

Lipoma Information Sheet

What are they?

A lipoma is a fatty lump that usually grows just under the skin. It can be found anywhere on your bird's body but is most commonly seen in the abdominal region or the chest.

What causes lipomas to form?

Diets high in fat can lead to the accumulation of this in different areas of the body. Fat often accumulates in areas like the liver and under the skin, and in some cases lipomas can form.

Other than forming lumps lipomas can also cause physical obstruction and interfere with the function of the other organs.

Can they be treated?

We have a range of different treatment options and each case is different. The first step is to book your bird in for a consultation where the attending veterinarian will examine your bird and discuss all of the options available for diagnostic testing and treatment.



How are they treated?

In some cases treatment may be as simple as improving your birds diet to allow the size of the lipoma to reduce. In other cases surgical removal may be advised.

Many external lipoma's mimic the fat deposits that are occurring inside your bird which can affect organ function, in these cases blood testing will often be recommended.

Which birds are more likely to have lipomas?

Lipomas are most commonly seen in budgies, galahs, rosellas, cockatoos, Amazons and cockatiels, but can be seen in any bird.

