

Avian Chlamydiosis Committee

(AAV and AAAP)

MINUTES - Meeting on July 18, 1982 in Salt Lake City, Utah

Committee Members Present: Kevin Flammer, Jack Hanley, Edmond Bayer and  
L. C. Grumbles

The following items were discussed or actions taken:

Dr. Sam Richeson and Dr. Irwin Peterson discussed the present program of treating birds in quarantine stations and informed the committee of plans to allow the use of the CTC medicated pellets and extend the treatment period to 45 days (the last 15 days would not necessarily be in the quarantine station, but would be required before the birds were distributed).

Diagnostic laboratory procedures were discussed. Dr. E. A. Carbrej explained the procedures used at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory and gave a copy of the detailed procedures to the committee. Dr. James Grimes sent the committee a protocol of diagnostic procedures used at Texas A&M. Dr. Jack Hanley discussed the procedures used in his laboratory. There was considerable discussion about the approaches to laboratory diagnosis and the limited number of laboratories conducting serology and agent isolation.

Dr. E. V. Bayer led a discussion on the public health significance of psittacosis in birds and man and emphasized the need for more uniform programs among the states in regulating pet shops or ether distributors of pet birds. He also emphasized the importance of U.S. Public Health Service continuing to consider this an important disease and participating in efforts to reduce the incidence in birds and man.

Dr. Kevin Flammer discussed his research and experiences in treating birds to eliminate the chlamydia. He emphasized some of the problems such as palatability of feed containing CTC and individual bird preference or consumption

of medicated feeds.

After hearing the discussions and considering the information presented the committee agreed:

1. To appoint a sub-committee on diagnostic procedures with the charge to compile and reconcile diagnostic procedures and make a national survey to determine where and what diagnostic laboratory procedures are available.
2. Support the extension of the treatment period of imported birds to 45 days. Encourage the use of the medicated pellets and request that USDA monitor treatment by determining antibiotic levels in blood samples or at a minimum in the medicated feed being used.
3. The committee supports the development of model state, federal, and industry programs to evolve more uniform programs for the control of psittacosis and other diseases such as pox, Pacheco's disease, Newcastle disease and others.
4. To appoint a sub-committee to study research needs. To establish a list of research priorities and seek sources for research support on chlamydiosis.
5. The committee will offer to organize a symposium on chlamydiosis for the AAV meeting in San Diego in the summer of 1983 if this is desired and would complement other programs and be of sufficient interest to members of AAV.
6. The next meeting of the committee is planned during the AAV meeting in 1983.

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