

Chicken health observation sheet

Use this sheet to record what changed and when. It helps a veterinarian or experienced keeper understand the timeline. It does not diagnose illness or recommend medication.

Get urgent veterinary help now: laboured breathing, collapse, uncontrolled bleeding, prolapse, seizure, severe head tilt, or rapid deterioration.

Bird and timeline

Bird name / ID

Breed / age

Date and time first noticed

Observer

Immediate context

Current condition	☐ Stable ☐ Improving ☐ Worsening ☐ Changed suddenly
Separated safely?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not needed

What can you observe right now?

Observation	Mark what you can see
Alertness	☐ Normal ☐ Quiet ☐ Lethargic ☐ Unresponsive
Standing / walking	☐ Normal ☐ Reluctant ☐ Limping ☐ Cannot stand
Breathing	☐ Normal ☐ Noisy ☐ Open mouth ☐ Laboured
Eating	☐ Normal ☐ Reduced ☐ None observed
Drinking	☐ Normal ☐ Reduced ☐ Increased ☐ None observed
Comb / wattles	☐ Usual ☐ Pale ☐ Blue / purple ☐ Dark tips
Eyes / face	☐ Usual ☐ Closed eye ☐ Discharge ☐ Swelling
Tail / posture	☐ Usual ☐ Tail down ☐ Hunched ☐ Puffed up

Food, droppings, eggs, and crop

Record patterns over time. One dropping, one crop check, or one photograph rarely tells the whole story.

Droppings	☐ Usual ☐ Watery ☐ Repeated blood ☐ Black / tar-like ☐ None seen
Egg laying	☐ Usual ☐ Reduced ☐ Stopped ☐ Soft / shell-less ☐ Unknown
Crop timing	☐ Morning before food ☐ After feeding ☐ Time unknown
Crop observation	☐ Empty ☐ Full ☐ Firm ☐ Fluid-feeling ☐ Not checked

Recent changes

☐ Heat / cold ☐ Feed change ☐ New birds ☐ Predator event
☐ Injury risk ☐ Molt ☐ Broody ☐ Treatment already given

Timeline and notes

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For a veterinary call

Have the timeline, observations, recent changes, treatments already given, and clear photos or short video ready when safe.
Do not delay urgent care to finish this sheet.

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