

**Breathitt Veterinary Center**

**Poultry Physical Examination Form**

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| **Owner Last Name** | **Type of Bird/Bird Information** | **Signalment** |
| **Body System** | **Common Observations/Signs** | **Notes** |
| **General Health** | Bright, alert, responsive  Lethargic, Drooping wings, Ruffled feathers  Body Score Condition  Obvious health problems noted  Swollen Head  Traumatic Wounds  Unable to walk/Splayed legs  Other  Vision |  |
| **Integumentary** | Ulcerations/Crusts/Nodules/Scabs  Special areas of consideration:  Head/Mouth  Bottom of foot  Traumatic Wounds/Excoriations  Breeding Injury (back/sides, head/neck/comb)  Loss of feathering/Molting/Poor feathering  External Parasites – visible/microscopic |  |
| **Respiratory** | Swollen head/sinuses  Snicking (sneezing)/Coughing  Mucus/blood present  Respiratory Difficulty  Extended neck/open mouth  Respiratory sounds (gurgling/rales)  Vocalization (raspy/loss of sound) |  |
| **Gastrointestinal**  **Abdominal** | Mouth lesions – location, description  Abnormal Droppings (see Dropping Condition Chart)  Increased fluid, blood, foam, color  Ascites |  |
| **Peripheral**  **Neuro/Muscular**  **and Skeletal** | Abnormal gait or stance  Paralysis versus painful ambulation  Legs Splayed (different directions)  Sitting on Rear  Joint evaluation – swelling of Joint/tendons  Swelling of foot |  |
| **Central Nervous System** | Tremors  Twisting of neck  Head position  Curling of toes  Paralysis |  |

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