

Annual Report of the AAAP

Committee for Disease Reporting and Nomenclature

1983

The Committee evaluated the current nomenclature for diseases, the host species classification for each disease, the need to delete diseases, and the addition of emerging diseases for the AAAP Disease Report.

The following changes were recommended for the 1984 report:

1. Eliminate the Bluecomb Complex category and report the disease in the miscellaneous category.
2. Establish a section for nutritional deficiencies containing categories for biotin deficiency, riboflavin deficiency, selenium deficiency, vitamin A deficiency, encephalomalacia, rickets, and miscellaneous.
3. Eliminate the nutritional and fungal dermatitis categories and report the diseases under nutritional deficiencies and mycosis.
4. Remove turkey and other species classifications from infectious bronchitis, fatty liver syndrome, and tenosynovitis; remove other species from bursal disease.

There was strong support for establishing a category for "Recurring Syndromes of Unknown Etiology" such as poult stunting syndrome, pale bird syndrome, malabsorption (maldigestion) syndrome, helicopter feathering, etc., instead of placing these in the miscellaneous category. Action was deferred until opportunity was given to the membership to respond to the suggestion.

The annual meeting of the Committee will be held during the AVMA convention on July 18, 1983, 5:00 p.m., in the Georgian Ballroom of the Sheraton Centre. The Committee solicits the recommendations of the membership to establish a disease report which reflects the collective opinion of AAAP.

The 1981 Disease Report has been submitted for publication. It is the intent of the Committee to comply with the request of the Board of Directors to publish its annual Disease Report in Avian Diseases the following year.

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