



★ A Guide to ★ **DRY POX** IN CHICKENS

KNOW THE SIGNS. KEEP YOUR FLOCK HEALTHY.



Healthy
Chickens.
Stronger
Flocks.
Brighter
Tomorrows.



WHAT IS DRY POX?

Dry pox is a viral disease that affects chickens and other birds. It causes wart-like scabs or crusty lesions on unfeathered areas such as the comb, wattles, eyelids, and legs. While dry pox is typically mild, it can be uncomfortable and may lead to secondary infections if not managed properly.



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Skin.
Happy
Chickens!

! COMMON SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- ✓ Wart-like scabs or crusty lesions
- ✓ Most often on comb, wattles, eyelids, or around the beak
- ✓ Dry, raised, yellow to dark scabs
- ✓ Swelling around the eyes (in some cases)
- ✓ Decreased appetite (if severe)
- ✓ Lethargy (uncommon)
- ✓ Secondary bacterial infection (if lesions are picked)

Early
detection
helps prevent
complications!



HOW IT SPREADS

- Direct contact between birds
- Mosquitoes and other biting insects (most common)
- Contaminated equipment, feeders, and waterers
- Wild birds (carriers)
- Open wounds or skin abrasions
- Introductions of new birds without quarantine
- Environmental contamination (infected scabs)



HIGHEST RISK

- Can affect birds of any age and breed
- More common in young birds
- Birds with compromised immune systems
- Flocks in mosquito-prone areas
- Birds with poor nutrition or stress
- New birds added to the flock
- Wet, stagnant environments that attract mosquitoes



PREVENTION TIPS

- ✓ Use fly and mosquito control
- ✓ Keep coops clean and dry
- ✓ Eliminate standing water
- ✓ Provide a balanced, high-quality diet to support immune health
- ✓ Quarantine new birds
- ✓ Remove and clean scabs carefully to prevent secondary infection
- ✓ Reduce stress
- ✓ Maintain good overall flock management



NATURAL SUPPORT

Supporting your birds naturally can help maintain a strong immune system and healthy skin.

- ✓ Provide a clean, dry environment
- ✓ Offer a balanced diet and fresh, clean water
- ✓ Use natural herbal blends to support immune health
- ✓ Reduce stress
- ✓ Keep bedding clean and dry
- ✓ Use TPS PLUS® natural products designed to support overall health and wellness.



WHEN TO SEEK VETERINARY HELP

- Lesions become severe or wide-spread
- Eyes are swollen shut
- Bird is not eating or drinking
- Signs of secondary infection (redness, swelling, or discharge)
- Lethargy or significant behavior changes
- No improvement with supportive care

Prompt care can
help prevent complications
and keep your flock healthy!



IMPORTANT TO KNOW

- Dry pox is usually mild and self-limiting.
- Lesions typically heal on their own in 3–6 weeks.
- There is no specific cure, but supportive care is key.
- Keeping mosquitoes under control greatly reduces the risk.
- A strong immune system, good nutrition, and clean living conditions help your flock stay healthy.

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