

1976 ANNUAL REPORT
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Committee on Diseases of Wild and Pet Birds
of the
American Association of Avian Pathologists

A summary of the considerations of the committee during the past year are as follows:

1. Collection, Storage and Distribution of Literature.

President W. Yoder, Jr., and committee member Lyle E. Hanson, have indicated the need for a comprehensive reference collection of bibliographic material related to diseases of wild and pet birds. Although individual sources may be found in selected texts, they are limited and usually represent specific subject areas. A combined reference, related to species of both wild and pet birds, is frequently needed by members of the AAAP. While government agencies, such as the USDA and the USDI, have such reference material, there would remain the problem of collecting, organizing and distributing such material. It has been suggested that funds should be allocated for such a special effort.

2. Standardized Reporting of Diseases of Wild and Pet Birds.

The need to define the relative incidence of specific diseases of wild and pet birds is important to members of the AAAP concerned with diagnostic, regulatory and educational services. While such reports may be found with reports of poultry diagnostic laboratories and wildlife agencies, these reports are limited. A better reporting system is needed to summarize individual reports for longer time intervals to determine the status of specific diseases for specific species. Such information would have value in determinations of whether a disease is endemic, exotic, geographically limited, importance to wild or pet birds, etc.

3. Liaison with other professional organizations and agencies concerned with diseases of wild and pet birds.

Attached is a copy of a report from committee member, Dr. Louis N. Locke, reporting the activities of the National Fish and Wildlife Health Laboratory at Madison, Wisconsin. The report illustrates the value of communication to those interested in diseases of wild birds. The Waterfowl Disease Section of the Wildlife Disease Association has invited contact and exchange of information with our committee. There is a need for greater information relative to pet birds, which lacks organizational representation.

4. Publications and Audio-visual educational aids related to diseases of Wild and Pet Birds.

Educational materials are needed for extension and teaching relative to diseases of specific avian species. Dr. L.E. Hanson, has suggested that such an undertaking would be a long term effort, requiring the collective participation of authorities in specific subject areas or persons who have reviewed specific disease problems.

Respectfully submitted,

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