

Lucky Hens Rescue

Apple Cider Vinegar (ACV)

The Benefits

Apple Cider vinegar is rich in vitamins, minerals and trace elements, particularly potassium. Bacteria and harmful micro organisms thrive in a weak acid or mild alkaline environment. ACV contains acetic acid which lowers PH levels (raises acidity), which in turn disrupts the energy, sustenance and transports mechanisms of aggressive pathogens. Natural pectin's in the fruit bind to toxins assisting their transport out of the body. In this way potential infections can be targeted and the natural immune system is stimulated and supported in fighting back.

ACV also stimulates the appetite & improves the digestive process. Potassium assists in helping maximum nutrition to be obtained from the feed.

Benefits of oral AVC

- Reduction of faecal odour
- Improves appetite and digestion
- Helps break down minerals and fats in diet
- Helps absorb calcium
- Improves shell quality
- Improves feather quality and strength
- Maintain fertility and stamina
- Improve overall well being to lower stress and support the immune system
- Control and eradicate internal parasites and pathogens
- Helps build resistance to coccidiosis

Other Benefits

- If used in the bath water of show birds, it imparts a shine to the feathers
- If applied to minor wounds it decreases pain and promotes healing
- Helps to control minor bleeding
- Relieves itchy skin or feather problems

Cleaning

Add a few teaspoons to a spray bottle filled with water to clean the coop, perches, waterers and feeders. This also prevents unpleasant odours from building up.

Quantities & Variations

There are two methods of giving ACV but it's best to stick to one method once you decide which to follow -

Method 1: 25mls added to 1 litre of drinking water given to the hens for a period of 10-14 days to adjust PH & establish healthy gut flora followed by maintenance periods of either 2 days a week (e.g. weekend) or one week per month.

Method 2: 1ml per litre of water given on a constant basis

CAUTION: DO NOT USE IN METAL CONTAINERS AS ACV WILL CAUSE CORROSION

IMPORTANT: THIS INFORMATION IS OFFERED TO HELP YOU ESTABLISH A NATURAL AND HOLISTIC APPROACH TO BASIC POULTRY CARE. IF YOUR CHICKEN BECOMES SICK YOU SHOULD CONSULT A VETERINARY PRACTITIONER FOR MEDICAL GUIDANCE.

Before you print think about the ENVIRONMENT!