Sleep next to a chicken, avoid malaria

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Scientists have come up with a surprising way to avoid getting malaria - sleeping with a chicken next to the bed.   
  
A study in Ethiopia found that while mosquitoes have a taste for human blood, they are repelled by the smell of chickens.  
  
Testing the blood in mosquitoes that had recently fed, researchers from Sweden and Ethiopia, found just one out of nearly 1,200 had bitten a chicken with people and cattle seeming to bear the brunt of the insects' attentions.