

Vent Gleet and more
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First medication does not help Vent Gleet. Antibiotics irritate it. Second, fixing the underlying problem: Now, anytime you have any gut problems, the health of the beneficial bacteria that should naturally occur in the gut should be considered. It's usually when the populations of those good bacterial decrease that we see an increase in bad bacteria, thus gut illness. The good bacteria literally crowd out bad bacteria, and some even secrete substances that ward off over abundances of bad bacteria.

So during illness, and really any time there is stress, you'll want to increase the number of good bacteria in your bird's gut. You can do this quite easily through the use of probiotics available over the counter, and some even at the grocery store. In this case, with a probability of E. coli, you'll want to find a "probiotic" that contains live cultures of Lactobacillus (most commonly Lactobacillus acidophilus) as well as B. bifidum. Bifidum is one of those bacteria that secretes stuff to ward off bad bacteria, in this case it specifically wards off E. coli.

You're probably thinking "right, where am I going to get this, and how much will it cost?". Luckily, those two live bacteria are usually found in Walmart yogurt. Just make sure it's NOT artificially sweetened. (Birds don't do aspartame well.) You'll want to encourage your bird to somehow take 1 teaspoon per day any time during medication.

Third, nutrition during illness: You can mix it up with boiled/mashed egg yolk for a combination of good high protein for healing, super nutrition from the egg, and the good bacteria from the yogurt. Plus, this treat is soft and easily dissolved.

When birds are sick, their crops/gizzards slow down, so it's really easy for their crops to back up and get impacted.

If you don't think your bird will eat yogurt (some don't, some love it), then you can hedge your bets and pick up a non-dairy human probiotic from the human health food store. You'll find them in the remedies for yeast infections. Liquids are easiest to use, though you can crush tablets if you absolutely have to do. Be sure to read the label to see that it says that it contains both acidophilus (aka Lactobacillus) as well as bifidum. Yeast infection (VENT GLEET) remedies do because good ol' bifidum secretes something that acts against yeast infections (VENT GLEET) too! This can be a blessing for a poultry owner, because bacterial imbalances in poultry also cause "thrush" or "gleet", which is essentially a yeast infection of the digestive tract. Your birds are susceptible to this whenever they're ill and/or medicated, and your bird might have this as well. The symptoms are almost exactly the same with very few additions. Treating for one will essentially treat for the other if you do it right.

If the bird will drink, you can start off by using the liquid probiotic for humans in their water. Just don't mix it with medicated water. If you medicate the water, try mixing the probiotics with a tiny bit of water or applesauce and mixing that with crumbles to just an oatmeal type consistency. Most birds will eat this. You can even leave out the crumbles and just do applesauce, or mix egg yolk in the applesauce. Be creative. It's important to try to get the bird to get nutrition.

Fourth, vitamin E. Vitamin E acts specifically against overdoses of E. coli. I'd use the oil capsules. ONE 400 MG PEOPLE VITAMINE DAILY TILL HEALED. You can put it in a small bit of food if you KNOW that bit of food will be eaten entirely.

Fifth, supportive care: Your bird will need to stay warm, be separated from the others so that it won't be bullied away from eating, and also so that you can monitor its droppings for color and consistency. If it gets stressed out,