



RECOMMENDED ACTIONS FOR MANAGERS OF BIRD EVENTS HELD OUTSIDE THE EXOTIC NEWCASTLE DISEASE QUARANTINED AREA

Exotic Newcastle Disease (END) was diagnosed in poultry in Southern California on October 1, 2002. This is a very serious, contagious and often fatal viral disease that affects most species of birds. Many birds die without showing any signs of the disease, but some bird species can be infected without any signs and spread the disease to other birds with fatal consequences. END can only be eradicated by rapidly identifying and humanely destroying all infected and exposed birds. Affected facilities require extensive cleaning and disinfection to get rid of the disease and prevent reinfection.

Food and Agricultural Code Section 9562 gives the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) the authority to order the movement, segregation, isolation, or destruction of animals or food products during a quarantine. On December 30, 2002, CDFA published a [regional quarantine notice](#) HQ-0003a affecting Los Angeles, San Diego, Orange, and areas of San Bernardino and Riverside counties, as described on the [attached map \(link\)](#).

Bird species affected by this quarantine include chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, partridges, pheasants, quail, guinea fowl, peafowl, doves, pigeons, grouse, swans, and ratites. Food and Agricultural Code Section 9574 provides that any person who negligently or intentionally violates a quarantine is liable civilly in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

Poultry, poultry products and associated materials cannot be moved from or exhibited within the quarantine area without a compliance agreement with CDFA. In addition, owners of

commercial poultry are required to immediately report any clinical signs suggestive of END and any unexpected decreases in egg production or increase in mortality to the State Veterinarian. Owners are required to report weekly if all parameters are normal.

Bird events such as bird marts, poultry swap meets, and exhibitions of poultry and caged birds held **outside** the regional quarantine area, and gatherings of birds within the quarantine area that exclude the species listed in the quarantine notice may continue. **However, gathering birds increases the risk of spreading this disease.**

CDFA will immediately quarantine birds if END is suspected at a bird event. Bird owners and event staff will be responsible for caring for birds under quarantine guidelines until the quarantine is lifted. All bird events should have plans for a three to 15-day quarantine. The quarantine will be lifted if END is not confirmed.

Costs associated with caring for or moving birds are not the responsibility of CDFA. If END is diagnosed, CDFA will serve individual notices for the destruction of infected and exposed birds and bird products. CDFA will compensate owners at "fair market value" for birds that are destroyed. All cages, materials and equipment associated with infected birds must be cleaned and disinfected or destroyed. All birds, products and equipment at the event may be destroyed.

All decisions to quarantine birds and products at a bird event – to hold, segregate, destroy, clean, disinfect, and if necessary, destroy any cages, materials and equipment associated with their display – lie within the sole discretion of CDFA.

The cooperation of all bird owners in California is necessary to control and eradicate this devastating disease.
Call 1-800-491-1899 for more information and to report suspicious cases.

BIRD MARTS
RECOMMENDED ACTIONS FOR MANAGERS OPERATING OUTSIDE
THE EXOTIC NEWCASTLE DISEASE QUARANTINED AREA

1. Require by written agreement that vendors sell and exhibit only healthy birds from healthy flocks that have been legally imported or have been raised in the US, and have been in the possession of the owner or agent for the past 30 days.
2. Do not allow chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, partridges, pheasants, quail, guinea fowl, peafowl, doves, pigeons, grouse, swans, and ratites at the bird mart. If these birds are at the mart, ensure that they did not originate from the END quarantined area.
3. Use only cleaned and disinfected metal cages.
4. Employ an animal health professional to monitor the health of birds.
5. Distribute information about END to agents, vendors, sellers and purchasers.
6. Cooperate with END task force representatives who may be present to monitor the health of birds.
7. Immediately submit dead birds to the nearest California Animal Health and Food Safety (CAHFS) Laboratory System at the locations below. There is no charge for END testing at CAHFS laboratories. Use a courier service if samples cannot be delivered. Bird samples must arrive at the laboratory within 24 hours of death.

AREA	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	FAX
San Bernardino	105 West Central Avenue San Bernardino, CA 92408	909-383-4287	909-884-5980
Fresno	2789 South Orange Avenue Fresno, CA 93725	559-498-7740	559-485-8097
Turlock	1550 N. Soderquist Turlock, CA 95381	209-634-5837	209-667-4261
Davis	West Health Science Drive UC Davis, CA 95616	530-752-8700	530-752-5680

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to report unusual bird disease or if you suspect illegal birds.**

**POULTRY SWAP MEETS AND PUBLIC BIRD SALES
RECOMMENDED ACTIONS FOR MANAGERS OPERATING OUTSIDE
THE EXOTIC NEWCASTLE DISEASE QUARANTINED AREA**

1. Require by written agreement that vendors:
 - a. Sell and exhibit only healthy birds from healthy flocks that have been legally imported or have been raised in the US, and have been in the possession of the owner or agent for the past 30 days.
 - b. Allow monitoring of their birds' health.
 - c. Have not moved restricted birds out of an END quarantined area in the absence of a compliance agreement with the Department.
2. Provide a schedule of operations and a contact person to the END task force at:

Exotic Newcastle 2002 Task Force
P.O. Box 40, Los Alamitos, CA 90720
3. Provide END task force representatives with a list of vendors who sell birds upon request. The list should include the name, address, and phone number of the vendor or agent, and the address of the source of the birds.
4. Keep chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, and pigeons separate from other species of birds.
5. Develop and use sanitation procedures for grounds and cages.
6. Distribute information about END to agents, vendors, purchasers, and the public at the event.
7. Cooperate with END task force representatives who may be present to monitor the health of birds.
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**POULTRY SHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS
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Poultry includes chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, partridges, pheasants, quail, guinea fowl, peafowl, doves, pigeons, grouse, swans, and ratites.

1. Consider postponing the exhibition until END has been eradicated from California.
2. Require a written agreement that exhibitors:
 - a. Show only healthy birds from healthy flocks that have been legally imported or have been raised in the US, and have been in the possession of the owner or agent for the past 30 days.
 - b. Allow monitoring of their birds' health.
 - c. Have not moved birds out of an END quarantined area in the absence of a compliance agreement with the Department.
3. Employ an animal health professional to monitor the health of birds. This may take the form of individual bird examination at coop-in or visual examination of the birds after they are cooped-in.
4. Use a bird check-in procedure with a plan for immediately isolating sick birds **before** other birds are exposed. Include procedures for cleaning and disinfecting potentially contaminated check-in site and exposed personnel.
5. Use only cleaned and disinfected metal cages.
6. Thoroughly clean and disinfect all cages and equipment after birds have been removed. Preferably, clean with hot water and soap or with a steam cleaner to remove all fecal material and organic material. Once clean, disinfect all cages and equipment with an agent known to kill the Newcastle Disease virus.
7. Distribute information about END to all exhibitors, judges, show staff, and vendors.
8. Cooperate with END task force representatives who may be present to monitor the health of birds.
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CAGED BIRD SHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS
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1. Do not allow chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, partridges, pheasants, quail, guinea fowl, peafowl, doves, pigeons, grouse, swans, and ratites at caged bird shows.
2. Require a written agreement that exhibitors show:
 - a. Only healthy birds from healthy flocks.
 - b. Birds that have been legally imported or have been raised in the US, and have been in the possession of the owner or agent for the past 30 days.
3. Use cleaned and disinfected metal cages.
4. Distribute information about END to agents, vendors, sellers, and purchasers.
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