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Indian Runner Ducks are a unique and fascinating breed of duck that is becoming increasingly popular as pets. These ducks are known for their upright posture, which gives them the appearance of running rather than waddling. They are also very active and playful, making them a great choice for families with children.

If you're considering getting an Indian Runner Duck as a pet, it's important to do your research first. This book will provide you with all the information you need to know about these birds, including their history, appearance, care, and feeding. We'll also discuss some of the common health problems that Indian Runner Ducks can face, and how to prevent and treat them.

## History of Indian Runner Ducks

Indian Runner Ducks are thought to have originated in Southeast Asia, where they were used for centuries as a source of food and eggs. They were first brought to Europe in the 19th century, and quickly became popular as a pet and show bird. Today, Indian Runner Ducks are found all over the world, and are one of the most popular breeds of duck kept as pets.

## **Appearance of Indian Runner Ducks**

Indian Runner Ducks are a medium-sized breed of duck, with males typically weighing between 4 and 5 pounds and females weighing between 3 and 4 pounds. They have a long, slender body with a distinctive upright posture. Their heads are small and narrow, with a long, curved beak. Their eyes are dark brown, and their legs and feet are yellow or orange. The plumage of Indian Runner Ducks can vary greatly, but the most common colors are black, white, blue, and khaki. Some Indian Runner Ducks also have a mottled or spotted pattern.

## **Care of Indian Runner Ducks**

Indian Runner Ducks are relatively easy to care for, but there are a few things you need to know to keep them healthy and happy.

### **Housing**

Indian Runner Ducks need a spacious coop that is well-ventilated and protected from the elements. The coop should be at least 4 feet wide by 8 feet long for a small flock of 4-6 ducks. The coop should also have a nesting box for each duck, as well as a roosting area where they can sleep at night.

### **Bedding**

The bedding in the coop should be clean and dry. You can use straw, wood shavings, or shredded paper. The bedding should be changed regularly to prevent it from becoming damp and moldy.

## **Water**

Indian Runner Ducks need access to fresh water at all times. The water should be changed daily to keep it clean. You can also provide your ducks with a kiddie pool or small pond where they can swim and play.

## **Food**

Indian Runner Ducks are omnivores, and their diet should consist of a variety of foods. You can feed your ducks a commercial duck feed, or you can supplement their diet with fruits, vegetables, and grains. Some good choices for duck food include:

- Duck pellets
- Corn
- Wheat
- Oats
- Fruits (such as apples, bananas, and berries)
- Vegetables (such as carrots, lettuce, and spinach)

## **Exercise**

Indian Runner Ducks are very active birds, and they need plenty of exercise to stay healthy. You can provide your ducks with exercise by

letting them out into a fenced-in yard or by providing them with a large run where they can run and play.

## **Feeding Indian Runner Ducks**

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It is important to provide your ducks with a balanced diet that contains all the nutrients they need. You should also avoid feeding your ducks moldy or spoiled food, as this can make them sick.

## **Common Health Problems in Indian Runner Ducks**

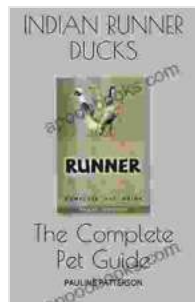
Indian Runner Ducks are generally healthy birds, but they can be susceptible to a number of health problems, including:

- Duck virus enteritis (DVE)
- Duck plague

- Aspergillosis
- Internal parasites
- External parasites

It is important to vaccinate your ducks against DVE and duck plague, and to regularly deworm them to prevent internal parasites. You should also inspect your ducks regularly for external parasites, such as lice and mites.

Indian Runner Ducks are a unique and fascinating breed of duck that make great pets. They are easy to care for and can provide years of enjoyment. If you're considering getting an Indian Runner Duck as a pet, be sure to do your research first and provide your duck with the care and attention it needs to live a long and healthy life.



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