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Recommendation for Parks and Public Areas with Wild Bird Mortalities
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There is an active avian influenza virus outbreak in this area/park. Dead waterfowl are being found in the park and are being regularly removed by animal control officers. The risk of avian influenza to people and companion animals (such as dogs and cats) is low. However, the virus can be transported on footwear and pets' feet and fur to other locations and potentially infect domestic poultry, pet birds or wild birds. Avian influenza causes significant impact on poultry farms and to other birds (pet birds and wild birds) and we all need to do our part to minimize transmission of the virus.

Dead birds may also carry other diseases that can impact companion animals or people.

Please follow these steps:

1. Stay away from the park if you have contact with poultry or birds
2. Keep your animal(s) on leash at all times when in the park and away from waterfowl habitat (such as water and water's edge, and areas contaminated by bird droppings)
3. Clean and dry footwear and your pet's feet and wet fur after visiting the park
4. Do not pick up or allow your pet contact with dead bird carcasses