

Re: foul tasting eggs

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Otterbot wrote:

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Dear Cap,

In humans it is possible, as a result of trauma or disease, for a fistula to develop between the alimentary system and the genito-urinary system. In humans this would result in cross-contamination; for example, faecal matter in urine, or passed 'per vagina'. I don't know whether this is applicable to birds,

birds have cloacas – there is only one exit to be concerned with. i'm moderately amazed anyone could reach adulthood without knowing this.
:-) kylie

The discussion was about contamination of the egg during creation – not at lay.

Once the Egg has reached the Cloaca its formed and protected by the shell. So any surface contamination is not going to cause the issues that were described in the OP's post.

What Alex was suggesting was that maybe previous damage had caused a problem deep inside the bird whereby faecal type material could get incorporated into the egg at the initial stages of creation. It was illustrated with what can happen in humans.

We have a couple Araucanas, and we're not positive yet who lays which eggs. Most of them are a pale green, about the same size. The eggs in question usually have a very dark yolk compared to the other eggs. I don't know what they taste/smell like, but it's bad – it sticks with you for a while if you take a bite. My wife says it

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smells like chicken sh*t.

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regards
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