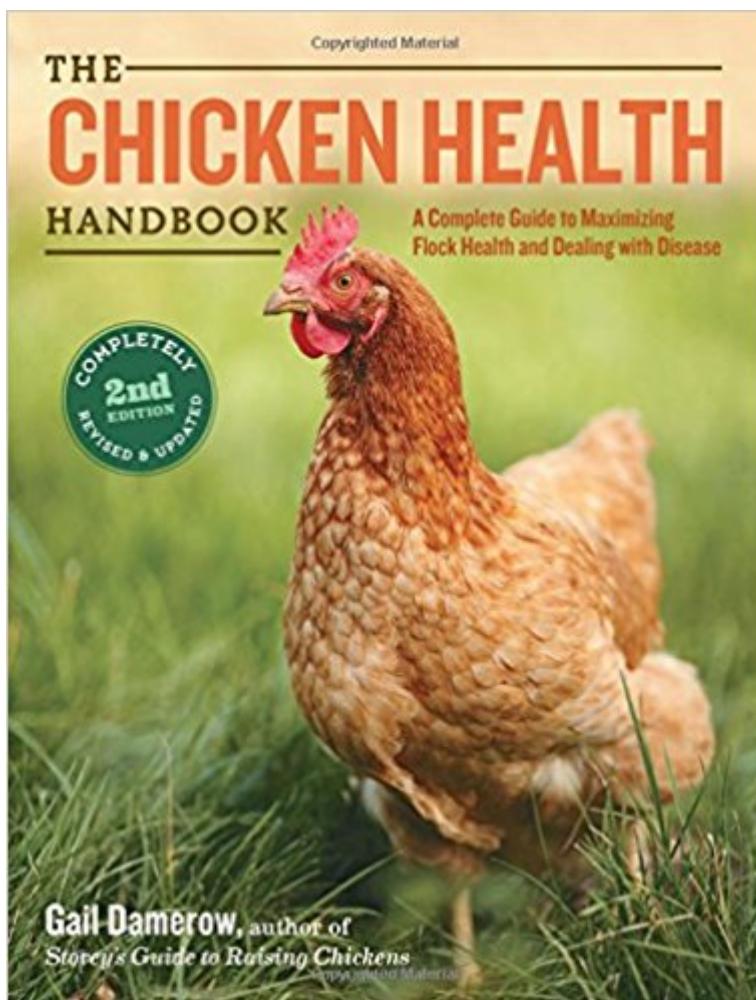


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The Chicken Health Handbook, 2nd Edition: A Complete Guide To Maximizing Flock Health And Dealing With Disease



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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“Twenty years ago, I got my first hen and turned to The Chicken Health Handbook for answers. Today, Damerow's work continues to provide sound counsel. This new edition is based in solid science, detailed and comprehensive. It is an accessible and practical guide for anyone who has chickens.” Terry Golson, founder, HenCam.com “A wonderful reference book filled with practical advice that any new or experienced flock owner will find beneficial.” Dr. Susan Watkins, Professor of Poultry Science, University of Arkansas “A must-have book for all chicken lovers.” Jeff Smith, Cackle Hatchery “An outstanding book that needs to be in every poultry raiser's library. Accurate, valuable information that can be read with ease.” Glenn Drowns, author of Storey's Guide to Raising Poultry “When it comes to questions on chicken health, this is the book I turn to for quick reference.”

We have one on every desk at Stromberg's and recommend it to everyone from beginners to longtime fanciers. The extensive pictures, illustrations, and explanations in the new edition should make it required reading for anyone interested in keeping a strong flock.  • Eric Stromberg, Stromberg's Chicks and Game Birds Unlimited  Widely regarded as the Patron Saint of Poultry since her 1994 edition became the chicken keeper's bible, Gail Damerow has kept her finger on the pulse of chicken management innovations, advances, and trends, bringing us this completely recalibrated, modernized Chicken Health Handbook. More than a guide to chicken health, this book is a call to deliberate thought and informed decision-making, concisely providing the tools necessary in chapters that read like a novel.  Packed with pragmatic information that embraces a holistic model of wellness, this book offers trouble-shooting tools and a panoply of real-world solutions based in solid science. It should be standard issue with every chick purchased.  • Kathy Shea Mormino, The Chicken Chick®

Primary Care for a Thriving Flock Gail Damerow, leading authority on all things chicken, provides a complete reference to answer the questions and resolve the problems of any chicken raiser from beginner to professional. This fully updated and expanded edition of a longtime classic offers expert guidance on nutrition, reproductive issues, and a full range of health problems, along with the latest information on: - Practicing preventive healthcare - Using natural approaches to enhance the immune system - Treating and avoiding news-making diseases such as avian flu - Raising healthy chickens in an urban environment - Enhanced with full-color photographs and eye-opening illustrations, this is the essential guide to keeping your chickens healthy and productive. 

I'm still reading it but it is easy to read. The sections and topics are easy to find and has pictures too. I have put it to use twice now to solve a problem with a chicken in my flock and had a great result.

This was recommended by my vet! Good resource for your backyard flock of three or three hundred!

Having been invited by the author to provide an advance endorsement for the back cover of The Chicken Health Handbook, 2nd Edition, it was my honor to do so. For weeks I pored over my galley copy cover to cover, enjoying the completely new format, extraordinary illustrations and fresh content. This book is so much more than merely the 1994 Chicken Health Handbook with a fresh

coat of paint; this version is a wholly transformed version worthy of its own distinguishing title. Widely regarded as the Patron Saint of Poultry since her 1994 book of the same name became the chicken keeper's bible, Gail Damerow has kept her finger on the pulse of chicken management innovations, advances and trends, bringing us this completely re-calibrated, modernized Chicken Health Handbook. More than a guide to chicken health, this book is a call to deliberate thought and informed chicken care decision-making, concisely providing the tools necessary in chapters that read like a novel. Packed with pragmatic health-keeping information that embraces a holistic model of wellness, this book offers trouble-shooting tools and a panoply of real-world solutions based in solid science. It should be standard issue with every chick purchased. Ms. Damerow provides a refreshing reality check on many of the feel-good sound bites regarding holistic/natural/herbal approaches to chicken keeping that abound on chicken related blogs and books in recent years. Damerow writes, "Instructions found online and in print publications describing herbal medicine for backyard chickens suggest that such-and-such herb "is said to" work for a certain disease, or that you "try" such-and-such herb as a treatment- which sounds suspiciously like experimenting at the expense of an ailing chicken." She does not push or extol the virtues of any given herbal or natural product- she simply presents facts, allowing the reader to make science-based decisions for their flocks themselves. She methodically teases out grains of truth where they exist, stressing that alternative remedies are not a panacea. For example, with regard to "natural worm control," the author states they are "...more suited for preventing worms than to removing an existing worm load." "It's best not to rely entirely on natural methods unless you are certain your chickens are not suffering from an overload of worms, especially if you expect your birds to live into old age." Similarly, with respect to diatomaceous earth, she writes: "Respirable particles of crystalline silica in diatomaceous earth...sticks, (to chickens' lung tissue) causing scar tissue to form that impairs respiration." She sums up her perspective on treating sick chickens as follows: "Going by the philosophy of 'whatever works,' our family uses both conventional and traditional, or so-called alternative, remedies on our human selves. Sometimes the alternative methods are more effective and have fewer side effects than prescription drugs. So we are open to using alternatives on our livestock as well. When dealing with a sick chicken, however, we tend to be more cautious about trying alternatives that may or may not work. One reason is that chickens hide their pain as long as they can. By the time a chicken exhibits signs of not being well, it needs help fast. Since a chicken can't tell us if it's feeling better, unless a treatment works fast, we

can't tell if it's working at all. We therefore limit alternative livestock therapies to their use as immunity enhancers. The Chicken Health Handbook, 2nd Edition is an indispensable resource for every chicken keeper. Run, do not walk, to get your copy! For someone who constantly seeks authoritative sources of accurate chicken keeping information, this book is a gift. I rely on it often in my work and in caring for my chickens and I know you will too. **Kathy Shea Mormino** The Chicken Chick® Author, backyard chicken-keeping advisor & advocate and personal assistant to 50+ feathered pets and a Yorkie with cattitude. www.The-Chicken-Chick.com

Great book. Has helped us a lot with our 4 hens.

This book is very comprehensive, but still easy to read. It is a great addition to my library.

Great book, Wealth of information, must have book for any chicken keeper. I'm very impressed.

Very useful book to have at hand if you've got chickens. I found several very good recommendations that I had no idea about even though I've had chickens for a long time.

Very informative and thorough. A must for all of those who are starting a flock (or are planning to) and a nice addition to any established flock owner's library.

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