Avian Influenza and Birds

FACTS:

✈️ Virus can infect all types of birds.

✈️ It quickly spreads by bird-to-bird contact.

✈️ Virus can live and travel on manure, egg flats, crates, farm equipment, and people’s clothing, shoes and hands.

✈️ Migratory bird species like ducks and geese can carry the disease but often don’t show symptoms or die.

Signs of Avian Influenza in birds

- Sudden death without clinical signs
- Lack of energy and appetite
- Decreased egg production
- Thin-shelled, soft-shelled, or misshapen eggs
- Swelling of the head, eyelids, comb, wattles, and hocks
- Purple discoloration of the wattles, comb, and legs
- Nasal discharge, coughing, sneezing
- Lack of coordination
- Diarrhea

If you suspect avian influenza contact your veterinarian.