

Windmill Vets - Pet Advice Notes

The Chicken Vet

Chickens, ducks and other poultry are now frequent visitors to our clinics, and several of our vets have their own birds, so understand the needs of the 'pet poultry' keeper.

All poultry are classed as Farm animals, and their medical care and the medicines that we can use are different to those for other companion pets. Some medicines cannot be used in hens, where their eggs are used for human consumption. Other medicines are safe to use, but not licenced for use in poultry, and there may also be a 'withdrawal' time, during which eggs cannot be eaten (or the birds killed for human consumption).

Poultry are prone to a whole host of parasites, and we can advise on the best ways to control there, and we can also supply smaller quantities of effective wormer (useful for the garden flocks of up to 6 hens!)

Poultry owners need to keep records, and we have a free Medicines Record card, available from the clinics. Please contact us for your copy.