

Administering Subcutaneous Fluids To Your Chicken!

I AM NOT A VET; however, I have been a veterinary technician for over 15 years and my husband and I own a Veterinary Hospital. I wanted to give you guys a little 'How To' video on giving Subcutaneous (Under the skin) fluids to a chicken.

When chickens get ill, for any reason, they tend to not want to eat or drink. This leads them to become weak... and ultimately giving up. In an effort to educate how important it is to keep your chicken hydrated, I have made this video of me giving fluids to my cockerel Tommy Lee.

Let me explain that many mammals and birds have a layer of epidermis that can be 'pulled away from the muscle'. We are not so fortunate and horses are not either. This is a great way to hydrate your bird with an impacted crop, sour crop, or one that you don't think tube feeding is helping.

Here are supplies you will need:

- A bag of Lactated Ringers or Sodium Chloride (Get from your small animal Vet)
- Two needles, (I prefer 18 gauge and 20 gauge)
- An IV admin set (get from your small animal vet)
- A 15-20 cc syringe
- A helper... (4 hands are always better than 2)
- A towel

Here is a link to my video. I hope it helps and if you ever have any questions please don't hesitate to email me at farm@sweetheartsilkies.com!

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