



Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade
and Consumer Protection
Division of Animal Health



AVIAN INFLUENZA INFORMATION SHEET

Avian Influenza and Pets

FAST FACTS:

- Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) is a highly infectious disease of chickens and turkeys, and it frequently results in sudden death.
- Even if HPAI is found anywhere in Wisconsin or near your home, pet birds kept indoors are at low risk.
- Infection in cats and dogs has been extremely rare, although cats are more susceptible.
- If the virus is found in your area, keep cats in doors, on a leash or at least away from any areas where waterfowl gather.
- If a dog or cat brings dead wild birds to you, wear rubber gloves to pick up the birds and seal them in a plastic bag. Contact the Department of Natural Resources for further instructions.

For more information about all aspects of avian influenza, visit datcp.wi.gov.

If you find a sick or dead bird, don't touch it, report it.

Domestic birds: Wisconsin DATCP—Division of Animal Health
(608) 224-4872

Wild birds: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
1-800-433-1610

