



Toolbox Talk No. 83 PIGEONS AND PSITTACOSIS (Parrot Fever)

You will have heard of Leptospirosis or Weil's disease in rats and the flu like symptoms that are an early warning sign. Other animals also may cause you to become ill and we sometimes come across pigeons at work, in cities, railway stations and so on. The biggest problem is their droppings, which are unpleasant to say the least and disgusting if you are in the wrong place at the wrong time. These droppings gradually dry up and may get turned to dust, which is then stirred up when you sweep up. This is why we insist you wear a face mask when sweeping up.

In old, deserted buildings there may be a build-up pigeon droppings and feathers, which will be unhealthy, so if you come across anything like that, tell your supervisor who will cordon it off.

As with any outdoor activity, always wash your hands before eating or smoking and don't leave clothing lying around at work. To gauge the scale of the problem, think about all the pigeons in Trafalgar Square. Tourists feed them and let them land on their heads!! If they were a serious health threat or problem, the authorities would exterminate them. Some people even keep pigeons / parrots as pets, and pigeon racing is a common hobby.

Now imagine the same number of rats!!! If you do get a bad case of flu, tell the doctor you have been working on a building site that had pigeon droppings in and around the work area.

Good hygiene will stop the illness starting and if you feel ill go to the doctor and he can test and treat it, if you are suffering from something more serious.

Psittacosis is an infection caused by Chlamydia psittaci, a type of bacteria found in the droppings of birds such as pigeons. When bird droppings dry and become airborne people may inhale them and get sick. Symptoms usually develop within 10 days after exposure, below are is a list of possible signs of infection:

- Classically, it presents as pneumonia with flu-like symptoms
- · Fever and chills with lassitude
- It may develop mildly and insidiously or develop into overwhelming sepsis with acute respiratory failure
- Respiratory symptoms non-productive cough, dyspnoea, sore throat, nose bleeds and, rarely, pleuritic chest pain
- Gastrointestinal symptoms occur less often
- In rare cases, the disease causes nausea and vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhoea and jaundice
- Neurological symptoms are common particularly severe headache and also photophobia. It may cause agitation or extreme malaise
- Dermatological manifestations facial macular rash known as Horder spots

Treatment

Antibiotics will be subscribed; treatment is normally given for 2-3 weeks to lower the risk of relapse. Patients normally show a response within 24-72 hours.

Do you have any questions for me?

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Presenter's name: Jason Wray	Presenters Signature:

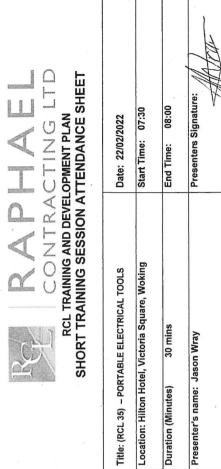
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