

BIRD FLU BIOSECURITY AT BIRD SALES & SHOWS

Simple precautions help protect our birds and Australian aviculture



H5N1 bird flu is present in Australian wild birds. The risk to aviary birds remains low when sensible biosecurity precautions are followed.

WHAT THIS CLUB AND OUR SELLERS ARE DOING

To reduce the risk of disease transmission at this event:

-  Birds showing any signs of illness have been excluded from the event.
-  Drinking water is not shared between unrelated birds, cages or exhibitors.
-  Drinkers, feed utensils and equipment are not shared between unrelated birds unless cleaned and disinfected.
-  Hand sanitiser is available within the venue.
It is a condition of entry that it is used before and after handling birds, cages or equipment from different collections.

TAKING BIRDS HOME TODAY? — WHEN YOU GET HOME



Quarantine all newly acquired birds for 30 days before introducing them to your existing collection.



Keep new birds physically separated from your established birds.



Feed, water and attend to your existing birds first and quarantined birds last.



Use separate drinkers, feed containers and cleaning equipment.



Wash your hands after attending to quarantined birds.



Clean or change contaminated footwear and clothing before returning to your main aviary area.



Maintain good rodent, fly and insect control around the quarantine area.



Keep waterfowl away from birds in quarantine.



Remember: Birds you take to a sale or show and bring home again should also be quarantined before returning them to your main collection.



PROTECT YOUR AVIARIES

Prevent wild-bird droppings and contaminated rainwater from entering your aviaries, feed and drinking water.

Where H5N1 presents an immediate local risk, consider covering exposed aviary flights with a solid, impermeable roof. Shade cloth alone is not sufficient.



KEEP THE RISK IN PERSPECTIVE

H5N1 needs to be taken seriously, but the appropriate response is good biosecurity and preparedness — not alarm.



Bird flu does not easily spread to people and human infections are rare. Do not handle sick or dead wild birds.



FIND OUT MORE

For current information and advice:

birdflu.gov.au

animalcareaustralia.org.au

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Clean hands. Clean equipment. Healthy birds.

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