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Virulent Newcastle Disease Outbreak



The number of cases of virulent Newcastle Disease within Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside and Ventura Counties has now reached 178. The California Department of Food and Agriculture reports that due to the continued spread of the disease, they have now imposed mandatory euthanasia of birds in some areas.

For more information, go to:

https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/pdfs/V_N_D_SB_Riverside_Area_Quarantine.pdf

https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/Newcastle_Disease_Info.html

It is important that members not allow comingling of pigeons and poultry. We also encourage members to follow recommended bio-security measures.

The AU is in contact with USDA officials and will continue to monitor the situation and advocate for pigeon fanciers.

AU Bio-Security Recommendations

Basic bio-security measures should always be used. It is more important than ever to make sure you are cleaning your loft regularly, washing hands going in and out of the loft, monitoring or perhaps restricting others from going in and out of your loft and placing new birds in a quarantine section before integrating them with your other birds. AU Bio-Security Recommendations are found at

<http://www.pigeon.org/loftcertificationpolicy.htm>