

Diseases of ADULT bees

Nosema and Dysentery

A fungal disease that affects the bees' gut. The bee will look normal but have dysentery (diarrhoea). It 'poos' in the hive and you will see streaks of diarrhoea on frames and on the outside of the hive.



Evidence of nosema infection
Photo: Pamela Todd

Bee Paralysis Virus

Caused by a virus. The bee goes shiny and black. They may have swollen abdomens and dislocated wings. They cannot fly and can be seen crawling in front of the hive or on a comb.

Deformed Wing Virus

Caused by a virus. Usually there is an overload of varroa mites within the colony that weakens the bees and opens them up to infection.



Deformed wing virus
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