



DIATOMACEOUS EARTH: A NATURAL CHICKEN MITE TREATMENT

Diatomaceous earth (DE) can be used as a natural chicken lice and mite treatment.

Step 1:

Clean the coop. If you have a wood or concrete floor, wash it with water. If you have a dirt floor, use a broom to remove some of the excess dust.

Step 2:

Once the floor is clean and has dried, apply a layer of DE. The layer should be a light dusting: use a broom to help spread it out evenly.

Step 3:

Remove and disinfect the roosts. You can disinfect and clean them by using warm water and vinegar and a scouring tool. Apply another thin layer of DE around the roosting area.

Step 4:

As you re-bed the coop, treat your bedding with DE. Sprinkle about 2½ cups of DE for every square metre (2 cups per square yard). Then, using a rake, turn the bedding over to distribute the DE throughout.

Step 5:

Add a thin layer of DE to the top of the dust bathing area.

Step 6:

Repeat with every coop cleaning.