

# United Budgerigar Society Inc.

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## Common Budgie health issues

Prevention is the best advice that can be given!

Issue	Symptom	Treatment
Air Sack Mite	Asthma type wheeze	Moxidectin
Canker	Lethargic, won't eat, sitting in corner, stretching neck upwards, possible cheesy deposits in throat	Turobosole
Coccidiosis	Dark green/Red sticky droppings due to internal bleeding, spreads rapidly throughout entire flight	See Avian vet for diagnosis Toltravet Sulfa 3
Enteritis	Green diarrhoea, stained green vent, usually from dirty flights	Sulfa 3
French Molt	Chick lose feathers in the nest or shortly after, Immune system Virus	Clean bird room and breeding boxes, sterilize with F10 and replace sawdust regularly.
Megabacteria	Birds lethargic, fluffed up, diagnosed by vet	No real treatment, prevent with citric acid or Apple cider vinegar in water, or feed citrus fruit
Red mite and bird lice	Small mites living on birds or in bird housing	Moxidectin or spray with an avian insecticide such as Vetafarm Liquidator
Scaly face	Fungus growth on beak, around eyes, legs and vent	Moxidectin or brush on scaly face medication
Psittacosis	Eye discharge or swelling, laboured breathing, diarrhoea, poor appetite, lethargy	See Avian vet for diagnosis Doxycycline -
Worms	Going light, loss of condition, perhaps diarrhoea	Moxidectin or similar worm treatment

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### Therefore suggested preventative medication

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Airsack mite Redmite / Bird Lice Scaley face Worms	Moxidectin	Preventative dose as per instructions
Redmite & bird lice	As above and/or Avian Liquidator	Spray birds and housing as per instructions
Coccidiosis Enteritis	Toltravet Sulfa 3	Preventative dose as per instructions
Canker	Turbosol	Preventative dose as per instructions
Megabacteria	Citric acid/ Citrus fruit Apple cider vinegar	Citric acid, 1gm to 1 liter of water ACV - 2 ml to 1 liter of water

### Recommended Avian Vets

Melbourne Bird vet - 1 George St Scoresby (cnr Stud Rd)  
[www.melbournebirdvet.com](http://www.melbournebirdvet.com) Ph 03 9764 9000

Burwood Bird hospital - 128 Highbury rd Burwood  
[www.birdclinic.net](http://www.birdclinic.net) Ph 9808 9011

### Recommended reference material

The Budgerigar - Dr Rob Marshall - Amazon or Google  
The Challenge - Gerald S. Binks - Amazon or Google

In my opinion both books are a must have, they are expensive (circa \$100 each) although great value if you intend to spend a similar amount or more on purchasing birds

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