



Red Mite

When the weather warms up, Red Mite become prominent and can be a regular problem for all poultry keepers. Signs of Red Mite include a fall in egg production, a pale comb and their presence either in the coop or on the bird, as well as that tell-tale itchy feeling when you collect the eggs.



Below we have detailed how to treat Red Mite and a method for trying to combat it.

Red Mite Treatment

1. Clean out the bedding from the coop ensuring you put it all in a bag and dispose of the bag in a bin to prevent it spreading.
2. Hose or jet wash the coop to rinse away any mites, eggs and other areas of stubborn dirt.
3. Mix a Red Mite concentrate with water and apply to the coop making sure it is completely covered.
4. Leave the house until thoroughly dry.
5. Re-bed the coop and put back together.
6. Spread Red Mite Powder both on the coop and the top of the new bedding. For a complete treatment dust the birds – ask our staff how to do this!
7. To break the lifecycle of mites, this process may need to be done 3 times in around 10 days to eradicate infestations.



Combatting Red Mite using Diatomaceous Earth

Diatomaceous Earth is a powder which is regularly used in poultry keeping to combat mite and chicken lice. It is formed by crushing a naturally occurring, very soft, siliceous sedimentary rock. As a natural organic product, it is safe to use both on the chickens and in the coop for eradicating full grown and growing mites, lice, and other insects. The fine particles of diatomaceous earth essentially dry up natural oils and fats which cause the mites to shrivel up and die quickly.

Ways you can use Diatomaceous Earth:

Removing Lice and Mites – Dust between feathers and the chicken's skin frequently. As this is a natural, organic product it can be used on chickens directly where others cannot.

Add to Poultry Feed – using Diatomaceous Earth results in fewer worms, lower mortality rate and better feathering.

We stock a range of products for treating Red Mite. Ask one of our knowledgeable Poultry staff if you need advice on the best products for



Need Advice?

With over 15 years of poultry-keeping experience, we are best placed to help with all of your poultry needs.

We aim to give you the best advice possible and the best service possible: novice or experienced we are here to help you.

Contact us today!