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**[Probiotics:](#)** Very important for molting, stressed or sickly birds, chicks or elderly pets, as well as those who have undergone antibiotic treatments. Antibiotics destroy "friendly" bacteria in the gut, allowing harmful pathogens to grow unchecked. Probiotics suppress the growth of potentially harmful organisms and boost the immune system. Acidophilus also helps to restore the microbial balance within the digestive tract. The probiotic strains acidophilus and bifidum release anti-fungal enzymes and alkalize the body, so pathogens, such as candida (a big problem with chicks and stressed birds), can't flourish.

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Scaly Face



This is a budgie with Cnemodectopes mites. She is currently being treated with Ivermectin. We more commonly see this mite affecting the beak, causing overgrowth and deformity.

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