

Medication for Poultry

IMPORTANT- Chickens are legally food producing animals. Even if you have no intention of eating your chickens or selling the eggs, they are still classed as farm animals and therefore are under food producing animal dispensing laws.

Unfortunately this means there are very few licensed products for treating backyard poultry. Many products used by your vet for your chickens are off licence. Using medications off licence means that the drug has not been tested to be safe in that species, by the route of administration, for the condition being treated or the dosing interval used.

If these drugs are used in your chickens, eggs should not be eaten for at least 7 days and meat for 28 days after the last dose of medication has been given. You should also never sell the eggs or meat if these products have been used, but can they can be used for home consumption.

