

ABSTRACT

FORUM ON AVIAN POX

Avian Pox is a distressing disease for which we still don't appear to have any reliably effective treatments.

The success or otherwise of current treatment methods, which differ vastly across the country, are clinically unproven, based as they are on anecdotal evidence.

Treatments range from euthanasia to surgical excision to homoeopathy and the use of anti-virals. The one thing which is common across the country is the agreement that good supportive nursing care is essential in the treatment of this disease.

Given the huge number of anti-viral treatments now available in the field of human medicine, it's hard to believe that there's not something out there which wildlife rehabilitators could also be using.

This forum led by a panel of vets and rehabilitators will discuss this issue, later addressing questions from the floor.

My idea is a panel of perhaps two vets (am thinking of Jim Pollock, and Mike Cannon if he attends the Conference) and two-three rehabilitators who have had some experience with Avian Pox (who I'd source from my network) sitting up front (miked-up) discussing the topic amongst themselves, before taking questions from the floor (some of which would be pre-arranged). Along the lines of Q&A on ABC-TV.

And if the conversation could be recorded, I'll offer to transcribe it so that delegates can download it from the website.

With best wishes,

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