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Virulent Newcastle Disease Alert

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A case of a highly infectious and lethal avian disease, Virulent Newcastle Disease ("VND"), recently appeared in Northern California. This disease is generally found in poultry, especially chickens, but can be contracted and spread by parrots and other pet birds. Because of the uncertainty of the extent of the disease, everyone should exercise the greatest care and caution about moving ANY pet birds or poultry from one place to another.

We have no reason to believe that *any* Mickaboo birds have been in contact with or are carrying VND. To keep the birds in our care safe, until we know whether the identified case was an isolated instance or an indication of a more widespread problem, Mickaboo will be unable to accept any new birds into our care. We will also leave our foster birds at home when our volunteers are at adoption and outreach events.

Please monitor our [website](#) for new or updated information. The safety of our birds, and of all birds, is our primary concern now.

If you have a genuine emergency situation in which you must give up a bird, please send an email to [mail@mickaboo.org](mailto:mail@mickaboo.org) and put the word 'EMERGENCY' in the subject line.

You can read more about this disease, ongoing epidemiology and advice on how to keep your birds safe at: [https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal\\_Health/Newcastle\\_Disease\\_Info.html](https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/Newcastle_Disease_Info.html).

All bird owners should report sick birds or unusual bird deaths to State/Federal officials, either through their state veterinarian or through USDA's toll-free number at 1-866-536-7593.

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