

EXCESSIVE EGG LAYING

Do you have a female bird of ANY species that is laying eggs, either with or without a companion? If the companion is a male, of course it is natural in the event they've mated, but if the companion is another female, or it is a lone female, egg laying could be detrimental to its health.

Normally most species in the wild lay twice a year, usually from 2-5 eggs (2 eggs for larger birds, 5 for species like cockatiels). If your female is laying more often than that and more eggs than reasonable for its specie, you should seek out an avian veterinarian immediately.

There are hormone shots available to females that lay eggs excessively, which will help with their cycle and reduce this problem. With NO treatment, your female bird could quite possibly develop a serious calcium deficiency. This can cause the bones to become weak and brittle, eventually ending in death.

The easiest way to increase calcium is to add powdered calcium to the food or water. Another way is to scramble an egg, SHELL INCLUDED, and feed it to your bird. Most parrots (including budgies, tiels, and smaller species) love eggs, and they get the double benefit of not only calcium but protein also.

The BEST way to determine if your bird is calcium deficient or is laying an abnormal amount of eggs is to contact your VET. Don't try to treat this without your bird first having a check up to confirm this or to find anything else that could be a problem in the health of your bird.