

Avian Respiratory Signs

Birds don't get colds. Respiratory signs in birds can include nasal or eye discharges, wheezing, sneezing, coughing or tail pumping. Human colds are caused by human cold viruses which birds cannot catch. Most peoples' colds go away with time in spite of the fact there is no actual treatment available for the cold virus.

Bird respiratory signs can be caused by bird viruses, Chlamydia, bacteria or fungi. In addition, obesity, heart problems, female organ problems, liver enlargement and abdominal growths can all cause respiratory signs.

Under no circumstances do we recommend over the counter medications for birds. They are typically ineffective for important infections but can make it more difficult for the avian veterinarian to reach a diagnosis. In addition, wasting time with these products means delaying care for your pet.

