases birds may die or may survive but never thrive.

The disease is due to a variety of viruses and bacteria and not all are necessarily present in any one outbreak of disease. Dehydration, caused by the loss of fluids and electrolytes, is the greatest killer in acute infections.

Viruses that have been isolated from affected birds include Circovirus, Adenovirus and Herpesvirus and bacteria that have been isolated include Salmonella and certain strains of E.coli.

Treatment of Young Bird Sickness requires more than simply electrolyte solutions but needs a product that actively re-hydrates the birds. In addition a suitable antibiotic may be required to control any bacteria present. Prompt diagnosis and treatment is essential if Young Birds Sickness is suspected.