

Re: coyotes, i think

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In article <Xns982D6DBE44FEFenigmaempirenet@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, enigma <enigma@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

we had coyotes in the yard a couple weeks ago, an adult & a half-grown pup. the adult was obviously ill, mangey looking & staggering (rabies in the local fox population is common, so i think that it was likely here). i'm guessing if the adult had it, the pup had or would get, it. i haven't seen them again anyway.

today, i was feeding the girls treats & noticed that one has some pretty ugly wounds on her sides under the wings. they look consistant to bites from a canine. she **was** acting a bit droopy a couple days ago, but she has also been laying some pretty huge eggs lately... she's acting just fine now.

i need to catch her to look for infection, but, do chickens get rabies? what's the best way to treat her for infection? i can easily crate her for individual treatment. any ideas?
lee

At the very least, I would isolate the bird, Lee. Even if she's not sick, if she's wounded, it would be less stressful for her to be off by herself while she heals, instead of living in the rough & tumble environment of a flock. You can buy electrolytes with vitamins (water soluble powder) at the feed store and put some in her water. Won't hurt. Might help.

I don't know how to treat a hen for infection. Call your vet and ask. Most large animal vets will have a fair knowledge of poultry, just because us farm & ranch folks usually keep a few hens.

And keep a rifle handy in case the coyotes come back and give you any trouble. (Our predators are so many & varied up here that we have my 12 gauge with bear loads, Chris's .300 Savage and my .357 pistol all next to the door, so we can grab the appropriate weapon depending on what's in the chicken yard. We need to load his 12 gauge up with bird loads, as we've had trouble with big birds preying on my little hens.) (We also need to put up a hot wire to keep 4-legged

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varmints out of the chicken yard...)

Let us know how your biddy does. If I run into our DVM, I'll ask him about chickens and infections.

The Merck Veterinary Manual is online. Or go ask Doc Newell on the wreck.ick -- she'd probably know.

Jan

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The way to a man's heart is between the fourth and the fifth rib.

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