

Myopathy and Parasitism in a guinea fowl: a case report

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Abstract

Guinea fowls are found and raised in the wild in Africa. They are kept by farmers mainly to produce eggs, meat and as pet birds. These birds are affected by many conditions that would cause death or reduce their production. Some conditions are managemental in nature while others are infectious. Occurrence of diseases and conditions in these birds are rarely reported in Africa. This is a report of a guinea fowl that died after protracted diarrhea and was brought for post mortem at the poultry clinic in Kabete. On examination the bird had muscular degeneration (myopathy) involving the leg muscles and heavy ascaridia galli infestations. Possible impact on guinea fowl production is discussed.