Keeping your poultry and birds healthy means doing everything you can to protect your birds from disease—such as washing your hands before and after you handle your birds, and keeping new birds separated from your other birds for at least 30 days.

You can help stop diseases such as avian influenza, also known as bird flu, if they show up by:

- Learning how to protect your birds from germs. (See the inside back cover for six easy steps.)
- Looking for signs of illness.
- Quickly reporting sick or dying birds. (Call your veterinarian, your local cooperative extension service, the State Veterinarian or State animal/poultry diagnostic laboratory, or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) at 1-866-536-7593.)

You can find information on keeping your birds healthy at http://healthybirds.aphis.usda.gov.

Have Fun With the Games

The answers to each game are on the page behind the game.
SEARCH FOR A BIRD WORD #1

Keeping your poultry and pet birds healthy is the whole family’s responsibility—adults and kids. Good hygiene habits like washing your hands before and after handling your birds, making sure that visitors do not come near your poultry, and checking your birds for signs of illness will help protect them from diseases such as bird flu.

Find the following words in the box, and remember, some of them go up, across, and backwards!

healthy poultry biosecurity flu germs birds
avian flock disinfect protect virus
LOOK for Signs.

ANSWERS • Search for a Bird Word #1

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WORD SCRAMBLE #1

If you have chickens or other poultry, there are three things that you can do to help keep them healthy.

1. **Look for signs of disease**—check your birds every day.
2. **Report sick birds**—tell your parents, and they can call your veterinarian or the State veterinarian.
3. **Protect your birds** by using good hygiene, by keeping items around them such as water and cages clean, and by keeping people and other birds away from them.

Have fun unscrambling the words below. They have to do with poultry and with keeping your birds safe from disease, and **they are all found in the text above!**

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9. kolo ______________________________
ANSWERS • Word Scramble #1

1. healthy
2. disease
3. report
4. poultry
5. protect
6. birds
7. hygiene
8. chickens
9. look

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Search for a Bird Word #2

Many different birds may get bird flu. If you have chickens or birds, you can protect them from diseases like bird flu by keeping your birds’ area clean and by washing your hands before and after you handle your birds.

Find the following words in the box below. Hint: Some of them go up, across, and backwards!

chicken    turkey    parrot    egret
duck    peacock    blackbird    goose

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REPORT
Sick
Birds.

ANSWERS • Search for a Bird Word #2

p  a  j  q  z  g  t  x  p  d  c
b  c  z  y  e  o  l  f  k  h  j
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t  g  d  v  q  n  w  f  g  i  t
v  e  o  s  k  c  o  c  a  e  p

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Can you untwist the breed names of these chickens, turkeys, and ducks? All of the names are listed below.

**Araucana, Wyandotte, Bourbon, Muscovy, Brahma, Polish, Rhode Island Red, White, Sumatra, Narragansett, Runner, Leghorn, Call, Sultan, Pekin, Cochin, Dominique, Black, Bronze, Rouen**

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**ANSWERS • Word Scramble #2**

**CHICKENS**

1. Wyandotte  
2. Rhode Island Red  
3. Leghorn  
4. Sultan  
5. Polish  
6. Cochin  
7. Brahma  
8. Sumatra  
9. Dominique  
10. Araucana  

**TURKEYS**

1. Bourbon  
2. White  
3. Black  
4. Narragansett  
5. Bronze  

**DUCKS**

1. Rouen  
2. Call  
3. Pekin  
4. Muscovy  
5. Runner

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You are the best protection your birds have.

**Six Ways to Keep Poultry Diseases Away**

There are simple steps you can take to keep your birds healthy.

1. **Keep Your Distance.**
   - Don’t let visitors who have poultry of their own come near your birds.
   - Don’t visit other households that have poultry.
   - If you’ve been near other birds or bird owners—such as at a poultry exhibit or fair, a swap meet, small sale, or auction—clean and disinfect your clothes and shoes before going near your own birds.

2. **Keep It Clean.**
   - Carefully wash your hands with soap and water before and after you handle your birds.
   - Change water and food every day.
   - Disinfect all tools and equipment.
   - Wear clean clothes when you work with your birds.

3. **Keep It Away.**
   - Buy chicks and birds from a reputable source to make sure you are getting healthy animals.
   - New birds should be kept separate from your other birds for at least 30 days.
   - If your birds have been to a fair or exhibit, keep them separate from your other birds for at least 2 weeks.
   - Wild birds can carry disease, so keep them away from your birds.

4. **Don’t Borrow Disease From Your Neighbors.**
   - Don’t share garden tools or poultry supplies.
   - If you do bring these items home, clean and disinfect them before they reach your property.

5. **Know the Warning Signs of Infectious Bird Diseases.**
   - Look for sudden bird deaths and dramatic decreases in eating habits and egg production.

6. **Report Sick Birds.**
   - If your birds are sick or dying, don’t wait.
   - Call your local cooperative extension agent, your veterinarian, the State Veterinarian or State animal/poultry diagnostic laboratory, or USDA at 1-866-536-7593.

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LOOK for Signs.  REPORT Sick Birds.  PROTECT Your Birds.

Find helpful information at

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