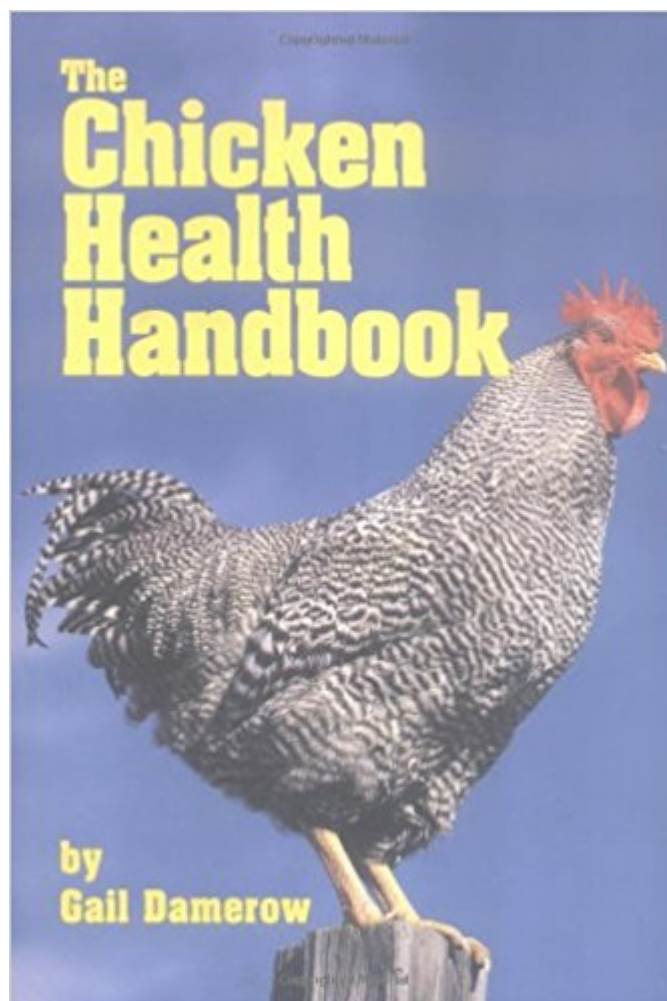


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The Chicken Health Handbook



Synopsis

Healthy chickens are happy chickens. This one-of-a-kind reference book covers the health problems that plague chickens of all breeds and ages. Practical charts identify common symptoms and causes of infection, while an alphabetic listing of diseases provides advice on treatment. You'll find helpful descriptions of troublesome ailments of all types, from poor egg production to crooked toe syndrome. Practical remedies and gentle preventative care measures will help your beloved flock stay happy, healthy, and safe.

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Customer Reviews

The editor of Rural Heritage has written a first-rate guide for the small producer interested in healthful meat and eggs as well as the exotic breed fancier raising birds for show. Having published a number of general guides to backyard poultry, including one for children, Damerow here concentrates on everything that can go wrong: diseases; problems associated with keeping birds in close quarters or caging them; litter; cannibalism; vitamin deficiency, resulting in poor molting; incubators that are too hot or too cold; predators; and the invasions of rats. She stresses that the best preventative measures involve protecting one's flock against outside influences (such as wild birds or other chickens), careful culling, and balanced nutrition. Damerow is a good writer, carefully walking the line between insulting the reader's intelligence, a flaw with many books of this sort, and giving more technical information than growers need. Her discussion of how one keeps straight which chick came from which mating--which involves the injection of food dyes into fertilized eggs,

and carefully marking the webbings of feet--is downright ingenious. Flawless. John Mort

• This book is the best guide to chicken health. The practical charts it contains will help you pinpoint common symptoms and the cause of disease. An alphabetic listing of diseases provides quick access to treatments and remedies for nearly any poultry ailment. • American Small Farm

There's a lot of info in this book, but I don't know how useful it would be for most people who raise a few chickens in their backyard. I learned a lot about Marek's from the book, which was great for me because my birds came down with it, and the book helped me to understand what's going on. There isn't much you can do for your bird once it gets afflicted with Marek's so I didn't find any remedies for it, but it gave me peace of mind about not spending a ton of money trying to treat my chickens. You also get a bit paranoid reading this book, because if there is anything wrong with your chicken, this book has a long list of diseases that chickens can get, so you wonder if it's at all possible to raise healthy chickens. It would have been helpful if the author provided dosages for the recommended drugs or supplements. Also, there are hardly any natural remedies recommended, which is a shame because some things can be addressed with natural remedies. Fresh Eggs Daily is a book with lots of good info, but no one seems to have it in stock. I got my copy of it from a local bookstore.

I love this book so much that I keep a copy in my house and one in the cupboard of the brooder house. It isn't a veterinary manual, but it is great for maintaining basic health and administering first aid to my flocks. I have diagnosed and healed many birds with different injuries or ailments over the years using the information in this book. More than that, I have recommended it to many people, and given it as gifts to others. If only there were a comparable edition for waterfowl! I am no longer raising chickens, just ducks and geese.

This book is a bit overwhelming (for me), but is very good. This author knows his chickens and understands how to embed this knowledge into a book. This is a reference book with step-by-step details for diagnosis. Excellent indexes and very good descriptions for the backyard hobbyist. Information for just about any disease that chickens could have with a lot of details. I have no medical background so I don't know how solid the information is, but I learned a lot about potential issues and solutions for my chickens. I have eight chickens that I raise for eggs, and enjoy just watching them each afternoon. Two years experience with raising chickens.

This is my go to medical symptom identification, prognosis and treatment. It even has schedules of a chick's age when you could see signs of each illness. It is thorough and comprehensive. It is packed with charts and a glossary to help the non medical student make sense of anything that could plague your chickens. This is a Must Have for anyone raising chickens either for meat or eggs or simply for pets.

This book was great 12+ years ago. The second edition is out now, and it's amazing. I wrote a review in JAVMA for the second edition after reading both it and the first edition. The new release is an excellent reference for both flock owners and veterinarians.

A must have any chicken owners. I have 18 chickens/roosters and it's been a wealth of information.

This is a somewhat helpful book. I usually try to use it when one of my chicks or chickens are ailing. However, so many of the symptoms are similar, I can, at best, narrow it down to about five things.

Information is good

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