Annual Report of the AAAP Committee for Disease Reporting and Nomenclature 1982

The Committee evaluated the current nomenclature for diseases, the host species classification for each disease, the need to delete diseases, and the addition of emerging diseases for the AAAP Disease Report.

Two disease syndromes were recommended for addition to the report, Alcaligenes rhinotracheitis and femoral head necrosis. The Committee recognizes that the nomenclature recommended is not acceptable to everyone and may not accurately describe the respective disease conditions; each is, however, used more widely than other terminology and is universally understood to represent the respective syndromes.

The Committee concludes that amyloidosis is a pathological condition of uncertain etiology primarily of waterfowl and does not merit a separate classification. The Committee recommends that amyloidosis be placed in the miscellaneous classification. It recommends also that the "turkey" and "other" species categories for infectious bronchitis be deleted from the report.

Definitive action was not taken on suggestions to add separate host categories for egg and meat producing chickens and for pet birds within the appropriate disease syndromes.

The Committee solicits the recommendations of the membership to establish a disease report which reflects the collective opinion of AAAP.

It is the intent of the Committee to comply with the request of the Board of Directors to publish its annual Disease Report in the October-December issue of Avian Diseases of the following year.

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