

Psittacosis in Birds and Man

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OBJECTIVE : To survey the occurrence of psittacosis in birds and man.

BACKGROUND : No report on psittacosis in man and animals has been made in Thailand, although psittacine birds are common in this country.

DESCRIPTION : Birds were purchased from a bird dealer. Their blood was obtained for a CF test and a suspension of liver and spleen was inoculated into mice for an isolation attempt.

RESULTS :

1. During the period of March to August 1976, 73 birds of 12 kinds were obtained for the study, no evidence of psittacosis was found in these birds.
2. Thirty-three sera of patients with pneumonitis were tested for the presence of CF antibody. All sera contained the CF at a titer less than 1 : 10.