

BIOSECURITY
FOR THE BIRDS

Coloring Book

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Dear Parents:

Keeping your poultry and pet birds healthy is the responsibility of the whole family—adults and children alike. The best way to keep your birds free of illness is for the whole family to practice biosecurity. Biosecurity means doing everything you can to protect your birds from disease, from washing your hands to restricting visitors' contact with your birds. You can help stop diseases such as “bird flu” should they show up, by

- **knowing how to protect your birds from germs,**
- **looking for signs of illness, and**
- **quickly reporting sick birds** (call your veterinarian, the State Veterinarian, State animal diagnostic laboratory, or the U.S. Department of Agriculture [USDA] at 1-866-536-7593).

This coloring book is a fun way to encourage children to learn the basics of what we call “backyard biosecurity.” By coloring and reading this booklet, your child will become more aware of the basic steps for keeping your birds healthy.

For more information, visit
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LOOK

for Signs.



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REPORT

Sick Birds.



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PRACTICE

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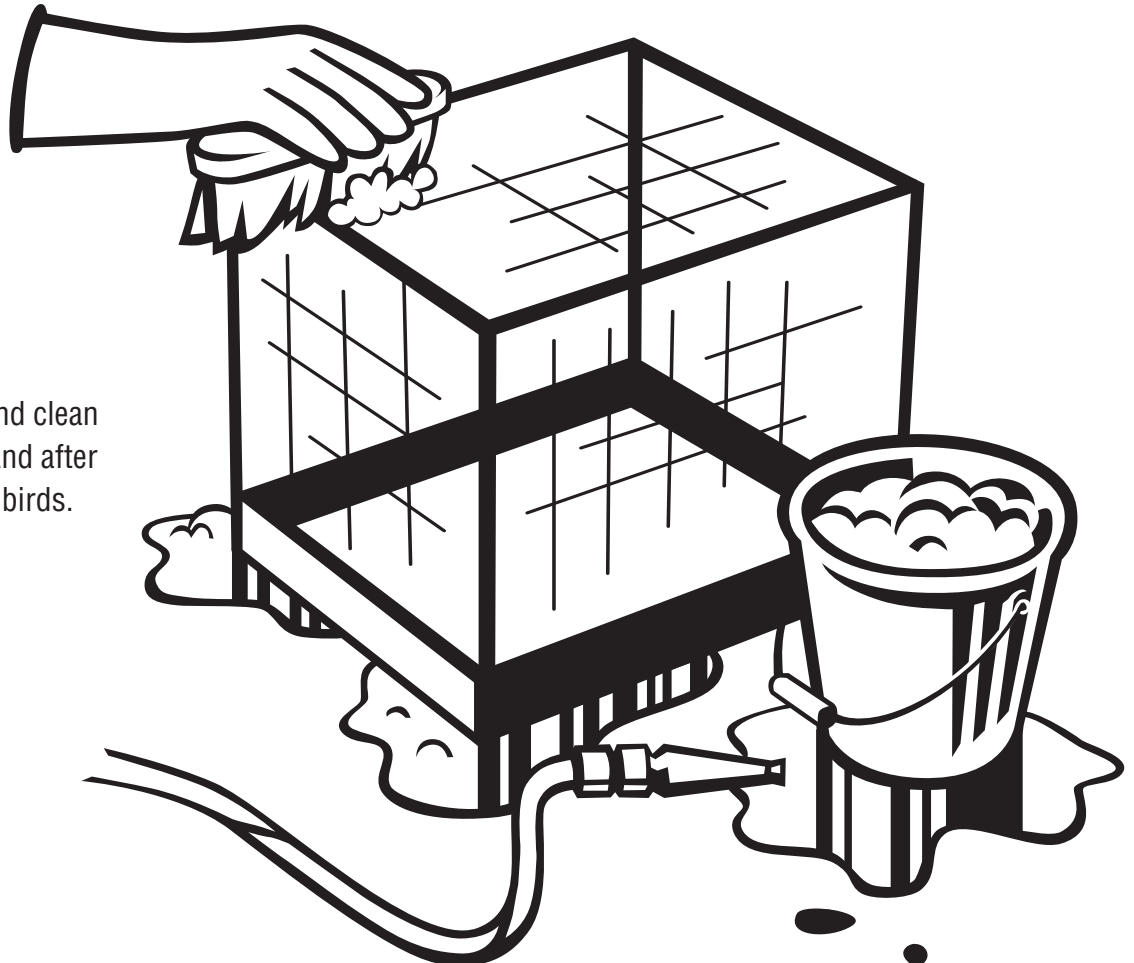


1 Keep Your Distance

Be careful about who comes into contact with your birds. If your friends have birds of their own, they shouldn't visit your birds.

2 Keep It Clean

Wash your hands and clean your shoes before and after you work with your birds.





3 **Don't Haul Disease Home**

Car and truck tires should be cleaned before you go home if you have been near other birds.

4 **Don't Borrow Disease From Your Neighbors**

Do not share tools or equipment with other bird owners, even your friends.



5 Know the Signs of Disease

If your birds are coughing or sneezing and/or not eating or drinking, tell your mother or father.



6 Report Sick Birds

Don't wait. If your birds are sick, your mother or father should call your vet or the USDA at 1-866-536-7593.

