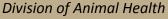


## Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection





## **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

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