Abstract

This paper reports a case of Newcastle disease in pet parrots located close to a retail outlet, selling indigenous chickens, in the outskirts of Nairobi. In the area, there were also a number of wild birds, mainly pigeons. While the indigenous chickens and pigeons could have been sources of the causative virus for the parrots, there is a possibility that the parrots were potential sources of the virus for the chickens; having been brought-in while already carrying the virus; only to come down with the disease as a result of confinement stress. The latter possibility is of importance, especially when considering the fact that the chickens would be bought and taken to various parts of Nairobi, and elsewhere, perpetuating dissemination of the disease further, as carriers.