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What make a young helmets crop fill with air? I don't mean the small amount that happens regularly but this is similar to a pouters globe that is ready to burst. I have lanced it to let the air out but it will heel and fill with air again.

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You can also stick a small piece of surgical tubing down his throat and release the air. It will fill right back up again with every breath but you can release it a couple times a day. Not sure what the injury is it could just be swelling in the throat I have dealt with it before I dont believe I have ever sucesfully kept one but mostly because I just quit trying.

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I have found that in young babies that bloat up their crop with air, that is the beginning of canker somewhere along the throat or even inside the crop. I assume their throat is irritated so they are continually swallowing, which is all air. Sour crop does this because of the gases being released by the fungi or bacterial-rotting feed in their crop. I think it is an enzyme or something like that. They say a flush with pepto bismal or baking soda solves it.

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THATS EXACTLY WHAT I DO,BAKING SODA OR PEPTO,DOES CROP HAVE A ODOR.

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I've heard of the baking soda trick also but the ones I had the feed was passing through ok they just had their throat so sealed up that the air would not escape and you could almost see them fill up like a pouter ..might be canker??makes sense?/ that would surely be closing off the passage.. If you really wanted to try to save one you could treat for both conditions and try to fix a tube down the throat to release the air until the swelling went down or the canker went away

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Thanks for all your help. As for oder there doesn't seem to be any and for visible canker I cant see any of that. I did treat today with Spartrex in case it is canker and will try your other suggestions. I probably wouldn't try so hard to save this bird but it is a bird I really like to this point and it is good to know what may work for next time it happens. Thanks again for the help.

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