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Bumbling solution

A 300 – word article

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A tiny brown spot, on the bottom my bantam's feet, was eventually diagnosed by my vet as a mild form of bumblefoot. The mark, which coincidentally, both of my bantams, Fergie and Busby had, was no bigger than a tiny spec which didn't seem to bother either of them. They were both as lively and heathy as ever, eating and drinking, so much so I nearly dismissed it, thinking it was just a blemish to the skin or perhaps a chicken birth mark!

To be on the safe side I thought I should get them checked over by a vet, and I was glad I did as I was told my hens had 'bumblefoot', not at a serious stage but if left untreated it would get worse and could be fatal. The treatment? A gel called 'Preparation H' which is something humans are given for haemorrhoids! I couldn't believe it, and I was somewhat embarrassed when I had to buy it in the chemist, when I told the pharmacist why I was purchasing it, she was as surprised as I had been when she realised it was for a chicken!

Anyhow, the biggest surprise of all was it worked! If your hens contract this bacterial infection in their feet, dab some salt water on the area, apply the haemorrhoid gel and you can be sure within a week, bumblefoot will be no more!

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