

CANDIDA (CANDIDIASIS)

A bird with candida has a *yeast infection*. **Symptoms** include a *white substance (yeast) in the beak, vomiting, weight loss, and diarrhea*, which can cause dehydration. It can be a problem for birds of all ages, including chicks. To avoid infection, good hygiene practices are a must; keep your bird's water clean, and make sure the food is fresh. Veterinarians can treat this illness.

CHRONIC EGG LAYING

Sometimes, a hen (female bird) will lay *more eggs than is healthy*. Chronic egg laying depletes the hen's calcium levels so much that in order to create eggshells, her body will begin removing calcium from her bones. This can lead to a number of serious problems, such as fractured bones and egg binding. Removing the eggs the hen has laid will only make this problem worse. Instead, environmental changes, such as new toys in the cage, a new cage location, decreased baths, and decreased daylight hours, can remedy this problem.