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On Aug 17, 3:57 am, " Jill" <n...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

addicted2chickens wrote:

I am seeking a person or place who can inform me on some duck health questions. I own/raise muscovies; what can be given for sprains and strains; what can be done for a knee slipping in and out of socket;

For birds of what age? and what sexes?

I would be looking at feeding and breeding.

If these are young birds, particularly those bred for meat, and had some selection to improve growth rates and finished weights, then slipped tendons is a common weakness that can occur. The birds grow faster than the anatomy can cope with.

If its mostly females being affected with leg problems in a mixed flock then there may be too many males in the ratio.

wormers (like Ivermectin); and what antibiotics can be used when you suspect an infection?

That depends much more on the infection, its site and its cause?

Respiratory conditions tend to have different solutions to puncture wounds, for instance.

I have raised muscovies for 5 years and I cant

find these answers on other groups I belong to or I get conflicting info. example; dont give medicated chick feed to ducks; I had a supposed duck breeder explain it was a coccidiostat and it was safe; I lost close to 30 ducklings within 48 hours.

Medicated chick feed is "safe" BUT – and its a big but – ducklings eat FAR too much of it due to their much higher feed intake compared to chicks. Some people will use it for the first few days when they are not eating so

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much, especially if they have a cocci problem on their property. But once the ducklings 'get going' their consumption is FAR too high. Its much better to deal with any cocci issues with management. This can be using things like Oocide ; Stalosan, and the herbal preventatives like cider Vinegar and Ropadair

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regards
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Sprains and strains would be on adult females. I have a 2yo lost babies last year, lost a clutch on July 4th, she is laying again almost ready to nest and in walking behind her I noticed her right knee was slipping in and out of place. I dont want any more ducklings but it would be about the only way I would keep her still that long. Two years ago I had 7 out of 9 hens come up with a mystery injury. They were able to move the leg from the hip but the knee seemed none functional and the foot on each hen was turned under. 5 days in a very confined cage and they were fine. My birds are 95% of the time as pets that will end up meat. And I only have 1 drake, but hes 14 pounds. He has been my only drake for 5 years. (my hens are 6-9 pounds)

Oh yeah I have a sprain of sorts currently—muscovy moms are a little protective of their young. Currently I have 2 hens with broods they are kept in sperate sleeping quarters but everyone free ranges. Both moms were coming in for the night and got into a fight right before the coops and one hen limped pretty well that night and she gets sore about halfway through the day. She has 15 teenagers running her ragged.

Can you use Ivermectin or Wazine 10 to worm ducks?

Infection, well I would love to know if there is something for respiratory; yet in 5 years I have never had one. My last crisis is when my drake and a tom turkey became sworn enemies. The tom got my drake 3 seperate times, my drake did win, but he had alot of injury to his caruncle and his bill. None of my poultry groups could offer more than peroxide or neosporin and those dont work for obvious reasons. It had happened on a weekend and there is no small or large vets that will touch chickens or ducks. My vet will dispense if I know what I need. I always have aeuromycin and tylan for chickens, I know baytril is the top of the line but I dont know if any are suitable for ducks.

If you can answer any of this I would be overly excited duck info is hard to come by and while muscovys are ducks I also know there are alot of differences. And I have nothing against herbal or holistic its just I live in a very rural area and those things are not accessible.

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Thank you, Christy

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