The Vent Gleet Care Checklist

A Practical Guide for Real-Life Chicken Keepers

This printable guide is your go-to checklist for treating and preventing vent gleet based on real farm experience and a lot of chicken butt cleaning. Keep it handy in your coop kit!

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VENT GLEET CHECKLIST



SPOT THE SIGNS

- ◯ Strong foul odor around the vent area
- ◯ White discharge or pasty build-up on vent feathers
- ◯ Red or irritated skin around the cloaca
- ◯ Loss of vent feathers
- ◯ Poop stuck to fluff (not to be confused with pasty butt in chicks)

**** If you've checked 2 or more, it's time to start treatment! ****

FIRST STEP: SOAK AND CLEAN

- ◯ Isolate the hen from the rest of the flock
- ◯ Prepare a warm water bath with mild soap or Epsom salt
- ◯ Soak her bum for 10–15 minutes
- ◯ Gently remove crusty build-up from the vent area
- ◯ Pat dry with a clean towel
- ◯ Place her on a soft, flat surface to rest

**** Tip: I use a tote with a head hole cutout. ****

TOPICAL TREATMENT

- ◯ Apply an antifungal cream (like clotrimazole or miconazole) to the vent and adjacent regions
- ◯ Repeat 1–2 times a day until the vent looks healthy
- ◯ Monitor for improvement in feathers, behavior, and droppings

**** If no improvement within a few days, consult a vet for possible prescription treatment. ****

COOP & FLOCK CARE

- ◯ Deep clean the coop and refresh bedding
- ◯ Ensure proper ventilation and dry nesting areas
- ◯ Watch for symptoms in the rest of the flock
- ◯ Limit rooster contact with the sick hen to prevent spread
- ◯ Provide dust baths and reduce stress factors (heat, overcrowding, etc.)

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INTERNAL GUT SUPPORT

- ◯ Add 1 tbsp apple cider vinegar per gallon of drinking water
- ◯ Offer plain, unsweetened yogurt or poultry probiotics
- ◯ Clean and refresh drinking water daily

PREVENT FUTURE FLARE-UPS

- ◯ Offer probiotics weekly to support gut and cloacal health
- ◯ Keep the coop clean and dry
- ◯ Minimize treats that disrupt digestion
- ◯ Provide shade and hydration during heat waves
- ◯ Check fluffy butts regularly for early signs

NOTES

◯ Which hen had it? _____

◯ Date treatment began: _____

◯ What seemed to help the most? _____

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