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10. National Champion old birds 2015

For Röhnfried the needs of the modern racing pigeon is the beginning of an optimal feed system. Only once the needs for essential nutrients and active additives are met can we expect above-average performance in the long term. In addition to the racing, performance also includes regular egg laying with a 100% fertilisation and hatching rate, a short breeding cycle and above all fast-growing young that are as well-developed as possible. In the autumn our concern is for the moulting to go smoothly with excellent plumage development and better fitness and vitality during and after the moult. The aim in winter is gentle purging while maintaining vitality.

We are very good at assessing the individual success factors these days. Only through optimised feeding and accompanying health management throughout the year do we lay the foundations for the best possible performance of our racing pigeons.



Röhnfried®

Right in the front!

Optimised feeding with all nutrients and active additives!

To provide an overview, we would like to suggest to performance-oriented breeders as well as hobbyists feeding plans that meet the needs of the racing pigeon in all phases of life and performance. Our aim is to provide the best possible support for the pigeons without putting unnecessary strain on them. We combine tried-and-tested concepts with the latest innovations from science and research, allowing breeders to fully devote themselves to their pigeons.

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Röhnfried's 7-point plan for the racing season

This feeding concept was developed for breeders who wish to feed their pigeons with complete safety while taking advantage of specific preparations that promote performance and health.

1. Accelerating regeneration:

Carbohydrates

To speed up recovery we take advantage of the readily available carbohydrates in **Mumm** and the organic phosphorus in **Rotosal**. After a flight, racing pigeons have mainly depleted their energy stores. Therefore, they recover significantly faster after a flight if they are fed carbohydrates and Butafosfan.

Protein

The day after a flight, we provide racing pigeons with the highly concentrated animal protein from **K + K Protein 3000** to make sure that muscles and tissue are regenerated. This protein is digested easily. It is indispensable for a fast recovery.

Short Chain Amino Acids

Immediately after the flight, the amino acid stores need to be replenished. **Bt-Amin forte** is designed to accomplish this. It contains large doses of the essential amino acids while also providing the pigeons with the needed B vitamins after the flight without unnecessary stress on the metabolism.

2. Reduce infection pressure

Prevention is better than cure

We use **Avidress Plus** for the disinfection of the drinking water. This lowers the pH of the water. This together with the use of **Usne-Gano** reduces the risk of infection.

You can find our feeding concept for a successful season on pages 4/5.



3. Strengthening immunity:

Improving the Immune Response

The (1.3/1.6)- β -Glucans in the **Immunbooster** activate the immune system while specific cellulose molecules in powder form lead to larger villi. As a result the pigeons are more resilient against infections.

Probiotics – Healthy from the gut

Providing pigeons with probiotics has been proven beneficial after stress phases, high performance demands, and drug treatment. Probiotic bacteria in **Entrobac** improve the intestinal flora thus strengthening the pigeons' immune response.

4. Stimulating the Metabolism

L-Carnitine and Iodine

At the beginning of every week, we stimulate the metabolism with **Hexenbier** and iodine. Supplementation with L-carnitine (**Carni-Speed**) allows the muscles to perform at top capacity. Pigeons supplemented in such a way tire noticeably slower in flight and consequently, the training is significantly more efficient. Therefore, cramping feet are a problem of the past.

5. Replenishing vitality reserves:

Vital Nutrients

Supplementing the pigeons with additional energy sources is essential for long flights. **Oregano-sheep fat** and our **Energy Oil** supply this energy. We recommend drying with **RO 200 ready** to satisfy the increased metabolic demands.

6. Keeping the airways free

Probiotics -Tiny Helpers with Huge Impact

After flights in the rain or long express stays treatment of the mucous membranes with **Avisana** is a tried and proven method. After the treatment, the pigeons have bright white noses and clean throats.

The Power of Nature

In particular ahead of flights in hot weather but also before the season starts, it makes sense to use plant oils and herb mixtures such as **Avimycin** and **Atemfrei** (Free Breath) to keep the insides of the pigeons' airways free. The most beneficial characteristic of this combination is the fact that it does not damage the intestinal flora.

Released breathe

Before important races and 2 week before the season starts we have to clean the respiratory tract with **Rozitol**.

7. Optimised mineral supply

Minerals and Trace Elements

Aside from the above described targets, the optimal supplementation with grit and minerals should be part of the routine. Including **Reise-Mineral** (Flight) along with **Taubenfreund Grit with Anise** and **Expert Mineral** in the daily feed ensures that your pigeons will receive the optimal amounts of minerals and trace elements. Furthermore it is possible to give the pigeons some liquid minerals with our **Mineraldrink**.

	Racing day	Sunday	Monday
<p>Feed supplements</p> <p> All supplements can be fed together in one mixture.</p>		<p>In the morning and evening:</p> <p>Accelerating regeneration: Moorgold + K+K Protein 3000</p>	<p>In the morning:</p> <p>Strengthening immunity: Moorgold + Entrobac + Immunbooster</p> <p>In the evening:</p> <p>Strengthening immunity: Moorgold + Entrobac + Immunbooster</p>
<p>Water additives</p> <p> The recommended water additives can be fed together in one drinker.</p>	<p>Accelerating regeneration: 1st drinker Rotosal + Bt-Amin forte</p> <p>Reducing infection pressure: 2nd drinker Avidress + UsneGano</p>	<p>Reducing infection pressure: Avidress Plus</p> <p>Stimulating the metabolism: Carni-Speed</p>	<p>Reducing infection pressure: Avidress Plus</p> <p>Stimulating the metabolism: Carni-Speed</p>

Feeding concept

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Basketing day / Friday
<p>In the morning:</p> <p>Strengthening immunity: Moorgold + Entrobac + Immunbooster</p>	<p>Over 250 miles in the evening:</p> <p>Replenishing vitality reserves: Energie-Öl + RO 200 ready</p>	<p>In the morning:</p> <p>Replenishing vitality reserves: Energie-Öl + RO 200 ready</p> <p>In the evening:</p> <p>Replenishing vitality reserves: Energie-Öl + RO 200 ready</p>	
<p>Reducing infection pressure: Avidress Plus</p> <p>Stimulating the metabolism: Carni-Speed</p>	<p>Reducing infection pressure: Avidress Plus</p> <p>Stimulating the metabolism: Carni-Speed + Blitzform</p>	<p>Stimulating the metabolism: Carni-Speed + Rotosal</p>	<p>Stimulating the metabolism: Carni-Speed + Rotosal</p>

TIP

- 1. Respiratory:**
Every 4 weeks and before important races we recommend to give three days **Avimycin** together with **Energy-Oil** over the corn.
- 2. Muscle regeneration:**
After heavy races we recommend to give 4 meals **K+K Protein 3000**.

Röhmfried® feeding concept breeding:

The quality of young pigeons is a direct consequence of optimum nutrition. What's crucial for breeding is whether the performance potential can develop to the full. For this reason, it's not enough to invest in the best and healthy parents, you must also ensure that the breeding animals receive the best possible nutrition at all times. With the feeding concept outlined below you leave nothing to chance.

The result of these efforts are perfectly developed young pigeons. The feeding concept is based on a reduced amount of the difficult-to-digest peas and instead includes more high-quality and easily digestible toasted soya beans and seeds such as hemp, which are rich in valuable linoleic and linolenic acids. The optimised feeding concept also includes vitamins, minerals, trace elements and amino acids for best breeding performance. Especially when preparing for breeding the focus should be in administration of vitamin E.

Tip: Gradually convert to breeding food before breeding no later than 5 days prior to coupling. After egg laying and until shortly before hatching up to 50% winter food can be fed.

Winter breeding: Especially during the cold time of the year the optimised feeding concepts will promote regular egg laying, high fertilisation and hatching rates and healthy and quick development of the young.



Feed additives

Gervit-W + K+K Protein
(both twice a week)

Water additives

Avidress Plus + UsneGano
(daily) (twice a week)

Röhmfried® Feeding concepts winter/rest

The winter can be used to get the animals in the best possible condition for breeding and racing after moulting. Vaccinations are also carried out in winter. Only if the pigeons are fed properly including all essential nutrients is it possible for vaccines to work properly and for immunoglobulins (antibodies) to develop.

This includes optimum feeding in the long term and intermittent administration of feed supplements that support the immune system.

Furthermore, the feeding concept for the winter phase is based on high-fibre with a high percentage of filling crude fibre. Protein content is reduced to avoid metabolic strain. Dosed administration of vitamins and trace elements in the winter ensures the best possible preparation, especially before and after vaccinations. Proper drinking water hygiene should also be part of any feeding concept during the rest and winter period.

Tip: After moulting and until coupling feeding should be kept to a minimum.



Feed additives

Gervit-W + Entrobac
(both once a week)

Water additives

Avidress Plus + UsneGano
(daily) (twice a week)

Röhmfried® Feeding concept: young pigeons during the training phase

Young pigeons in the training phase (no later than 6 weeks prior to the show flights):

If the young pigeons do not show great willingness to fly, their health must be checked (trichomonads, intestinal parasites, general bacterial infection etc.).

At the beginning of the training phase the youngsters should get used to the training basket. As feed we recommend a light mix, to get the pigeons to explore their environment. If they then become more inclined to fly, this has to be taken into account through adding fat-containing grains. If the young still don't show much willingness to explore despite being in excellent health, we recommend that you add Carni-Speed to their drinking water for 7 days. After that the pigeons should want to fly a lot.

As soon as the training phase starts infection pressure should be lowered and the immune system strengthened from the gut. Once the preliminary flights are over you should convert to the feeding concept of old pigeons (page 4/5).



Feed additives

Entrobac
(4 times a week)

Water additives

Avitestin + UsneGano
(daily) (twice a week)

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Carbohydrates

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Our first goal in the week after every competitive flight is a speedy recovery. Science provides us with the necessary insights for supporting the recovery with demand-oriented strategies.

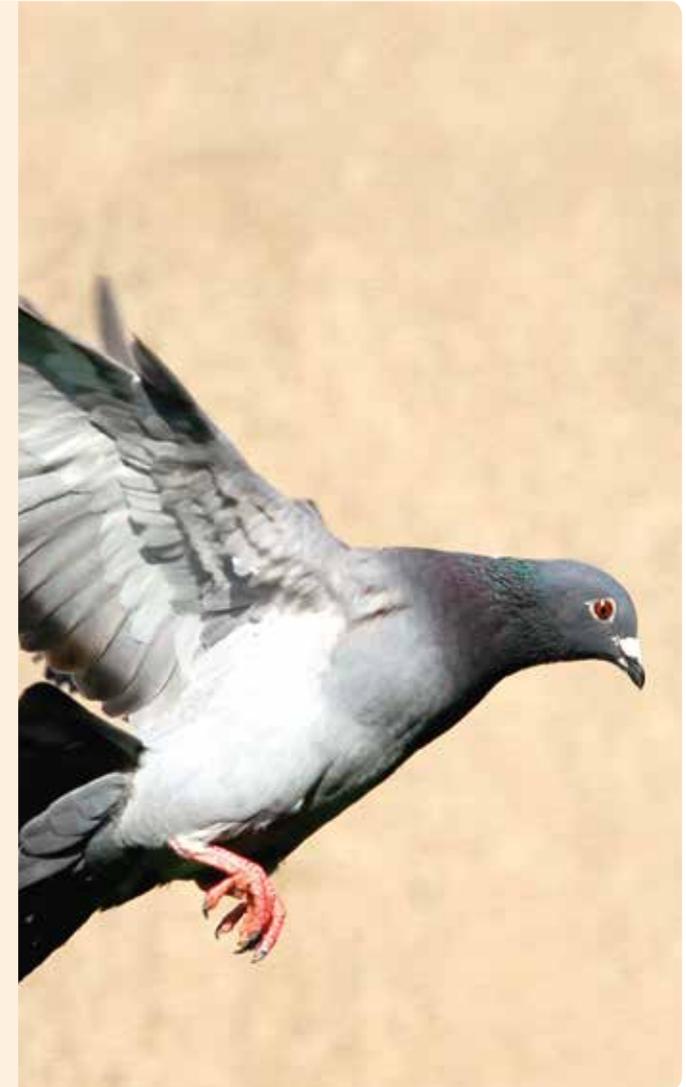
Every competitive flight means stress. The longer the flight, the more energy is spent. Today's well informed breeders know that carbohydrate is metabolised in the first flight phase. Then, after about an hour of flying, the fat burning process supplies the pigeons with most of the energy. In flight, protein is negligible as source of energy. Independent of whether pigeons in flight have the wind in their backs or coming from the front, immediately after the competitive flight, pigeons start building up their energy reserves. The simplest and fastest way to do that is to store carbohydrates as glycogen in the liver and muscles.

! It therefore stands to reason to shorten the recovery phase by feeding carbohydrates as early as possible. The 'fastest' way is adding carbohydrates to the water. Feeding carbohydrate-rich grains builds up energy resources in a slightly slower process. Pigeons tend to drink plenty of water immediately after their return to the loft. Therefore, providing carbohydrates in the drinking water has the additional advantage of quickstarting the rebuilding of energy stores. We recommend adding a mix of fast and slowly metabolised carbohydrates to keep the blood sugar level balanced.

In the course of longer competitive flights, increased fat burning is another factor. This involves the oxidation of free fatty acids, a process, which also leads to the formation of ketone bodies. After more than 2 hours of flight time, we therefore recommend adding the organic phosphorus supplement Butafosfan to the feed to speed up the utilisation and clearance of metabolic side products. For many years now, Butafosfan is fed to working animals to lighten the stress on the liver and to accelerate the recovery after physical stress. Especially in cases of medium and intense exhaustion, the pigeons recover fast and quickly regain their physical strength.

Antioxidative vitamin C can not only help to replenish depleted glycogen stores on a cellular level, but it can also strengthen the body's own defence system and accelerate the regeneration process.

Moreover it supports iron absorption in the gastro-intestinal tract and is a part of the body's own hormonal synthesis. Additionally, this valuable vitamin also participates indirectly in the fat burning process in the muscular system. That is why we recommend to supplement vitamin C immediately after the race.



Mumm

Feed supplement for pigeons

with
Vitamin C



regeneration

Flight energy

Tonic

Regeneration

Speeding up the recovery

Mumm is an easy to digest and water soluble tonic that provides energy and replenishes glycogen reserves. Because it contains various carbohydrates, **Mumm** is able to provide energy before the flight and quickly replenish glycogen stores after the flight. **Mumm** also contains various vitamins, potassium and magnesium, which ensures straightforward muscle regeneration after the flight.

Feeding recommendation:

During the entire racing period, **Mumm** should be given via the trough. Before the flights 2 measuring spoons (10 g) with 1 l water for 2 days. On the flight day only clear water. It is important to feed **Mumm** after the pigeons' return for 1-2 days (2 measuring spoons (10 g) with 1 l water) to ensure fast recovery. Can be fed together with Rotosal. Can be fed together with Rotosal.

400 g tin

Art.-No. 11499

Klaus Steinbrink recognised:



Klaus Steinbrink

"Rotosal is in the drinking water whenever my pigeons come home from a flight. Shortly after drinking the Rotosal the pigeons are at their level best again."

- 2nd National Champion 2014 with old birds
- 7th National Champion 2016 with yearlings



Rotosal

Feed supplement for pigeons

10%
Butafosfan



regeneration

Regeneration

Liver relief

Improving performance

Rotosal is a liquid feed supplement based on organic phosphor and oligosaccharides to quickly counter phosphor and energy deficits before and after long-distance races and general stress such as after treatments, moult and breeding. The Butafosfan it contains provides liver relief, which in turn leads to improved performance during the race. **Rotosal** is stable in the trough for more than 8 hours and is mainly used to accelerate regeneration.

Feeding recommendation: For feeding with drinking water or with grain feed.

Before and after stresses: 5 ml for 20 pigeons.

After intense stress: 10 ml for 20 pigeons.

Moult/breeding: 2-3 times a week 5 ml for 20 pigeons. Fresh drinking water daily.

Tip: 5 ml **Rotosal** for 20 pigeons as the last meal before a flight (e.g. peeled sunflower seeds) with feed.

250 ml bottle

Art.-No. 11417

Protein

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Maintaining or restoring the health of tissues such as the muscles and tendons as well as the inner organs, the blood and liver is our second priority in the course of the week.

Therefore, it is of utmost importance to feed readily digestible protein in substantial amounts on the day following a competitive flight. Aside from observations, there are also scientific data on the protein metabolism in pigeons. They were gathered by Professor Haas from the University in Kiel (Germany). On the day after a competitive flight, analyses of pigeon blood reveal a marker for the catabolism (decomposition) of muscle tissue. This marker is not present immediately after the competitive flight, i.e. muscle tissue (protein) is not catabolised during the competition. However, on the day after the competitive flight – when the quickly replenishable energy reserves (glycogen) are already filled up again – some kind of ‘metabolic review’ takes place in the organism of the pigeons. As part of the musculoskeletal system regeneration the body renews the structure of muscle fibres. To accomplish this, the body needs available amino acids (AAs) to serve as building blocks. The different essential amino acids must be available in properly balanced and sufficient amounts. Still, this complex requirement can be easily met. The best suited protein sources are animal protein or mixtures of plant and animal protein with those amino acids added, which limit the protein biosynthesis.

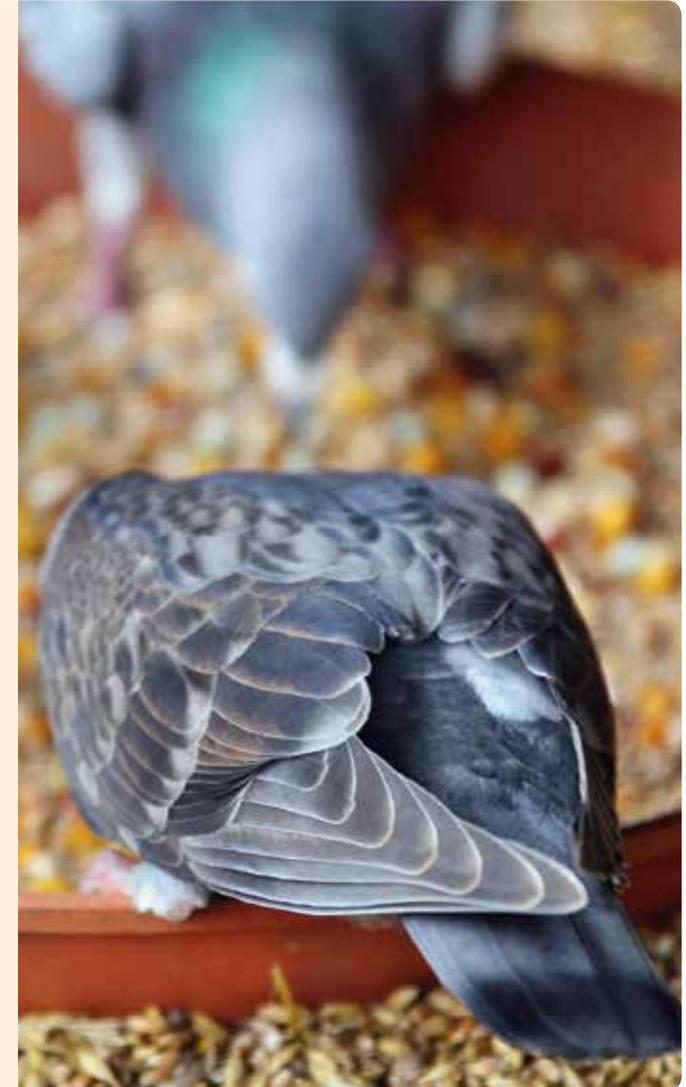
 Under no circumstances should you feed large amounts of protein on the day the pigeons fly. In such a case, the metabolism would first generate the required energy using the protein. Protein cannot be completely metabolised. This leads to the accumulation of

considerable amounts of ammonia. Since ammonia is cytotoxic, this leads to a condition often referred to as ‘blue blood’. The body eliminates ammonia by turning it into urea and uric acid, which will be eliminated via the urinary tract. These processes require energy and are therefore an unnecessary burden on the metabolism. Longer recovery periods will be the result. These counter-productive processes can be avoided by implementing the recommendations for the energy recovery phase and the protein recovery phase in the above time sequence.



Feeding electrolytes and short-chain amino acids is yet another way to speed up the recovery. Electrolytes are essential for the acid-base balance and they furnish needed salt. Since pigeons like other birds do not have sweat glands, electrolytes are not depleted in flight. Therefore, electrolytes are more important in the preparation for the next competition starting about mid-week until the end of the week.

The scientific literature confirms the importance of amino acid (AA) supplements in the recovery process. In contrast to feeding protein-rich grains or ‘modern’ protein powders, the respective supplements merely provide specific AA and/or short-chain AA compounds, which are often given in the drinking water. In flight, the latter supplements do not stress the metabolism like the supplementation with protein. Instead, these AAs and short-chain AA compounds support the recovery after stress and lighten the load for the liver



K+K Protein® Dragees

Feed supplement for pigeons



regeneration

Individual Feeding Regimen

Muscle Building

Recovery/Regeneration

Speeding up the recovery

Coated **K+K protein**® tablets contain readily digestible animal protein. This protein is extracted from top quality blood plasma. It also contains methionine, lecithin, and magnesium to support the fast recovery of racing pigeons. The tablets cause hardly any metabolic stress. Therefore, they are well suited for the individual supplementation of pigeons arriving late from a flight or very exhausted pigeons.

Feeding Recommendation:

One coated **K+K Protein**® tablet (0.54 g) per pigeon after the race.

100 tablets

Art.-No. 11314

Sedochol

Feed supplement for pigeons



regeneration

Liver protection

Regeneration

Moult & breeding help

Sedochol is a mix of the sulphurous amino acid methionine, sorbitol and choline. Methionine is contained in large amounts in the feathers, which makes it essential for a faultless moult. Choline and sorbitol, which are involved in protein and fat metabolism, provide active liver protection and fast regeneration after a race. **Sedochol** is especially recommended when changing rations and to promote digestion.

Feeding recommendation:

After stress, during breeding and moult 10 ml per 1 litre of drinking water or 750 g feed. The solution has to be changed daily Sedochol can be fed with **Avidress Plus, UsneGano, Elektrolyt 3Plus** together in a trough.

500 ml bottle

Art.-No. 11347

1000 ml bottle

Art.-No. 11348

K+K Protein® 3000

Feed supplement for pigeons



regeneration

Multi-protein

Muscle development

Immune support

K+K Protein 3000® is an easily digestible protein concentrate made from animal and plant proteins with a crude protein content of 65%. In addition to muscle development **K+K Protein 3000**® supports digestion with the siliceous and healing earth it contains. **K+K Protein 3000**® also contains valuable immunoglobulins which support the immune system and thus strengthen the body's defences after the flight. The added limiting amino acid methionine ensures smooth protein metabolism and excellent plumage development during the moult.

Feeding recommendation:

Racing season: 4 meals starting on the day of return, two measuring spoons (20 g) per 500 g feed. Can be fed together with **Entrobac** and **Avimycin**. **Breeding and moulting period:** 4 meals per week.

600g tin

Art.-No. 11147

Short Chain Amino Acids

1.



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Recent studies on various types of endurance sports indicate that the supplementation with short chain amino acids in addition to readily available carbohydrates as early as in the first two hours after a competitive event improves the regeneration of exhausted muscle tissue. The rationale behind it is the expectation that engaging in intensive endurance sports will injure muscle fibres, which will regenerate significantly faster if readily available amino acids are provided.

In terms of our recommendations for the improved regeneration and recovery the timing of the supplementation with anabolic amino acids is as important as the amounts. Up to date studies are therefore very significant. According to recent insights we want to give simple amino acids in conjunction with readily available carbohydrates as early as in the first two hours after intensive training or races. As described in the chapter on carbohydrates for the regeneration of energy stores, the glycogen stores in the body are quickly filled up after a flight. Relatively new is the insight that the necessary repair of injured muscle fibres can be induced early. Some data show that targeted combinations of carbohydrates

and the respective amino acids have beneficial effects. This is due to the fact that in homing pigeons as in other animals ingested carbohydrates lead to the increased secretion of the hormone insulin, which also stimulates the synthesis of new muscle protein. With these new insights in mind, our recommendation for the initial recovery phase involving the supplementation with easily digestible carbohydrates in the first drinking water after a competitive flight also favours the hormonally induced muscle regeneration. After a flight, feeding carbohydrates for the regeneration of the energy stores should therefore be combined with the supplementation of short chain amino acids in the drinking water. Different from feeding protein-rich grains or 'modern' protein powders, the respective supplements contain only individual AAs (amino acids) or short chain AA compounds, which are often given in the drinking water. These supplements do not stress the metabolism because they are immediately available to the body without elaborate energy-consuming digestions. Feeding the supplements therefore supports the recovery and does not cause stress on the liver.

Another aspect in favour of feeding amino acid supplements is the insight that full amino acid stores support the immune system.

It is further known that full AA stores help to prevent injuries to the musculoskeletal system.

The muscles show less fatigue and their structural integrity is described as superior. Therefore, amino acids should already be fed before intensive training and competitive flights. Very short intensive stress situations (preliminary and private training flights) lead to acidification due to the presence of lactate; after longer exhaustive activity ammonia accumulates.

Some of the essential amino acids prevent this and are therefore also highly recommended for the preparation in spring to prevent fatigue caused by increased ammonia levels. The new forms of long-term supplementation with highly concentrated amino acids can increase the racing as well as the important training performance.

Bt-Amin® forte

Feed supplement for pigeons



regeneration

Amino acids

B vitamines

Electrolytes

Bt-Amin forte contains high doses of amino acids, electrolytes and B-vitamins in a defined composition. The essential amino acids are readily available and are thus during medication treatments and in the travel time an optimal relief. The numerous high-dose B vitamins are essential for blood formation and nerve tonic during the travel season.

Feeding recommendation: 15 ml per liter of drinking water.

While medication cures daily.

In the first drinker on flight day.

In the moulting season 3 times per week.

Storage: not more than + 25 ° C, tightly, closed and protected from light store!

1000 ml bottle

Art.-No. 11483

Avipharm® liquid

Feed supplement for pigeons



regeneration

Regeneration

Amino Acid Balance

Stimulation of the
Metabolism

Accelerating regeneration

Avipharm contains electrolytes, vitamins and amino acids. It ensures speedy recovery periods after a flight. Very small protein building blocks make it easier for the pigeon to rebuild essential tissue and also stimulate the metabolism during moulting and breeding. The vitamins in **Avipharm** support the pigeons after treatment with antibiotics and after stress phases.

Feeding Recommendation:

20 ml Avipharm daily (4 screw caps full) in 1 Litre of drinking water during the moulting and breeding periods, for raising squabs, after competitive flights, and to meet the increased need for nutrients after treatment with antibiotics.

1000 ml bottle Art.-No. 10869

Elektrolyt 3Plus

Feed supplement for pigeons



regeneration

Water balance

Muscle function

Quick energy

Elektrolyt 3Plus is an excellent combination of electrolytes and carbohydrates, which ensures that body fluids are restored to normal again quickly after moisture loss. **Elektrolyt 3Plus** should always be administered before and after major exertion. It supports the body's water balance and significantly shortens the recovery phase. It contains magnesium and potassium which are important for proper muscle and heart function.

Feed recommendation:

1 measuring spoon (10 g) with 1 litre of drinking water.

600 g tin Art.-No. 11308



Prevention is better than cure

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We know many infections are transmitted through the drinking water. Because of this, we have concentrated on water hygiene and the reduction of infection from cross contamination. The following graph describes the cell division and proliferation of E.coli dependent on pH value. Similar results have also been obtained for salmonella.

As we know, bacteria cannot thrive under a pH value of 4.5. This led us to develop the product **Avidress Plus**. This adjusts the pH value of the drinking water to pH 4.5.



Avidress Plus is a mixture of different modified natural acids, combined with herbal ingredients. The long-term administration of **Avidress Plus** has proved itself to reduce infection. We therefore recommend a daily dose of 5ml of **Avidress Plus** to 1 litre of drinking water for natural health and preservation. Veterinary examinations show that we can reduce pathogens effectively in this way, such as salmonella, E.coli, Streptococcus and Trichomonas.

Avidress® Plus

Feed supplement for pigeons



infection pressure

- Prevent canker
- Healthy pigeons
- Inforce metabolism

Avidress plus contains short-chain acids that lower the pH value of the drinking water to such an extent that the risk of infection is also lowered. It also contains minerals, trace elements, oregano and cinnamon. This mix together with the acids makes the metabolism more efficient. Pigeons looked after this way are simply healthier.

Experiences: Many vets who specialise in pigeons confirm that there is rarely any evidence of pathogenic organisms (trichomonads & bacteria) in the crop smear of pigeons fed with **Avidress Plus**.

Feeding recommendation: Administer daily throughout the year during racing season, breeding, moult and rest time: 10 ml (1 dosage) per 2 litre of drinking water. Administration of medicines at the same time should always be discussed with a vet first. The dose size in the bottle neck is 10ml. **Avidress Plus** can be mixed with **Carni-Speed**, **UsneGano** and **Entrobac** without a problem. *Shake before use!*

1000 ml bottle

Art.-No. 11145

5 liter canister

Art.-No. 11146

UsneGano

Feed supplement for pigeons

beardlichen-oregano-Mix



infection pressure

- Oregano
- Usnea barbata
- Strengthened combination

UsneGano consists of a beardlichen (Usnea barbata) tincture and oregano with the natural ingredients usnic acid, carvacrol and thymol. The importance of this unique combination of ingredients is known from the literature. Pigeons who are given **UsneGano** will have firm droppings and bright, white noses shortly after feeding.

Feeding recommendation:

Pigeons: Daily to promote digestion, or 2 to 3 times a week. 3 ml /litre drinking water. **Breeding, rearing and moult:** 2-3 times a week. **Racing pigeons:** 1-2 days after race, 2 before the flight. **UsneGano** can also be administered with **Avidress Plus**, **Carni-Speed** and **Entrobac** in a trough. Storage information: Store well sealed and away from light!

250 ml bottle

Art.-No. 11250

500 ml bottle

Art.-No. 11251



3.

Special acids against the young bird sickness

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As we know the trough is an ideal medium for pathogenic organisms, which is why they are the main mode of transition of diseases of racing pigeons. For this reason, a lowering of the pH value of the drinking water for racing pigeons became established 10 years ago. Lowering the pH value to 4.5 means that trichomonads cannot multiply in the trough and having to treat this pest with medicine has been reduced to a minimum.

Traditional preparations for acidifying drinking water reliably and safely exert their effect in the trough and in the upper digestive tract. Initially it was not possible to a sufficient degree to affect the intestinal tract because acids after passing through the stomach are neutralised in the front part of the small intestine by buffer substances of the pancreas. To achieve an effect far into the small intestine,

we started to expand the mode of action using special fatty acids this year. This mix of short and medium-chain fatty acids has the traditional pH value lowering function in the trough and the crop. However, further into the intestine the acids act against difficult-to-combat bacteria such as streptococci, staphylococci and clostridia.

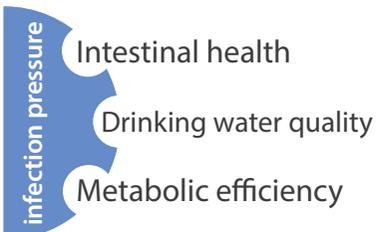
The mode of action of the new mediumchain fatty acids is simple yet very effective. They are not neutralised by the buffer substances and reach the pigeons' small intestine unchanged. The pathogenic organisms want to use the fatty acids as an energy source and therefore absorb them into the cell. In the cell the medium-chain fatty acids have an antibacterial effect and destroy the pathogenic microorganisms. At the same time, the new combination of acids also maintains a good intestinal flora and optimises nutri-

ent uptake. This destroys the pathogens in the intestine and at the same time reduces the risk of reinfection via the trough.

As an addition to the short and mediumchain fatty acids the use of butyric acid has proven to be useful, because butyric acid is a main source of nutrients for the epithelial cells of the intestinal mucosa and therefore strengthens the intestinal mucosa cells and in particular helps regenerate the intestine after illness. These new acid combinations are therefore ideal to prevent intestinal imbalances. To ensure that this combination is as effective as possible experience shows that they should be used over a longer period of time during stress, such as the start of the training phase of the young.

Avitestin

Feed supplement for pigeons



Avitestin is a mix of butyric acid and short and medium-chain fatty acids. It reduces the pH value of drinking water and thus reduces the risk of infection with gram-positive bacteria. The high-quality medium-chain fatty acids exert their effect far into the small intestine and promote intestinal health by promoting the growth of the body's own probiotics. The butyric acid it contains is active in the intestine, promotes the growth of villi and therefore improves immune defences. Furthermore, the acids ensure that the drinking water stays fresh for longer and they have a positive effect on the pigeons' metabolism.

Feeding recommendation:

In general: 5ml with litre drinking water

- Before and after stresses
- Daily for young pigeons during the training phase.

Tip: Get the pigeons used to the flavour gradually.

Please note: Avitestin must not be administered together with Avidress Plus. It may be given with **UsneGano, Carni-Speed** and **Entrobac** without a problem.

500 ml bottle

Art.-No. 11462

Boosting Immunity

3.



Röhmfried®



More than ever, a high-capacity, activated immune system decides on victory or defeat, or better to say: on absolute top condition with constant top prizes or a normally resilient health.

In recent years, science has made great progress in understanding how the active and the passive immune system get activated. That's why we use beta-glucans (β -glucans) for the activation of the immune system, which when regularly fed lead to an increased number of immune-competent cells. These cells play an important role in organizing the immune system. Furthermore, it was proofed that feeding these β -glucans leads to a higher alert and thus to a significantly faster immune response of the body. This is especially important in situations of high risk of new infections, e.g., during a stay in the basket. It is recommendable to activate the immune system with the help of β -glucans before vaccinations and during the entire youngster period as significantly more antibodies are produced against pathogenic germs. Also, the

feeding of these substances causes a significant increase of the phagocytosis, i.e. the removal of pathogenic germs from the cells. This is good reason to feed glucans also during and after the break-out of the infection.

Allicins and other vegetable functional substances

For pigeons, a combination of β -glucans and a mixture of functional aromas proofed its value. One of it is the often cited Allicin, the active component of garlic, which is made of the pre-stage Alliin by using the enzyme Allinase. Unfortunately, Allicin is not very stable. At room temperature, it decomposes for instance in liquids like drinking water only after a short time and becomes ineffective. For this reason, technological processing of garlic by freeze drying proofed its value. Like this, the stable Alliin can be preserved. After the feeding, Alliin is processed into Allicin which in combination with cinnamon is very effective in combating E. Coli and Salmonellosis. At the same time, it spares the positive intestinal flora, e.g. Lactobacilli. For a strong immune system, we also trust

in feeding intestine active powdered cellulose. It extends the intestinal villi and thus enhances the entire intestine as well as the immune system.

The first combination of Allicin and functional supplements

The Immunbooster is a new and unique combination of effective functional plant compounds in synergetic combination with germ reducing supplements. For the first time, these ingredients are combined in one single product. Substances with antimicrobial effects add to the important infection defense. Moreover, the immunity is boosted on several levels by important components which take care of detoxication and of binding toxins in the intestine. Additionally, and especially important after the illness, active iron supports hematosis for a faster regeneration of performance and navigation capacities.

Immunbooster

Feed supplement for pigeons



Immunbooster stimulates the attention and reaction time of the immune system and thus the health of the pigeons from the inside. For the first time, we use functional trace elements such as copper and zinc in the **Immunbooster**, which are extremely suitable for the pigeons and round off the recipe of this innovation with a mycotoxin (fungus poison) binder. As in the Jungtierpulver, the **immunbooster** contains prebiotic components, alliin, and colostrum to support the pigeons in stress phases.

Feeding recommendation: 10 g per 20 pigeons per day over the food

Before stress phases such as exhibitions or the training start: 3-5 days; **Before the flight:** 3 days; **Breeding:** 2 times a week; **Moulting:** 2 times a week; **Young flights:** 4 times a week; **Young bird sickness:** daily;

Before vaccinations: 7 days before vaccination

1 heaped measuring spoon are 10 g. The food can usually be moistened with **Hexenbier** or **Moorgold**.

500 g tin

Art.-No. 11551



3.

Healthy from the gut

Röhmfried®



Many scientific studies indicate that pre- and probiotics can have healthpromoting effects on the host organism. A distinction must be made between prebiotics and probiotics. The prebiotics are a food resource for probiotic bacteria in the intestine. They create a healthy intestinal environment and stabilise the intestine's natural flora, thus supporting the immune system.



A successful probiotic has to meet the many different needs of modern pigeon racing. It also makes sense for it to be acid stable to be able to easily withstand the low pH value of the stomach so that it can exert its effect in the intestine with-out

being destroyed by the stomach acids. The area of application of a probiotic leads to further requirements. Often they are prescribed to restore the gut flora following a course of antibiotics. Nowadays we have probiotics that contain high numbers of probiotic bacteria that can withstand frequently used antibiotics such as Colistin, Enrofloxacin and Amoxicillin. It is therefore possible to restore the damaged intestinal flora even while antibiotics are administered.

The probiotic bacteria promote the growth of lactobacilli in the small intestine by optimising the living conditions of the body's own probiotic bacteria. This crowds out pathogens such as E.Coli, salmonella and clostridia. An additional benefit of these new probiotics is that their metabolites

inhibit the growth of fungi. It therefore makes sense that many preparations contain a special probiotic that feeds the friendly intestinal flora in the long term.

It is recommended that a probiotic is always administered after stressful periods. For example, a new feed or a lack of water over a long period can lead to dysbiosis (intestinal flora disorder) in the intestine and so weaken the pigeons' defences. The new generation probiotics reliably counteract this dysbiosis after stressful periods. To complete therapy after stressful periods such as training stress of young pigeons, stays in the enclosure and administration of medicine, it also contains vitamins in specific concentrations to accelerate regeneration as best as possible.

Entrobac

Probioticum for pigeons

prevention of young bird sickness



immunity

Stabilises the intestine

Stable against antibiotics

Inhibits fungal growth

Entrobac is a feed supplements for pigeons. It contains probiotic bacteria and special prebiotics that are needed to populate the intestinal flora as best as possible. **Entrobac** is ideal for restoring the intestinal flora during or after strains, change in feed, stressful phases and treatments. The bacterial strain contained in it is stable against many antibiotics and therefore **Entrobac** is perfectly suited to restore the intestine during and after antibiotics treatment. **Entrobac** promotes a healthy gut flora, strengthens the immune system and represses harmful germs such as E. coli, salmonella and clostridia. The bacteria also produce metabolites that act against fungi.

Feeding recommendation:

In general: 5 g (1 measuring spoon) per 1kg feed or per 1 l drinking water

Racing season: For 2 days after the flight.

Moult & breeding: 2 times a week

Young pigeons: 2 days before and 2 days after each show flight and prize flight

After treatments: 10 g (2 measuring spoons) per 1 kg feed.

To restore the gut flora after treatments, always feed for several days in a row.

Can be fed together with Avimycin and **K+K Protein 3000**.

600 g tin

Art.-No. 11547

Jungtierpulver

Feed supplement for pigeons



immunity

- Immune boost
- Healthy gut
- Improve condition

Immunity

Jungtierpulver is characterized by a high protein content and a first used combination to activate the passive and active immune system in conjunction with a proven intestinal protection concept. Especially recommended for young birds and racing pigeons in order to booster the top shape and resilience in periods of stress such as travel, moulting, breeding and in support of treatment.

Feeding recommendation:

- after the competition over 1-2 meals; 20 g per kg feed or approx. 40 pigeons.
- Before inserting over 2-4 meals; 10 g per kg of feed, or approx. 40 pigeons.

With increased performance requirements such as breeding, training or molting should be fed 4-5 times a week, 10 g per kg of feed.

500 g tin

Art.-No. 11373

Hexenbier

Feed supplement for pigeons



immunity

- Increase in fitness
- Immune response
- Moulting of down feathers

Hexenbier is a vitality drink made of onions, honey, propolis, Echinacea (cone flower), elderberry juice, beardlichen (Usnea barbata), and garlic, which strengthens the resilience and causes exceptional eagerness to fly After several days of giving Hexenbier the breast meat of the pigeons turns pink, the nose-wart turns white, and the down feathers moult extensively.

Feeding Recommendations: 20 ml per 1 Litre drinking water

Racing Pigeons: Racing Time: Monday and Tuesday after the flight

Breeding and Moulting Periods: Twice a week; without hesitation, **Hexenbier** may be mixed with **Avidress Plus**, **Carni Speed** and **Entrobac**. In the winter months, we also recommend feeding 15 ml per kg feed.

Please note: Do not feed to cats! Shake before every Use!

500 ml bottle

Art.-No. 11310

Winput

Feed supplement for pigeons



immunity

- Immune response
- Regeneration
- Flight performance

Feeding Recommendation:

Dependent on the expected performance, feed between one and four 4-g dose of **Winput** daily per pigeon; we recommend feeding **Winput** mixed with seeds before the main feeding.

Racing pigeons: 3-4 g per pigeon daily when the flights start

Moult: 2 g daily per pigeon

Winter: 1 g daily per pigeon

Breeding pigeons: 2 g daily per pigeon

Young pigeons: 3 g to maximally 6 g daily per pigeon; to meet the increased need in cases of acute young pigeon disease we recommend feeding four 10-g doses of **Winput** daily per pigeon (no other feed should be given); large doses of up to 20 g **Winput** per pigeon daily should be given for no more than 5 days.

3 kg bucket

Art.-No. 11198

Kräuter-Mix

Feed supplement for pigeons



Detoxification

- Down feather moult
- Support of the airway health
- Healing herb mixture

Detoxification

Kräuter-Mix consists of 17 different herbs. The mixture of a large variety of natural ingredients corrects nutritional deficiencies. Such deficiencies may occur because the pigeons do not have the chance to follow their instincts and feed on herbs, humus, and soil in the fields. **Kräuter-Mix** – The herbs are beneficial for the intestinal tract and the airways. The mixture ensures that the droppings are solid, the moulting proceeds properly, the plumage is brilliant, and the airways are clean.

Feeding Recommendations:

2 Measuring spoons (1 Measuring spoon = 10g) per kg oil (**Energie-Öl**), feed moistened with oregano-sheep fat or **Moorgold**. **Growing Period:** 2-3 times per week; **Races:** 1-2 times per week; **Moulting Period:** 3-4 times per week; **Winter-Months:** 1-2 times per week.

Do not feed more than 3 measuring spoons per kg feed daily!

500 g tin

Art.-No. 11115

Moorgold®

Feed supplement for pigeons



Detoxification

- Bowel cleanse
- Firm droppings
- User friendly

Moorgold is a pure concentrate of healing mud. The humic acids contained in the intestine bind harmful substances and thus promote the natural discharge from the body. The new formula also contains special fibers, causing firm droppings after two to three feedings with **Moorgold** and the digestion is affected positively. The new formula of **Moorgold** is gel-like, which makes it particularly user-friendly and efficient.

Feeding instructions:

During the moulting, resting or breeding in the preparation. As required 2-3 times per week 1 tablespoon per 1 kg feed. To bind we recommend **Jungtierpulver**, **Entrobac** or **Kräuter-Mix**.

1000 ml tin

Art.-No. 11461

Taubenglück

Feed supplement for pigeons



Detoxification

- Optimal intestinal mucous Membranes
- Promotion of Growth
- Health-Promoting Herbs

Taubenglück Tablets stimulate the appetite and digestion of pigeons. The tablets strengthen the pigeons and therefore help to maintain their fitness. **Taubenglück** tablets are also ideal for raising squabs. The valuable herb mixture contains cinchona bark (Jesuit's bark), juniper berries, Fenugreek seeds, gentian root, and anise. This mixture boosts the general health of pigeons.

Feeding Recommendations:

Racing pigeons receive 1 tablet per day for two days after a race. Squabs receive 1 tablet **Taubenglück** every morning starting on their seventh day of life.

50 g ca. 120 pills

Art.-No. 11488

420 g ca. 1000 pills

Art.-No. 11502

Stimulating the metabolism

4.



Röhmfried®



An active metabolism is a precondition for top performance in modern pigeon racing. We recommend a traditional preparation that stimulates the metabolism. Additional functional ingredients can have performance improving effects! This is a central focus of our recommendations.

To stimulate the metabolism we use the highly stimulating effect of large doses of iodine on the metabolism. This makes it very easy for pigeons to be in top form. After only a few administrations of elementary iodine you can observe a clear change in the pigeons, which can only be achieved with elementary iodine. In addition to its role in thyroid function, iodine plays an important role in regulating physiological processes such as growth, moult and reproduction as well as immune functions; it also has anti-inflammatory and antioxidant effects.

Iodine also plays quite an important role in the treatment of fungal diseases such as candida infections. Following antibiotic treatment several days of iodine administration is advisable. Iodine, because of its disinfectant effect, also plays quite an important role in treating and preventing pox diseases.

L-carnitine is a functional component that has a key function in energy metabolism.

Studies show a clear effect from longterm feeding of pure carnitine. It has been shown that administration of at least 50 mg of L-carnitine per pigeon must be provided in order for there to be a significant improvement in performance. It is absolutely essential to ensure continuous administration of L-carnitine during the racing period, because only then can L-carnitine be absorbed by the muscle cells. The performance improving effects can only be ensured with longer-term administration, which manifests itself in increased willingness to train.



The main importance of L-carnitine lies in the transport of fatty acids from the cytoplasm to the mitochondria, i.e. to the power stations of the cells, which makes it important for the race because of energy production from fatty acids. L-carnitine is able to prevent muscle cramping and fatigue by binding free acetyl radicals and therefore avoid their damaging effect on muscle cells. L-carnitine is also a buffer for the damaging lactic acid, which means that the muscle, when under extreme stress, will not become "acidic" as quickly.

Under "normal" living conditions (outside the racing season) the L-carnitine requirements can mostly be met by self-synthesis. A deficiency can occur if in the case of low administration (mixed grain feed contains an extremely low amount of L-carnitine) there is an increased requirement. We have to

assume a significantly higher requirement if physical strain is increased through training and racing.

We therefore recommend that you feed L-carnitine over a longer period of time, which should deliver a positive effect. Racing pigeons fatigue less quickly, which allows flying speed to be maintained at a high level over a longer period. The indirect cell protection function of L-carnitine protects the muscles. This prevents the muscles from becoming "acidic", which is harmful, allowing the pigeon to deliver high performance in the long term.

During normal training at home, constant administration of L-carnitine leads to a much higher willingness to fly because of the influences mentioned above. The longer and more intense training units easily achieved this way lead to a proven training effect that puts a strain on all metabolic functions. The pigeons regenerate quickly even after heavy strain and the right conditions for top performance are in place.

L-carnitine increases performance indirectly by improving cell metabolism and leads to a shortening of the rest periods.

Blitzform®

Feed supplement for pigeons



metabolism

Formation of blood

Improving form

Improving performance

Stimulating the metabolism

To improve performance and disinfect trough water. High-performance pigeons cannot just be given grain feed and water. The pigeons will be in top form with **Blitzform!** The pigeons will return home 5 to 10 minutes earlier! Because they will be in top form with **Blitzform** by Röhnfried. **Blitzform** will ensure that racing pigeons are in top form and therefore fly faster. The health of the racing pigeons is significantly improved as a result of the easily absorbable iodine and iron and their body's defences and their vitality also improves.

Blitzform gives the pigeons a clean throat, shiny eyes, snow-white noses, shiny plumage and a pink breast with small stains. The organic iron contained in it facilitates the production of red blood cells, which transport oxygen in the blood.

100 ml bottle

Art.-No. 10850

250 ml bottle

Art.-No. 10851



Areas of application:

To improve performance and to disinfect trough water.

Tip:

Never use copper and galvanised metal troughs. Stainless steel can be used. Do not use with animals involved in food production. Keep out of the reach of children.

Do not use after expiration date. Dispose of unused medicines at the pharmacy.

Storage information:

Do not store above + 25°C.

Dosage:

To improve performance during the racing period: every day 5 ml per 2-3 litres (2ml/litre) of clear drinking water. On very hot days increase amount of water to 5 litres. On the day of the flight only give clear water! During breeding and moult: 5 ml per 5 litre (1ml/litre) clear drinking water 1-2 times per week. To disinfect the trough water during the rest of the year: Once a week 5 ml per 5 litres (1ml/litre) drinking water.

Carni-Speed®

Feed supplement for pigeons



metabolism

Muscle protection

Greater willingness to fly

Promotes endurance

The main ingredient of **Carni-Speed** is L-carnitine. This substance, which is similar to a vitamin, plays a central role in the metabolism of pigeons. With a dosage of 10 ml/litre drinking water the pigeons receive the required amount of L-carnitine, which science has shown to improve their performance. The magnesium and selenium contained in it also serve as muscle protection. The pigeons are much more willing to train and their endurance is increased.

Feeding recommendation:

During the racing season Carni-Speed should be administered at least 5 days a week via the trough or the feed. 10ml **Carni-Speed** with 1 l water, or 1 kg of feed.

500 ml bottle

Art.-No. 11140

Vital nutrients

5.



Röhmfried®



Aside from the already mentioned components of the 7-point plan, the supplementation with vital nutrients is essential for an optimal feeding regimen throughout the year. This includes vitamins, trace elements, and minerals. These micro-nutrients are essential to keep the pigeons healthy. However, they do not provide energy. This distinguishes micro-nutrients from the macro-nutrients fat, carbohydrates, and proteins.

Micro-nutrients are involved in many metabolic processes. Therefore, the pigeon feed should be supplemented with micro-nutrients throughout the racing season, when raising young pigeons, and during resting periods.

Arguably, vitamins are the best-known group of vital nutrients. The vitamins are grouped in water-soluble and fat-soluble vitamins. Vitamins A, D, E, and K are fat-soluble vitamins. Vitamin E for example is used as "breeding vitamin". Meanwhile, vitamin E was proven to work well when prepara-

ring pigeons for mating. The well-known C and B vitamins are water-soluble. Vitamin B12 is important for the haemato-sis as well as for the degradation of certain fatty acids. In the racing season, the demand for vitamins increases. The same applies to trace elements and minerals. For example, adding magnesium to the feed supports the muscle functions. It is important not to exceed certain amounts of vital nutrients in the feed to avoid putting a strain on the pigeons during the flight season.

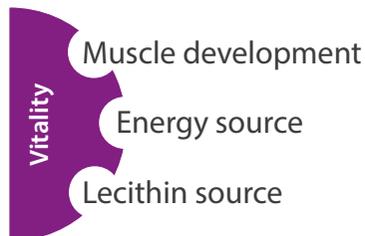
In the tried and proven method, the micronutrients are given in the middle of the week during racing season. The micro-nutrients are ideally mixed with the feed because this ensures the quick update and provides an about equal amount to every pigeon. Neutral oils are the best vehicle for attaching the vital nutrients to the feed. A mixture of neutral oils such as various plant oils, lecithin and fish oil is best suited for this purpose. The unsaturated fatty acids from fish and plant oils are important substances in the synthesis of

hormones and cell components. They also suppress inflammation. By contrast, saturated fatty acids are mainly used as energy source. Saturated sheep fat is now properly used in the upkeep of racing pigeons.

Two components are beneficial in the preparation of optimal mixing oils for pigeon feeds. Lecithin should be added because it is scarce in plant oils but has tremendous benefits for the metabolism. Rice germ oil is another essential ingredient because it supplies many significant ingredients such as vitamin E and gamma-oryzanol. Vitamin E increases the fertility and is well-known as radical scavenger, which protects the cell from oxidative damage. The also present gamma oryzanol has a positive effect on muscle building. We want to enter into the discussion on the optimal way to give pigeons vital nutrients that saturated as well as unsaturated fatty acid have a proven beneficial effect on the uptake of micro nutrients. These fatty acids may either be plant or animal derived. We suggest select mixing oils or energy-providing compounds such as sheep fat.

Energie-Öl

Feed supplement for pigeons



Energy oil is a natural energy supplement from a mixture of complementary, highquality, cold-pressed oils. The fish oil content provides unsaturated fatty acids and the lecithin ensures smooth lipometabolism. The rice germ oil content promotes muscle development.

Feeding recommendation:

During the racing season 1-2 times per week mix 5 ml = 1 capsule with 1 kg of grain feed. Dry this mixture slightly with **RO 200 ready**. Shake well before use.

Storage: Tightly closed, protected from light and not exceed + 25°C

250 ml bottle

Art.-No. 11486

Oregano-Schaffett

Feed supplement for pigeons

High Energy



vitality

- Most efficient powder absorption
- Supplies 99% of the fat
- Contains Oregano

Replenishing vitality reserves

Oregano-Schaffett consists to 45 % of sheep fat and also contains oregano oil and linseed oil. This composition ensures the maximal energy supply for competitive flights, training, breeding, the raising of squabs, and moulting. The oregano oil improves the digestive process and linseed oil provides unsaturated fatty acids. **Oregano-Schaffett** is also well suited for the absorption of powders.

Feeding Recommendations:

1-2 Tablespoons of **Oregano-Schaffett** are stirred into 1 kg of grain feed until the oil is evenly distributed. The sheep fat may be briefly warmed up to facilitate this process. The oil coated grain is then ready as feed. We recommend thickening the feed using **K+K Protein 3000**, **Topfit Futterkalk** or **Kräuter-Mix** or **Entrobac**.

Storage: Store at room temperature and protect from light exposure! Use within 12 weeks of opening! Cool storage increases the shelf life.

600 g tin

Art.-No. 11479

RO 200 ready Fitness powder

Feed supplement for pigeons



vitality

- Fitness powder
- Improving form
- Improving performance

RO 200 ready is a mix of prebiotics, electrolytes, amino acids, energy sources, minerals, trace elements and multivitamins. It is perfectly tailored to the needs of pigeons and promotes fitness until the day of the flight. The prebiotics in the preparation stabilise the intestinal flora and thus improve intestinal health.

Feeding recommendation:

20 g (1 heaped measuring spoon) with 750 g feed or 1 litre of drinking water.

Racing season: last 2-4 meals before day of flight, after races for strength.

Moult, breeding and rearing: 2-3 times per week

600 g tin

Art.-No. 11253

RO 200 Tabs

Feed supplement for pigeons



vitality

- Increased Fitness
- Better performance
- Individual Feeding

RO 200 Tabs are conditioning tablets containing prebiotics, electrolytes, amino acids, energy-providing nutrients, minerals, trace elements and multiple vitamins. Replenishing the stores of vital substances helps pigeons to achieve their individual top fitness level. The prebiotics promote a healthy intestinal flora.

Feeding Recommendations:

One **RO200 tablet** per pigeon

Racing pigeons: On the two days preceding the racing day and after competitive flights so that the pigeons recover their strength.

Moulting, breeding, and young pigeons: Twice a week 1 tablet per pigeon

50 g tin ca. 125 pcs.

Art.-No. 11253

Probiotic bacteria – small helpers, big effect

6.



Röhmfried®



In modern pigeon sport maintaining a healthy respiratory tract during the season has top priority.

Traditional methods such as treatment with antibiotics for one or two days leads to poor resistance of the available medicines to pathogens, which can cause respiratory diseases. For this reason, Röhmfried took its research in a different direction and now uses innovative probiotic bacteria, which is an absolutely harmless way of keeping the airways of pigeons healthy. If you examine the mucous membranes microbiologically in more detail, you can see that it has pathogenic as well as non-pathogenic organisms (so-called probiotics) on it.



Recent research shows that bacteria exchange information through cell-to-cell communication (quorum sensing). These are very complex processes at the end

of which messenger substances form the relevant signals. For instance, bacteria signal to each other “optimal conditions” if there is plenty of space and nutrition, which then leads to the bacteria multiplying and dividing more. Free space and good nutrition thus signals “good conditions” and encourages them to multiply. Not a lot of space and little nutrition, on the other hand, tends to cause the microorganisms to assume an arrested state, a so-called sporoid form.

This means that bacteria, as a result of high population density (many beneficial bacteria in a small space) produce signals that cause all bacteria to form a spore. This finding was the starting point for our completely new hygiene approach: we do not disinfect, rather, the mucous membrane is continuously populated with probiotic bacteria.

This process is called microbiological management. It means that benign bacteria clean, so to speak, the surfaces. They do this by causing (through signalling) the undesirable bacteria to stop multiplying, which as a result are crowded out by the probiotic bacteria. The new generation probiotic microorganisms make use of this entirely new hygiene approach by populating the mucous membranes and thus enter into competition with the pathogenic organisms for food and space. This process of the “microbiological cleaning” of the mucous membrane creates a healthy and stable microflora. The formation of this probiotic microflora on the pigeons’ mucous membranes provides protection from infections before and after a race, especially while the pigeons are transported.

Avisana

Nose drops for pigeons



Avisana is an active cleaner for all mucous membranes as well as noses and eyes, wounds, injuries and endangered body parts. It forms a stable and healthy microflora by populating the affected areas with safe probiotic bacteria. It is pH-neutral, very economical to use, and contains no colourings or odorants. **Avisana** forms a probiotic liquid film on the surface with a long-term effect, which usually means that disinfection is not necessary.

Application recommendation:

Racing pigeons:

- Before each long-distance flight one drop per nostril
- After each long-distance flight on the day of arrival or when separating genders
- After training flights in the rain to protect the mucous membranes from irritation

All year round: If nostrils are discoloured or eyes are watery, 2 times a day 1 drop or fully cover the affected skin surfaces.

Always shake product well before use! The cleaner can be used permanently.

Special storage information: Keep away from frost and do not store above + 25°C.

50 ml bottle

Art.-No. 11416



6.

There is a herb for every illness!

Röhmfried®



The importance of this piece of wisdom continues to rise from year to year in modern pigeon sport. Because more and more bacteria are becoming resistant to classic antibiotics. Plant-based antibiotics are therefore increasingly the focus of our research.



In addition to the anti-bacterial effect there is often also an anti-fungal and anti-viral effect. There are few or very few side-effects of plant-based antibiotics; resistance is not observed at all. Another advantage of natural antibiotics: they do not harm the beneficial bacteria that live in harmony with us, such as intestinal bacteria, which means that they indirectly strengthen our defences. They are therefore also well suited for prevention. And they also supply us with vitamins, minerals, trace elements and other essential nutrients. We find substances with a strong antibiotic effect in all cruciferous plants (e.g. horseradish)

and many members of the lily family (e.g. garlic). The inhibiting effect is usually due to the sulphur compounds and essential oils contained in these plants. It is only thanks to our modern procedures that we are able to make full use of these natural substances.

Traditional monastic medicine has known about the healing effects of the ingredients (the mustard oils) of nasturtium and horseradish for centuries. They are used to treat infections of the upper airways and the urinary tract. Only through breeding and controlled cultivation are we able to reach a high concentration of mustard oil in the medicinal plant. Mustard oils inhibit the growth of pathogens.

The benzyl mustard oil in nasturtium has a broad antibacterial effect for gram-positive as well as gram-negative bacteria.

Allyl mustard oil in horseradish has good efficacy in the gram-positive spectrum (streptococci, staphylococci), while the 2-phenyl mustard oil shows an extended efficacy spectrum of gram-negative (E. coli and salmonella) bacteria. Both plant substances together are therefore a particularly effective plant alternative to chemical antibiotics. In contrast to the classic antibiotics, these natural active substances can also kill viruses, yeasts and fungi – in exactly the place where the infection is. This is because the mustard oils enter the blood in the upper intestinal section. This means that the naturally occurring “good” intestinal bacteria are not affected. These are important in the gut for digestion and a functioning immune system. After their absorption into the blood the mustard oils circulate in the circulatory system bound to proteins and ultimately accumulate in the excretory organs, the urinary tract and the lung, where they also exert their efficacy.

Avimycin

Feed supplement for pigeons

Respiratory treatment



Avimycin supports the airways of pigeons based on horseradish and nasturtium. It stimulates the physiological secretion of dust, mucus and coating of the airways. With its unique mix of freeze-dried horseradish and nasturtium, **Avimycin** contains the precursors of the otherwise unstable mustard oils in high concentrations. These are enzymatically formed and become active only through feeding.

Feeding recommendation:

Feeding with grain feed. For 20 pigeons 10 grams per day, shared between meals a day. Feed regularly for metabolic support in all phases where there is increased infection pressure. Can be fed together with **Entrobac** and **K+K Protein 3000**.

Racing season: After long-distance flights over 2-3 days at the start of the week. **Young pigeons:** to improve their natural vigour during all stress phases over several days. **Moult:** 2-3 times per week. **Breeding:** Do not feed to nestlings.

Storage: Do not store above +25°C.

400g tin

Art.-No. 11415

Röhmfried

Forces of nature



Liquorice:

Liquorice is the medicinal plant of 2012. It is a blood depurative and expectorant. The glycyrrhizin in liquorice roots suppresses the growth of bacteria, viruses, and fungi.

Thyme:

The volatile oils in thyme are bactericidal, mucolytic, and they promote expectoration. Thyme is also an antioxidant.

Anise:

Anise is the medicinal plant of 2014. It has a mucolytic effect, stimulates the intestinal glands, and it is used to control vermin.

Eucalyptus:

Eucalyptus has an antibacterial effect; it is mucolytic and improves the circulation. Eucalyptus is mainly used to alleviate respiratory problems.

Atemfrei

Herbal elixir

Feed supplement for pigeons



Airways

Frees the airways

Strengthens the immune response

Pure, natural herbal oils

Atemfrei is an herbal elixir, which contains various herbal oils such as liquorice, thyme, anise, fennel, and peppermint. These oils stimulate the metabolism inside the respiratory tract and promote the immune response. This increases the vitality of pigeons. Top quality herbal oils with their aromatic flavour and added vitamin C and zinc support the physiological functions of the respiratory tract.

Feeding Recommendations:

Atemfrei may be added to the drinking water or the feed: 10 ml per 1 Litre drinking water 15 ml per 1 kg feed Give to pigeons for 5 to 10 days as needed. The dosage may be doubled in cases of severe stress. In the racing season after competitive flights: give for 2 days during the first two days of the week. **Shake well before use!**

500 ml bottle

Art.-No. 11161

Bio-Air-Fresh

Spray solution



Airways

Air quality improvement

Dust binding

Free airways

Bio-Air-Fresh Spray solution containing essential oils for improvement of air. It contains distillates of various herbs. These essential oils have been used to maintain the health of the respiratory organs for generations. Use of this product makes pigeons resistant to all kinds of colds.

Application:

Spray 2-3 strokes into each loft, especially in the winter months. Also spray it at regular intervals during the breeding period and the 2 days a week in the racing season.

400 ml spray can

Art.-No. 11487



6.

Released breathe

Röhmfried®



Why is it important to keep free the air ways? For decades, we pigeon breeders talked about how keeping free the air ways of our birds helps to achieve top prizes. We, too, share this conviction and this is not only because we know that birds need clear air ways to inhale an optimum of oxygen. For some years now, it is also common knowledge that the pigeons' sense of orientation can be supported by their olfactory sense.



This is why for quite some time, Roehnfried focuses on boosting the pigeons' air ways from within. On the one hand, the mustard oil of nasturtium, and horseradish proved to be very efficient agents – natural antibiotics effecting the air ways via the bronchial tubes – causing no damages at all to the intestinal flora of the pi-

geons (Avimycin). On the other hand, we make use of the liberating effects of pure herbal oils like thyme, liquorice and eucalyptus which stimulate the trachea (Atemfrei) and thus help to haul out dust particles.

Lately, we found a new way how to liberate the air ways – especially in case of crusting or heavy mucous obstruction in the upper sinuses. By boosting mucus production, this new Roehnfried product clears the upper sinuses fast and efficiently from stuck crusting and dust deposits collected during autumn and winter time. Additionally, this new cleaning product has antibacterial effects on the mucous membranes and helps to fight pathogenic germs. Experience from recent years shows that these methods in combination with probiotic bacteria protect and keep the sinu-

ses healthy (Avisana). Like this, one can reduce antibiotic treatments of the air ways which always have undesirable damaging effects on the intestinal balance. Moreover, this new method allows to abandon antibiotics during an entire racing period.

You can apply the new cleaner directly into the nose of the pigeon or feed it with the drinking water. Shortly after the application of the product, there might occur a temporary restriction of the olfactory sense of orientation (olfactory sense). We therefore suggest to allow for a time-lag of at least 5 days before a race or training when applying the product directly into the nose.

Rozitol

Nose drops for pigeons



Clean throats

More top prizes

Clear the airways

As we know for a long time, the pigeon oriented in their home region even after the sense of smell. It is therefore important that the pigeons will be sent with free airways to the races. Rozitol cleans the nose and promotes the segregation of fixed mucus. Old mucus and dust is being liquefied and then swallowed by the pigeons or remotely via cotton swab.

Recommended Use:

Application: 1 to 2 drops per nostril or 30 drop per liter of water.

Breeding Pigeon: 14 days prior to pairing

Racing pigeons: 14 days before the first free flight; 14 days before the training races; 3-4 times per season 6 days before important races.

Youngsters: always after recovering of the Young Bird Sickness. 14 days before the first training.

50ml bottle

Art.-No. 11513

Minerals and Trace Elements

7.



Röhmfried®



Why do we have to feed minerals? Minerals are inorganic substances. Usually, they cannot be replaced by other elements. The lack or scarcity of minerals negatively influences the health status and performance of pigeons. It is therefore important to ensure the continuous supplementation with all minerals and trace elements.

No matter how many types of grain you feed, it will not contain sufficient calcium. Therefore, it is important to give pigeons a calcium supplement every day, not only during the breeding and moulting periods but also e. g. for competitive racing, in rest and winter phases. Given today's forms of pigeon upkeep with drastically limited free flights, the pigeons must rely on breeders to provide them with the crucial minerals. Calcium (Ca) and phosphorus (P) are the basic building blocks for the bone formation and metabolism. In addition, Ca plays an important role in the functions of muscle and heart, in blood clotting, and for the proper acid-base equilibrium. In breeding, calcium deficiency causes problems with the egg shell formation and distorted breast bones. The

chemical elements magnesium, sodium, potassium, chlorine, and sulphur are involved in many metabolic processes. They activate enzymes, are needed for the neuromuscular signal transport, are essential for the optimal functioning of the muscles, and they play a role in establishing the proper osmotic pressure, electrolyte balance, and acid-base equilibrium. They are also required for the production of the stomach acid (HCl). A sufficient supply of minerals is therefore prerequisite to the ability to perform at a high level. As the name suggests, trace elements are present in the body in only very small quantities. By no means does this imply that they unimportant. Trace elements are e. g. important for the fatty acid and cholesterol synthesis and for the immune response. They also play a role in the energy metabolism.

At a glance, minerals and other chemicals are vital for the body whether they are required in larger or trace amounts. As a general rule, they cannot be substituted with other elements. Deficiencies of these elements compromise the well-being and ability to perform. Therefore, minerals and trace

elements must be provided on a continuous basis. Special mineral mixtures are available for various demands. Of course, all our mixtures also contain stomach stones (gastroliths), which are necessary for the mechanical digestive activity of the stomach muscle. Without the stomach gastroliths, digestive problems will ensue and the fed grain is not optimally used. The variety of components in our supplements and the excellent acceptance are the perfect basis for the optimal supplementation.

The special mineral feed is given to the pigeons daily in small amounts before the main meal. These daily doses ensure that the pigeons are ready to take up the vital minerals. Our minerals are enriched with herbs and substances, which regulate the activity of the intestines. The mineral feed is coated with loam, which promotes the formation of digestive juices. This has a positive influence on the digestion. In the long run, the improved utilisation of the feed and the stabilisation of the intestines will lead to improved performances. This is the crucial benefit of optimised feeding.

Mineraldrink

Feed supplement for pigeons

NEW



Weaning help

Supplier of minerals

Egg shell stability

Mineraldrink provides valuable minerals for breeding pigeons and youngsters in times of increased need, such as egg laying and during the rearing of the young pigeons. Mineraldrink is able to compensate mineral imbalances. The trace elements copper, manganese and zinc also ensure important metabolic processes in the organism of the pigeons.

Feeding recommendation: 5 ml per liter of drinking water In preparation for breeding: 2 x per week. While rearing the youngsters: 3 x per week For young pigeons until the racing season: 2 x per week After long-distance flights with longer basket stays: the second day after the flight.

500 ml bottle

Art.-No. 11582

Leckerstein® Minerals for racing pigeons



minerals

- Excellent acceptance
- Increased digestive activity
- Supply of iodine and magnesium

Zucht- & Mauser-Mineral

Minerals for racing pigeons



minerals

- Formation of feathers
- Osteogenesis
- Growth

Expert-Mineral Minerals for racing pigeons



minerals

- Optimal mineral supplementation
- Support of the digestive system
- Excellent acceptance

Reise-Mineral Minerals for racing pigeons



minerals

- In-flight performance
- Support of the digestive system
- Stimulation of the metabolism

Optimised mineral supply

Pigeons like the **Lecker-Stein** because of the granulation and the way it is produced. In the breeding period, it prevents mineral deficiency and in races, the included iodine and magnesium have a positive effect on the motivation of the pigeons. The good acceptance ensures that the pigeons also take up enough minerals and trace elements during races.

Feeding Recommendation: Liberally provide as much Lecker-Stein as the pigeons want to ingest.

12 item box

Art.-No. 11275

Zucht- & Mauser Mineral is a pure, natural product containing oregano and herbs such as e. g. fenugreek, Aloe, sage, thyme, and cinchona bark. The amino acid methionine and all essential minerals and trace elements are also present to meet the special needs of breeding and moulting pigeons. The preparation promotes the correct shell formation and improves the bone formation in just hatched pigeons. The vital substances and valuable herbs stimulate the digestion and the metabolism.

Feeding Recommendations: For 75 racing pigeons put 1 measuring cup daily (approximately 140 g) in a trough or on the feeding table; you may also feed small amounts inside the loft cubicle. Adjust the amount to the demand of the pigeon by providing only as much as the pigeon eats in the course of a day.

5 kg bucket

Art.-No. 11190

The gentle production procedures and the granulation make **Expert-Mineral** a treat for your pigeons. The very tasty Expert Mineral is unique in structure composition. The included small stomach stones promote the digestion; the special coating ensures that all pigeon ingest sufficient amounts of minerals.

Feeding Recommendations: **Expert-Mineral** may be fed to pigeon all year; it is beneficial especially during the breeding and moulting periods. After feeding, offer Expert Mineral daily in small quantities.

5 kg bucket

Art.-No. 11020

25 kg bag

Art.-No. 11021

Reise-Mineral is a pure, natural product; it contains oregano and the Herba-San formula herbs. All essential minerals and trace elements as well as valuable effective agents and vital compound are included. Thanks to the excellent acceptance by the pigeons, the mineral demands are also met in the racing season. Vital components and valuable herbs stimulate the digestion and the metabolism. This boosts the flight performance.

Feeding Recommendations: Feed 75 racing pigeons 1 measuring cup daily (approximately 140 g) in a trough or on the feeding table; adjust the amount to the demands of the pigeons by providing only as much as the pigeons eats in the course of a day.

5 kg bucket

Art.-No. 11189

Topfit®-Spezial-Futterkalk

Special-feed lime for pigeons



Minerals

Vitamins

Minerals

Trace elements

Optimising the Supplementation with minerals

Topfit® Futterkalk is a specially defined mix of vitamins, minerals and trace elements. If administered regularly, it promotes growth, muscle development, fertility and bone structure development. Especially for breeding and rearing **Topfit®** produces excellent results.

Feed recommendation:

Röhnfried **Topfit®** can be given to racing pigeons in a feed container on its own to take freely or mixed in with food. During moult, breeding and racing period approx. 20g Röhnfried **Topfit®** (1tablespoon) for 10 pigeons.

1 kg tin

Art.-No. 10955

Taubenfreund® Grit mit Anis

Minerals for racing pigeons



Minerals

Excellent acceptance

Better digestion

Stable acid-base equilibrium

Taubenfreund® Grit with anise consists of a mixture of sea shells, quartz and redstone. These ingredients optimise the calcium level because calcium is available for a relatively long time. Quartz and redstones promote the digestion and the ingested minerals are part of the acid-base regulation in the pigeon organism. The excellent acceptance of Taubenfreund Grit is due to the added anise oil and the special structure of this mixture.

Feeding Recommendation:

Liberal supply as much **Taubenfreund® Grit** as the pigeons ingest in a day.

5 kg Eimer
25 kg Sack

Art.-No. 10697

Art.-No. 10836

Standard Mineral

Minerals for racing pigeons



Minerals

Balanced minerals

Promotes the digestion

Finely granulated quality

Standard Mineral is a pure natural product; it contains all essential minerals, trace elements, and valuable vital agents and components. Feeding Standard Mineral provides and balances needed minerals and stimulates the digestion and the metabolism. The fine granulation ensures the effective uptake by the pigeons.

Feeding Recommendation:

Feed ½ to 1 measuring cup of **Standard Mineral** (70 to 140 g) to 80 pigeons in the trough.

10kg Eimer

Art.-No. 11457

Taubenfit®-E 50

Feed supplement for pigeons



vitamins

Preparations for breeding

Muscle building

Cell protection

**Vitamin E
& Selenium**

Vitamins

Together with other feed, **Taubenfit E50** is meant to supply breeding pigeons with the needed amount of vitamin E. Especially in combination with selenium, vitamin E has a beneficial influence on the fertility, the hatch rate, the upbringing, the muscular structure, and the flight performance. In addition, selenium has a positive effect on the immune system. Vitamin E is known as antioxidant; it protects unsaturated fatty acids, vitamin A and cells from the deleterious effects of free radicals.

Feeding Recommendation:

1 Screw cap (5 ml) per litre of drinking water in times of increased performance requirements. **Breeder pigeons:** Provide 5 ml per litre of drinking water on five consecutive days before mating and before the next depositing of eggs (ovipositioning).

Racing pigeons: During flights, provide 5 ml in 1 litre drinking water or alternatively 10 ml mixed into 1 kg feed 2 to 3-times a week.

250 ml bottle

Art.-No. 11497

Pavifac®-Spezialbierhefe

Feed supplement for pigeons



vitamins

Brewer's yeast

Pollen

Citric Acid

**with Pollen &
Citric Acid**

Pavifac® Spezialbierhefe is a valuable natural product. Brewer's yeast contains amino acids, minerals and trace elements as well as B complex vitamins, minerals in high concentrations. The pure amino acids in the yeast facilitate the upbringing of the newly hatched pigeons and support an optimal change of plumage. The supplied vitamins and trace elements ensure the healthy development of the young animals through all stages and improve the feed utilisation.

Feeding Recommendations:

2 Tablespoon **Pavifac®** per 1 kg slightly moistened feed once or twice a week; Röhnfried **Oregano-Sheep Fat** is ideally suited as thickener.

Storage: Keep in a tightly closed container and protect from moisture!

800 g tin

Art.-No. 10549

Taubengold®

Feed supplement for pigeons



amino acids

Growth the feathers

Glossy feathers

Moulting Aid

During moulting, **Taubengold®** is indispensable for the formation of the new plumage and to avoid nutritional deficiencies. **Taubengold®** with its high content of the sulphur-containing amino acids, methionine, and choline ensures a first-rate plumage. The reduced strain on the liver increases the well-being of squabs. The calcium and trace elements in **Taubengold®** are beneficial for moulting.

Feeding Recommendation:

During the moulting and upbringing of pigeons: add 20 ml per litre drinking water or on top of 750 g feed.

1000 ml bottle

Art.-No. 10528

Gervit-W® Tauben

Feed supplement for pigeons

Now with Betain



vitamins

18 vitamins

Balancing of vitamins

Enhance fertility

Vitamins

Gervit W® is suitable for administration in the drinking water or grain feed to rectify food-related vitamin deficiencies (only grain feed) during breeding, the racing period, the moult, the show period and the cold seasons. We also recommend adding **Gervit W®** to meet vitamin needs after stresses and to promote the metabolism.

Feeding recommendation:

Gervit W® is given during the breeding and racing period 2 times a week, 2 full screw caps = 10 ml **Gervit W®** with 2 litres of water or 1.5 kg grain feed. During the rest of the time, giving **Gervit W®** once a week is enough. To meet increased vitamin needs, administer **Gervit W®** several times a week. Do not give **Gervit W®** during the journey season on day the of a flight. Copper and iron troughs can have a negative effect on the shelf life of the vitamins.

100 ml bottle
250 ml bottle

Art.-No. 10500
Art.-No. 10501

500 ml bottle
1000 ml bottle

Art.-No. 10502
Art.-No. 10503

Flugfit Flughopper® Dragees

Feed supplement for pigeons



vitamins

Vitamin supplement

Strength

Stamina

Flugfit Flughopper® Dragees supply pigeons with high doses of vitamins, amino acids, honey, and carbohydrates. The significant benefit of Flugfit-Flughopper Dragees is based on the special way it is made to release the nutrients several hours after it is given to a pigeon. This ensures that the pigeon has all the power it needs to come home.

Feeding Recommendation:

1 coated tablet per pigeon when sending it off to a race. Please follow the feeding recommendation on the package insert to the letter. (1 coated tablet contains 0.60 g)

60 tablets

Art.-No. 10529

Blitz-Maxi-Kraft-Pillen

Feed supplement for pigeons



vitamins

Vitamins

Amino Acid

Anise

Blitz-Maxi-Kraft pills are a combination of natural amino acids, pollen and anise. The importance of Blitz-Maxi-Kraft lies in the special processing because the combination is released until several hours after administration.

Feeding recommendation:

Short distance: 2 pills before basketing; Middle distance: 2 pills before basketing.

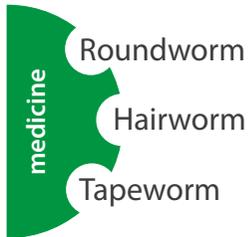
Longdistance: 2 pills on the day before basketing and 2 pills at basketing.

Breeding: young birds get 1 pill from 10th of the 30th day of their life 1 pill. Furthermore they get 1 pill every three days.

50 tablets

Art.-No. 10944

Wurm-T (Wormtabs)



Small animal exemption scheme products

Wurm T Wormtabs are indicated for treatment against roundworm, hairworm and tapeworm infestations in racing pigeons. They are easy to give and effective in treatment of worm infections.

Dosage:

Simply 1 tablet per pigeon, repeat 1 tablet after 6 weeks.

100 tablets

Art.-No. 11409

Gambakokzid RO (sachets)



Gambakokzid RO is one of our most popular products for the treatment and prevention of Trichomoniasis (canker) and intestinal Coccidiosis and inflammation of crop mucosa worldwide.

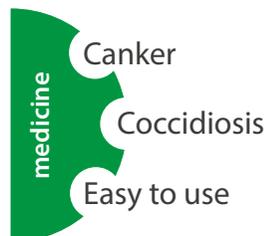
For the treatment and prevention in the loft it is recommended to add to the drinking water. Simply add 2 g of powder per 1 litre of drinking water for a period of 6 days. Drinking water volumes refer to normal consumption levels and should be doubled on hot days.

Gambakokzid RO does not have any known negative side-effects. Following this treatment we recommend administration of **Gervit-W®** for pigeons.

30 x 25 g sachets

Art.-No. 11404

Gamba Tabs R (tablets)



Gamba-Tabs R are for the treatment and prevention of Trichomoniasis and intestinal Coccidiosis. **Gamba-Tabs R** are also for the treatment and prevention of trichomoniasis which cause mucosal inflammation in the crop of pigeons.

Prevention dosage (Prophylaxis) during the racing season give 1 tablet per pigeon every 8-14 days. At the beginning of the week. Weaning of Youngsters from parents 1 tablet per Youngster.

Breeding season: give one tablet per pigeon 14 days before egg hatching.

Treatment dosage – depending on the severity of disease. Give 1 tablet per infected pigeon for 2-3 days.

Administer 1-2 hours prior to feeding and also note, a slight yellow colouration of the droppings may occur.

60 tablets

Art.-No. 11408

Aparasit®

Anti-parasite spray solution



insecticides

Easy to use

Mites & ticks

Fleas & lice

Insecticides

Aparasit® is an anti-parasite spray solution for pest control. It quickly and reliably destroys mites, ticks, fleas, lice and other pests. Because it is easy to use it is ideal for treating nesting cells and equipment.

Instructions:

Aparasit® works against ticks, lice, mites and other pests. The pigeons' head, beak and especially the eyes must be protected. The young without full plumage, feed, eggs and drinking water must also not be sprayed. The majority of the parasites are in the pigeons' environment. Therefore especially the nesting cells, seating and the immediate environment should be sprayed thoroughly. Especially in the case of tick infestation, the treatment should be repeated after 3 days.

750 ml spraycan Art.-No. 11485

Badesalz

Bath salt for pigeons



insecticides

Insect repellent

Plumage care

Skin care

Röhmfried **Badesalz** is recommend for all times of the year and especially during moult. Dust, skin residue and dander, bad feathers and down are loosened, which promotes new feather growth and cares for the skin. This pigeons will have a shiny, silky plumage and it also acts against mites, bird lice and other parasites.

Application:

1 measuring spoon of approx. 20g bath salt is added to 10 l bathing water. Depending on the weather, the pigeons should be offered a bath 1-2 times a week.

800 g tin Art.-No. 10531





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Vaccinations

Every pigeon fancier wants to have pigeons of excellent racing and breeding performance. There are many parameters influencing this, mostly depending on the breeder himself. The quality of the pigeons (correct selection), the quality of the loft, the motivation, the training, or the management of the loft – all these parameters are important. But they are of no use if the pigeons are not healthy.

Even the best pigeons cannot reach a top condition when suffering from parasites or an infection. Besides the right hygiene and nutrition, vaccinations are the most important instrument to prevent infectious diseases. A vaccination plan is essential to every loft. It is very important to provide special vaccination dates in the annual care-taking plan. It is also important to prepare the pigeons for the vaccinations. That means they should be in very good health and show no symptoms of illness. Therefore, the pigeons must be treated for parasites before they get the vaccination (ideally 2 to 3 weeks in advance). Additionally, their natural resistance should be boosted. Lots of stress, like heavy training or separation, should be avoided right before and after the vaccination.

Paramyxo vaccination annual plan

In case, the pigeons cannot be checked by the veterinarian for coccidiosis, canker and worms, we suggest to follow this plan:

1. Old pigeons should get the vaccination during a rest period, i.e. between the moult and the breeding season, but no later than 3 weeks before the first training flight. When

pairing the racing pigeons, too, you should follow this care-taking concept:

- 6 weeks prior to the pairing – canker treatment for 5-7 days with **Gambakokzid RO** + simultaneously **Entrobac**
- 4 weeks prior to the pairing **RO 200 Ready + Immunbooster + Moorgold**
- 3 weeks prior to the pairing paramyxo vaccination

Vaccination 3 weeks prior to the pairing ensures the high-degree transmission of the antibodies to the young pigeons. The parasite treatment prevents breeding disorders and avoids infections of the young pigeons. **Entrobac**, **Immunbooster** and **RO 200 Ready** enhance the natural resistance and vitality of the pigeons.

2. Young pigeons should always get the vaccination twice during their first year. It is especially important to ensure best care and rest of the youngsters in preparation to the vaccination. If the parents were well prepared for the breeding and if the youngsters and their droppings look decent, usually there is no need for a parasite treatment. Any low degree infection by canker or coccidia stimulates the development of the immune system, and thus has a positive influence on the health of the pigeons. Besides this, it makes sense to keep the infection pressure low by feeding **Avidress** and **Entrobac**, which prevents optionally/potentially pathogenic germs immediately after the separation.

In our regard, there are two vaccination concepts for young pigeons:

- First vaccination 5 days prior to the separation. However, the pigeons must be at least 3 weeks old. The second vaccination is applied 3-4 weeks after the separation.
- or
- First vaccination one week after the separation, as soon as the pigeons got accustomed to their new environment. Apply second vaccination 3-4 weeks after that.
- In any case, one should avoid simultaneous vaccination, and separation of the youngsters. Being separated from the parents and moving into a new environment is a lot of stress to the young pigeons and reduces their resistance.

If the youngsters for any reason should fall ill after the separation, the vaccination should be delayed for 1-2 weeks. However, it is important that they get the second vaccination before the pigeons intensively train and race. 4-5 days before and after the vaccination we suggest to feed **Immunbooster + Entrobac + Moorgold** in order to stimulate the immune system. You should be aware of the fact that only the correctly vaccinated pigeons can develop a sufficient immunity and that a good preparation to the vaccination can save the pigeons from potentially negative effects.



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Coccidiosis

Relevance

Besides canker, coccidia are the most frequent protozoan endoparasites of pigeons. Coccidia live in the small intestine and, just like canker, they cause a so called “factor disease”. This means, they are an indicator of the organisms’ resistance. Coccidia often occur amongst young pigeons. They indicate low immunity, stress, collateral infections, worms or poor management of the loft. Today, the relevance of coccidiosis as a spontaneously occurring disease is rather low. However, it is an important reason for a potential loss of condition.

Germes

Pigeon coccidia are protozoa of the type *Eimeria* spp., which reproduce in the epithelia cells of the small intestine. The pigeons live in balance with coccidia, i.e., as long as they are healthy, they show no symptoms. They get infected by ingesting the oocytes with the droppings of infected pigeons. It is important to know that only sporulated oocytes are invasive.

This means that only eggs which developed in the environment can cause a disease. The development time (sporulation time) is 24–48 hours. This is why a regular and thorough cleaning of the loft is very important in combating the spread of coccidia. In case of a low immunity, the course of the disease can become acute, causing diarrhea, problems with ingestion, dehydration, and excessive loss of weight.

Symptoms

Early symptoms go from slightly soft droppings to slimy-watery to greenish, sometimes blood strained diarrhea.

- horrent feathering
- loss of condition
- loss of appetite
- loss of weight

Diagnosis

Microscopic examination of fecal samples.

Treatment

You can treat the pigeons with **Gambakokzid RO** or **Gamba Tabs-R**. At the same time you should administer **Bt-Amin forte** or **Gervit-W** over the drinking water.





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Worms

Relevance

Nematode (hair worms and round worms) are types of worms often diagnosed amongst pigeons. Cestodes (tape-worms) which need an alternate host for their life cycle do not play a major role and are usually found only with single pigeons and never in a complete stock. Hair and round worms live in the small intestine of the animals. A low affection does not trigger symptoms, but it might cause a loss of condition and lower performance. Heavy affection disturbs the general well-being of the pigeon and might—in rare cases—cause a sudden death.

Germes

Two of the most important nematodes with pigeons are: *Ascaridia columbae* (round worm) and *Capillaria obsingata* (hair worm). They have a direct life cycle (no alternate hosts). The infection of the pigeon happens by ingestion of infectious worm eggs. The eggs of both kinds are very resistant against many disinfectants, they tolerate frost and remain infectious for many months. In clinical terms, an infection with hair worms is more dramatic than an infection with round worms. One reason is that hair worms deeply penetrate the mucosa and feed from blood and tissue liquid. That's how they severely damage the mucosa of the small intestine.

It is also important to mention that in contrast to hair worms, round worms are host specific. This means that pigeons can be infected with hair worms through other birds like chicken, crows, sparrows.

The entire life cycle of round worms takes 4–6 weeks and that of hair worms 3–4 weeks (from ingesting the worm egg to secreting the worm egg with the droppings). In order to interrupt this cycle, a worming needs to be done twice, because not all preparations have a worm egg killing effect. Besides, one risks re-infection after the worming by ingestion of the eggs. Therefore, a good hygiene in the loft and disinfection are especially important during worm treatment.

Symptoms

The symptoms depend on the degree of infection:

Allgemeinsymptome

- loss of condition and performance
- loss of appetite
- loss of weight
- diarrhea, with hair worms also bloody
- vomiting
- anemia
- paler eyes
- breeding disorders
- sudden death (caused by intestinal rupture or obstruction)

Diagnosis

Affection by hair and round worms is diagnosed by microscopic examination of fecal samples.

Treatment

You should treat the pigeon with **Wurm-T**. It is suggested to simultaneously feed **Gervit-W**®. A thorough disinfection is also unconditional in order to avoid re-infection with worm eggs.





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Salmonellosis (Paratyphus)

Relevance

Salmonellosis is a major threat to every pigeon fancier. The disease triggers a whole range of damages in the stock. Besides this, it is not easy to detect the disease. Many transmitters (infected pigeons without symptoms) do not secrete the bacteria permanently, but intermittently in intervals of several days.

Germs

Salmonella enterica typhimurium variant Copenhagen is a gram-negative mobile bacillus. This variation is evidenced in 95% of pigeons with paratyphus and is called the pigeon type. Such host specific germs usually cannot infect other species or humans. Infection is possible in 3 ways: oral ingestion (canker milk, infected food or water), inhaling of infected dust or transmission from the female to the egg (transovarial yolk infection or cloacal egg-shell infection by permeating it within few hours). Usually, for healthy, well supplied pigeons with a healthy intestinal flora, ingestion of salmonellae is not dangerous. But infection is possible if the immunity of the pigeon is low (stress). Also, an infection might occur as a concomitant disease or after a treatment with antibiotics without restoring the intestines afterwards (administration of probiotic bacteria). The origin of infection with salmonellae in the environment can only be other pigeons, for example wild or city pigeons and latently infected carrier pigeons (subclinical form), who irregularly secrete the germ with the droppings. Mostly, salmonellae get into the loft by newly bought pigeons, after exhibitions, or

via racing pigeons which took the germ with them from the cabin express. In the loft, the germs can spread over month unnoticed.

Clinical symptoms

The out-break of salmonellosis in the loft usually happens in the late breeding season. Reasons are stress and low immunity which is related to passing on immunoglobulin to the youngsters. Young pigeons infected by their parents show symptoms while still in the nest, after separation and during the moult. Salmonellosis shows various disease patterns. It depends from the way of infection, the amount of ingested bacteria, and which organs got infected. Not always all infected pigeons in a loft show similar symptoms. Often, it is more a mixture of various symptoms.

Acute form with young pigeons:

- greenish-yellowish slimy diarrhea, sometimes with blood or blisters (foamy)
- excessive loss of weight
- swollen joints

Chronic form with old pigeons:

- swelling of joints
- palsy of wings/legs
- imbalance
- twisted head, tremor, wings crawled to the floor
- wind eggs, single egg, permanent infertility of bird

and female

- disorder of moult
- sudden deaths among the breeding pigeons
- ulcerous inflammation of skin (heart-shaped inflammation of eye-lids)
- corneal opacity, color change of iris and one-eyed blindness

Diagnosis

The best moment for the diagnosis of salmonellosis is during the moult. The disease can break out in this period and especially the latently infected pigeons fall ill. The pigeons are weakened by the moult and thus, their immunity is more prone to infections. It also means that is easier to detect the bacteria in a fecal sample then.

Treatment

When detecting the described symptoms and suspecting salmonellosis, immediate treatment with antibiotics is unconditional. Ideally, the antibiotic is chosen according to a resistance test and pigeons are treated for 14–21 days. Additionally, it is recommendable to feed **Entrobac, Immunbooster and Gervit-W** in order to support the intestinal flora and the resistance. At the same time, the infection pressure must be reduced. That means, all germs in the environment must be eliminated. In order to do so, the loft and all tools inside should be disinfected with Desinfektion Pro (on the second and on the last day of the treatment). But first, the loft needs to be cleaned thoroughly.



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Streptococcosis

Relevance

Streptococcosis is one of the most important infection diseases among carrier pigeons. The bacteria are widely spread in the environment (e.g., dust, litter, other birds). About 40% of all pigeons are infected with streptococcus, however, without showing any clinical symptoms.

The germ can be found especially in lofts of poor hygienic conditions and amongst the females during the breeding season. A serious problem regarding streptococcosis is that it can easily be mistaken for other diseases like paratyphus or the young bird disease. Therefore a wrong diagnosis is likely.

Germ

Streptococcus gallolyticus (formerly *S. bovis*) is a potentially/optionally pathogenic germ. That means, it only causes diseases under certain conditions. These conditions are not entirely identified, yet. Supposedly, stress, poor hygiene in the loft and viral infections (circovirus, adenovirus) are influential. It is typical for streptococcus to not infect the entire stock but only few pigeons whose condition gets bad very quickly. Very often the infection causes a sudden death within 24 hours after showing the first symptom.

Clinical symptoms

The course of the disease is very variable and depends from the infected organs. All these symptoms can be distributed over several pigeons and the pigeons might at the same time show other symptoms. Typical symptoms are:

General symptoms:

- green slimy droppings
- declining racing performance
- apathy and horrent feathering

Other organ specific symptoms:

- embryonic mortality
- infertility (infertile females and birds)

Diagnosis

The bacteriological examination of organs after the autopsy of a pigeon is the only safe way to diagnose.

Treatment

Apart from an adjusted treatment with antibiotics, it is most importantly to improve the hygienic conditions in the loft and to avoid overpopulation. Together with the antibiotic, we suggest a restoring treatment of the intestine with **Moorgold** and **Entrobac**.

The loft should be disinfected with **Desinfektion Pro** also on the second day and after the cure.





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He is still motivated!

**1st NATIONAL CHAMPION ONE DAY
LONG DISTANCE "AANGEWEZEN"
4th NATIONAL ACE ONE DAY LONG DISTANCE
4 x fastest of the total release
(against 31,685 – 12,985 – 10,321 and 10,069 pigeons)**

I met Kees Bosua for the first time in Ophasselt at a public auction some 20 years ago. He is a passionate searcher: he wants to win, is always looking for the best and if possible, he buys it. He is never afraid but always looks ahead and tries to win. And that is the reason why he is still doing it. Last year, in 2016, he switched to the "total widowhood" method and his conclusion is: "I like it very much..."

During our visit at the end of 2016, he was busy reconstructing his lofts, which were already older and in need of renovation. Kees is always optimistic and knows what he wants. When it comes to pigeons, he wants to win. The 2017 season closed very well; he will be crowned as **1st National Champion of Holland One Day Long Distance**. Or to put it another way, the best in Holland with his pigeons winning 1st and 2nd in the races from 400-600km!

At the beginning, his colony was based on the world-famous "Autokoppel", a topper of Arie v.d. Rhee (Alblasserdam) paired with a daughter of Uno of Raoul Verstraete (Oostakker). They became parents of many famous birds such as Miss Marbella (1st Provincial Sens against 24,033 pigeons + winner of a car). This winning hen was paired with Porky and again, top pi-

geons were born. The famous Kerduifje and her nest-brother Kannibaal were also grandchildren of Autokoppel. Kerduifje went down in history by winning the national victory from Le Mans against 120,936 pigeons!!! Then, Kees became famous all over the world, but because of the pressure and demand, he decided in 2008 to sell the greater part of his colony. He held on to the base, though. Today the name of Bosua is still found at the top of pigeon racing, but he has stopped doing business. All he wants is to race his feathered friends and enjoy it!

Always ambitious

2017 was the first year he raced his birds from his renovated lofts. Now, there are open aviaries in front of each compartment. This gives the pigeons more oxygen and is also much easier for the fancier himself. With the "total widowhood" method, the hens stay in the aviary all day long (these are covered and not draughty!). In the evening, around 5pm, they move to the resting compartment, where they are closed in via a sliding door and where can rest and remain as calm as possible.

Tip: the hen of a good cock stays at home and the cock of a good hen stays at home. That is the key to good motivation.

What's important according to Kees Bosua?

Good pigeons. A good loft: dry, clean and free of draught
Regularity: everything should be done at the same time every day with respect for the biorhythm of the birds

Good feed: "When you work hard, you have to eat well." Make sure you have enough young blood in the breeding loft. Those that score well have to be moved to the breeding loft as soon as possible because the good ones usually are bred from good ones! Observe: spend as much time as possible with your feathered friends, so you can see what needs to be done. The pigeons will let you know. Good supplements: every day the breeders as well as the racers receive several kinds of minerals and picking stones, which provide for good digestion. It is probably the cheapest, but best product to keep the pigeons in good health!>>



More information go to:

www.roehnfried.com/bosua-en

Successes and top races in 2017:



4th National Ace Pigeon in the One Day Long Distance 2017

- April 8 Duffel 1st against 3,872 pigeons, also 1st against **12,985 pigeons**
- June 24 Bourges 1st against 1,187 pigeons, also 1st against **10,321 pigeons**
- July 8 Asse 1st against 3,137 pigeons, also 1st against **10,069 pigeons**
- July 22 Quiévrain 1st against 2,705 pigeons
- July 29 Morlincourt 1st against 9,971 pigeons, also 1st against **31,685 pigeons**

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“Supplier of top pigeons”

2016: 2nd Belgian Masters Nevele

2017: 1st Provincial Tours against 1,076 yearlings

Rik Cools, part-time advisor in a school in Aalter, remains at the top of pigeon racing. In 2005, he began racing pigeons by himself (it had always been in tandem before). He got off to a blitz start; by breeding together with Gaby Vandenabeele, he soon scored top results. Especially with the bloodlines of Bliksem x Frieda and with Bliksem x Bieke, which are the stock of this super colony. These foundation breeders and those of Victor from Antoine Bennot of Nazareth are the most important in the breeding loft in Ruiselede.

Since then, many have had winners with “Cools pigeons”:

1st National Ace Pigeon Heavy Middle Distance Young Birds

2014 – Tarzan (Leo & Gerry Dockx) – 100% Rik Cools

1st National Limoges 2015 + 2nd National Ace Pigeon Long Distance 2015 – Favoriet (Rudi De Saer) – 50% Rik Cools

1st National Ace Pigeon Heavy Middle Distance Yearlings 2014 – Carla (Freddy De Jaeger) – 50% Rik Cools

1st National Ace Pigeon Heavy Middle Distance Young Birds 2013 – Sun (Benny Steveninck) – 25% Rik Cools

2nd National Ace Pigeon Long Distance 2014 – Gloria (Bert Van den Berghe) – 25% Rik Cools

3rd National Ace Pigeon Heavy Middle Distance Young Birds 2015 – Benji (Marnick De Neve) – 75% Rik Cools

4th National Ace Pigeon Long Distance Old Birds 2015

– Impact Florian (Filip & Nicolas Norman) – 50% Rik Cools

4th National Ace Pigeon Heavy Middle Distance Old Birds 2014 – Christa (Chris Debacker) – 50% Rik Cools

5th National Ace Pigeon Heavy Middle Distance Young Birds

2015 – Angelina (Marnick De Neve) – 50% Rik Cools

5th National Ace Pigeon Heavy Middle Distance Old Birds

2014 – Leila (Marnick De Neve) – 50% Rik Cools

Cools and his hens

Rik Cools is known for being a master in the game with his hens and he prefers participating in the heavy middle distance races. Throughout the years, he has bred a “line” of hen that is not so interested in same-sex pairing, accomplishing this by training and selection. They receive a light mixture and near the day of hampering, they get some extra corn, peanuts and sunflower seeds.

Every week they have to participate in a race and on the day of their arrival, they receive **Avipharm** and **Mumm** (glucose and electrolytes) so that they regain their condition in no time at all. Next, he uses **Gervit-W** and **Avidress** in the drinking water. The last two days, it's **Bt-Amin forte** (amino acids) and/or **Blitzform** (extra iodine). Apart from this, they receive **Carni-Speed** every day of the week during the season. This ensures that the birds recover faster and that their energy supply functions faster, too. Following a difficult race, they are sometimes hampered for a short race of 100-200 km. He has had good experience using **Blitzform** for a whole week, which gives a nice pink breast and they recover better.

The hens are free in the loft during the daytime as well as at night. Once the season is over, they move to the open aviary, where they can spend an ideal moulting period. During that time, they are given a good moulting mixture, seeds and

Taubengold on a regular basis in their drinking water plus **Se-dochol + Pavifac Brewer's Yeast** in their feed.

The youngsters as well the old birds receive a lot of Jungtierpulver. To Rik it is also very important that they get fresh minerals every day; he prefers **Reise-Mineral** and **Zucht+Mau-ser-Mineral**. A fresh portion daily ensures that their digestion is good.

Tours 2017

In the Tours Provincial West Flanders race, 2,389 old birds and 1,076 yearlings took part. The birds were released at 07:30 and the winning hen of Rik Cools was clocked at 12:12:54 for a distance of 450.981 km at a speed of 1,594.1357 m/min. Rik clocked his second pigeon at 12:14:29 – she won 10th Provincial against 2,389 old birds.

Rik took 1st provincial in the yearlings race. The hen was B-16-3041188 from a joint breeding with Chris Debacker. Her sire is Wesley (B-13-3074333) and the dam is top flyer Katho (B-10-3029605), who herself has won several top prizes including the 4th National Bourges against 12,607 pigeons.



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Who scored better in 2017?

First-class pigeons: no other way to describe it...

These last few years, Luc and his wife Sybille have not had a lot of luck. They had to do without the help of father Maurice since 2015; added to that was Luc's serious work-related accident in autumn 2015, which involved several operations and lingering problems with a great deal of ongoing joint pain and muscle ache. Luckily there is still Sybille, who has been taking care of the pigeons for the most part ever since. There is one thing that they have learned from all that: caring for pigeons can be very simple and a lot depends on good origins – the Tieke origins. The old base with the Vandenabeele pigeons and the old Janssen birds, which have been producing very good pigeons for several years now. The foundation cock Tieke 3010207-00 was a top cock that was the best of the province of West Flanders in the middle distance two years in a row. He became 1st Provincial Ace with a list of top prizes: 1st Provincial Tours against 1,557 pigeons (6 minutes ahead!) – 1st Tours against 490 pigeons (2 minutes ahead) – 1st Blois against 344 pigeons (2 minutes ahead) – 1st Tours (8 minutes ahead) and 1st Chartres (6 minutes ahead). He grew and became a dominant breeder and in crossbreed with the strain of the Bliksem of Vandenabeele, he produced top descendants. Offspring, grandchildren and great-grandchildren even have garnered wins! That's all a fancier needs!!! The super birds always moved into their own breeding loft and this often proved to be a golden move. The breeders are very well taken care of – they form the foundation of the loft.

Breeders and top care

In preparation for the breeding period, the De Laere family uses **Taubenfit E50** (15ml per litre water), it ensures a good lay and good fertilization. During the breeding period, the birds regularly receive **Gervit-W**. The product **Avidress Plus** is used daily every day of the year, although the racers do not get this the day of hampering. Sometimes they may get a little bit more as Luc watches his pigeons very closely and when the droppings are not as they should be, he does not panic or turn to medication but prefers using a little more **Avidress** in the water which usually solves the problem! Every day, he adds fresh grit to the feed mixture and also uses a lot of minerals (**Expert Mineral**) and **Lecker-Stein**. This provides the birds with extra calcium, which keeps them healthy.

Not a lot but good!

In Anzegem, they have 36 widowers: two compartments of 18 pigeons each, and Luc wants to keep it that way. This allows for a strict selection!

He still uses the classic widowhood method, in spring the birds only get to breed. Simple and good. The cocks have to train twice a day for half an hour. To get into a good basic condition, the birds get a 4-week "cure" of **Hexenbier**. This product provides them with a very good basic condition, a smooth moult of the down and "clean" bodies with good blood circulation and fit birds at the start.

Luc prefers to use the same system week after week, a good

basic routine. Every day in the drinking water, he puts **Avidress Plus** (to disinfect) to which he adds **UsneGano** (oregano & Usnea barbata), two products that ensure the birds are free of canker, have good digestion and soft feathers.

During the racing season at the beginning of the week, they receive **Bt-Amin forte** (this combination accelerates recovery) and several times **Avidress Plus** and **Hexenbier**.

The day of hampering, they get **Avipharm** in combination with **Rotosal**, which provides their body with extra energy. Luc gives his birds a >>



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Successes 2017:

- 1st Provincial Chateaudun against 3,594 pigeons
- 1st Provincial Châteauroux against 2,326 yearlings
- 1st Provincial Orléans against 1,649 yearlings
- 8th National Jarnac against 5,117 yearlings
- 1st Provincial Bourges against 652 old birds
- 1st Provincial Pontoise against 18,184 young birds
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 4th Provincial Orleans against 3,398 young birds



Grandchildren of Rainman – 1st National St. Vincent against 3,162 pigeons ...

... confirm their class with 6th + 12th NATIONAL ACE PIGEONS in the 2017 ZLU races

Martin De Poorter, new in the Röhmfried Racing Team. I got in contact with Martin at the end of 2010, when we organised his auction of heavy middle distance racers. Already back then, he was the owner of top racers including an NPO winner from Argenton. At that time, he was scoring top results such as:

- 1st **Argenton** against 3,007 pigeons
- 1st **NPO Beckingen** against 4,852 pigeons
- 1st **Peronne** against 8,473 pigeons
- 1st **Pommeroeul** against 3,815 pigeons
- 1st **Pommeroeul** against 4,555 pigeons
- 1st **NPO Mantes la Jolies** against 8,049 pigeons.

Sluis is situated in the west corner of Holland, not far from the border with Belgium. In 2010, he sold a large part of his pigeons because he was moving. He stayed in Sluis, but moved to the edge of the city where he had more possibilities and enough space to build a loft in the garden. Before, he raced his pigeons from a loft above the garage.

A young enthusiast man, who wanted to participate in long distance, is how we can describe Martin de Poorter. Now, some 7 years later, he is among the top in the long distance races in Holland and with a rather small team of racers at that. He already won 1st National St. Vincent with his Rainman in 2013. Since then he focuses completely on the international races.

Levi: NL 08-1438715

- 1st **National St. Vincent ZLU 2013** against 2,343 pigeons
- 5th **International** against 10,944 pigeons
- 4th **National St. Vincent 2010** against 5,336 pigeons
- 128th **National St. Vincent 2012** against 4,858 pigeons
- 205th **National Cahors 2011** against 7,305 pigeons
- 317th **National Perpignan 2012** against 5,607 pigeons

This bird raced in the loft of Aad Kuyt and was later bought by Martin together with AP Overwater and Piet de Vogel. At this moment, Levi is to be found in the lofts of Gerard Koopman, where the 1st NPO winner of Orange 2017 is already a grandchild of Levi.

These 3 top pigeons form the stock. They have been inbred and well selected, inbred products in the breeding loft and crossbred with other bloodlines. By using this system, he has created his own lines, which he can handle much better. In each pair, you find the blood of these stock pigeons and he crosses them with lineage of winners.

Some top results of the past few years – Heavy long distance:

- Agen 2014** yearlings against 4,379 pigeons: 9, 140, 155, 156, 161 (23 of 36 on the same day)
- Narbonne 2015** against 5,338 pigeons: 45, 409, 621, 889, 891,
- NPO Bergerac 2015**, released in the morning against 2,343 pigeons: 1, 33, 54, 147, 224, 445
- Pau 2016** against 3,788 pigeons: 31, 49, 62, 194

Agen 2016 against 4,679 yearlings: 101, 131, 184, 200 (13 of 20 at home on the first day)

Agen 2017 against 6,897 old birds: 18, 115, 141, 228, 360, 462, 543 (10 of 13 at home on the first day)

How does Martin do all that?

After Perpignan, the racing team breeds a couple of youngsters, then they move to the open aviaries in front of the lofts (from September until March 1st). The birds remain in the aviaries day and night, and the hens and cocks stay together all winter long, they are not separated. During the moulting period, he uses a lot of **Taubengold** and the birds can take a bath regularly, to which he adds the Röhmfried **Badesalz**. On March 1st, the windows of the lofts are opened again and the birds can pair. The racing team can sit on the eggs for the incubation period and afterwards, they are separated for a brief period and trained on widowhood. >>



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Successes in 2017:

- 6th and 12th Ace Pigeon of the ZLU races
- 5th National Agen 2017 against 6,211 pigeons
- 32nd National Perpignan 2017 against 4,789 pigeons
- 51st National Marseille 2017 against 2,525 pigeons





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ACE & NEW JENS Jr. do it again

Construction work in the neighbourhood spoiled the fun in 2017!

Rudi Desaer will never forget the 2017 season because a construction site was located next door to his loft. Work started early in the morning and went on until the evening. Of course, the noise of all this brought on agitation in the loft, which called for a lot of changes in the daily routine. The birds were not able to train in the morning and if they did go outside, they did not want to go back inside and remained on the roof. Since Rudi is a perfectionist when it comes to taking care of his feathered friends, he had to adjust his schedule. The pigeons could train only once a day, in the evening.

Lucky for him that he has 4 National winners in his super breeding loft, an exception not often found. Top pigeons such as Antonio (B10-3020860) – 1st National Souillac against 7,756 pigeons; New Tours (B10-3020802) – 1st National Cahors against 7,136 pigeons; New Jens (B10-3020896) – 1st National Limoges 2012 against 13,789 pigeons; and Favoriet (B11-3123742) – 1st National Limoges 2015 against 8,301 pigeons. They all take care of the foundation of class pigeons. Rudi leaves nothing to chance and works on that 24 hours a day. The circle is complete: super pigeons – super management – super fancier – super results!

The game with the old birds, the widowers

It may be traditional, but if you do it well, you get top results. He prefers “old cocks” because they know their “job”! The young birds are trained well, but it is enough if they just gain experience during the year of their birth. Patience is the key,

something which can be seen by the individual results of the old birds. The older they get, the better they fly.

To keep his team in a good health, Rudi has already been using Röhnfried products for more than 20 years. Every week, the birds can take a bath to which he adds **Badesalz**. **Gervit-W**, the wonder multivitamin, has been used here many years, and from experience he has learned that this product sometimes gives a boost to the racing results.

The nutritional programme

On Saturday, the day they arrive home from the race: **Avipharm** and **Bt-Amin forte** in the drinking water. **Energy Oil** and **Pavifac Brewer's Yeast** on the feed.

The day after the race: **Avidress + UsneGano** in the drinking water. **Energy Oil** and **Pavifac Brewer's Yeast** on the feed.

The second day after the race: **Avidress + UsneGano** in the drinking water.

3rd day after the race: **Bt-Amin forte** in the drinking water.

4th day after the race: **Blitzform** in the drinking water.

5th day after the race: **Gervit-W** in the drinking water.

On the day of hampering – pure water, pure feed.

If the pigeons have to participate in long-distance races, then every 2 or 3 weeks and then he uses **Blitzform** 3 or 4 days in a row. This iodine preparation can give the metabolism an extra boost.

A stable system and confidence

If you want to get good results, you have to keep your eye on everything. You can have good pigeons, but if the nutrition

is not optimal, the bird will rarely give maximum performance during the races. The pigeons are athletes that need to be taken care of just like “top sportsmen”. Rudi often compares our sport with cycling: the nutrition, regeneration, supplements... A couple of days before hampering, the birds also get extra corn. He uses many Röhnfried natural products (**Avipharm**, **Gervit-W**). He also pays a lot of attention to the recovery after the races. On arrival from the race, the pigeons can eat as much as they want of a good sports mixture that contains seeds rich in oil and all this is enriched with **Energy Oil**. The following, they get a light “meal” (a diet mixture). The pigeons always have to eat together. >>



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Best races:

May 13	Fontenay 566 Yearlings:	1, 2, 14, 15, 16, 18
	Fontenay 715 Old Birds:	1, 2, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20
May 20	Tours 3,353 Yearlings:	9, 10, 14, 65, 110
	Tours 6,720 Old Birds:	13, 14, 21, 28, 29, 98
June 4	Tours 632 Yearlings:	2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16
June 4	Limoges 3,090 Old Birds:	3, 83, 155, 164
June 17	Brive National 9,132 Old Birds:	61, 64, 254
July 8	Limoges National 9,162 Old Birds:	64, 67, 219
July 15	Jarnac National 5.134 Old Birds:	50, 53, 111
July 29	Tulle National 7,447 Old Birds:	30, 77, 278

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„Always at the top“

That was the motto last season, that is it now and so it will remain in Herent. Breeding, racing, selecting and doing everything possible! Every year he continues to surprise the pigeon world: Albert probably has a “special gift”... He’s a good observer and he starts the season with a group of pigeons, which he already selects after a few races. At that time he takes his decisions, culls and sticks with it. Sometimes, they are cocks, sometimes hens, but the attention he gives and the investment he makes, go mostly to a limited group: the good pigeons. Those are the ones able to win without much effort and no rewards. He has often battled against the “big masters” with his small team and often with success...

Albert is a fancier who wants to win, who is always aiming for even better. Adapting the methods: darkening, exposing to light, the system with the cocks, with the hens – he always tries to be ahead of everyone else. That is the only way I can describe him. He likes to talk about our sport and is in contact with the very best among us. He tries to hold on to those contacts and is always there where top pigeons are to be found, to reinforce his own; the famous Paulien, Valeska, the origins of the golden pair. He knows those pigeons and knows what they need and how they act, and tries to improve, which he often succeeds in doing. His results are proof of that.

Again 2017 was another fabulous season. At the opening race of the heavy middle distance in Vierzon mid-May, he won 1st against 2,258 yearlings; and he finished the season in the heavy middle distance with a superb result from Bourges 1st Pro-

vincial with 1/498 old birds and also the fastest against 2,546 pigeons.

2017: widowhood with 15 hens!

The group this season did not number any more pigeons and that does not necessarily mean that you have good pigeons under your roof. If the hens are the best, then spend your time with the hens and again, spend your time with the best pigeons, do not waste it on those you are unsure about. Albert has already tried all methods, but each time he falls back on the same “spend your time with good pigeons, these can be cocks, hens or young birds – the main thing is they are the best”.

Top priority in the loft of Albert Derwa

Hygiene: very clean lofts, which are cleaned twice a day. **The feed:** as much “pure” feed as possible: he rarely adds something on the feed, but last season did so for the first time.

Hexenbier in combination with **Entrobac**, but only for a few days at the beginning of the week. Why? According to Albert, they eat more when the food is “pure” and the more they eat, the better they train, the faster they get into good condition.

Drinking water: he also pays a lot of attention to the drinking water, which he refreshes twice a day. Something is always used in the drinking water: the basic products here are still **Avidress Plus** and **UsneGano** because used in this combination, the pigeons stay good health more easily. Both before the season starts and during the “dead” period (September to March).

Apart from that, Albert never takes a risk and his birds are always vaccinated against paramyxovirus and paratyphus. Before the season starts, they also get a preventative cure against canker and for their heads. He does not know if it is necessary, but feels better doing so. Afterwards he takes them to the vet for a check-up. If the pigeons manage to make it in good shape to the start, several prizes are guaranteed.

About training and care in general

Once the heavy middle distance races start, the hens train only once a day. Every day they get fresh mineral (he likes using Röhnfried mineral mixtures such as Expert Mineral, Reise-Mineral and Leckerstein) and so these are given every day. He also adds some extras such as seeds >>



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Best races:



Momignies against 1,444 youngsters:	1, 2, 13, 15, 17, 27, 34
Nanteuil against 1,678 youngsters:	1, 4, 32, 35, 64, 81, 172
Melun against 628 yearlings:	1, 2, 5, 11, 17, 38
Lorris against 834 yearlings:	1, 37, 40
Blois against 3,122 yearlings:	4, 5, 43, 55, 74
Bourges against 2,318 old birds:	11, 28, 101
Vierzon against 1,521 old birds:	9, 13, 46, 109, 118



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A good combination

Brilliant in the province of Zeeland 2017 – 3x 1st Provincial with the youngsters!

All the racing pigeons are staying with the Schieman family. Here it is the father Adrie and his son Kees who take care of the racing birds. They follow precisely the programme prescribed by their friend and vet Patrick Derycke. Patrick is the one who delivers the racers since the breeders are all in his loft.

Everything is carried out punctually and of course, it's much more fun to work when everyone pitches in. Since there is no need to worry about all aspects of the sport, those taking care of the pigeons have some moments of "rest".

As mentioned, it is the Schieman family who races the pigeons, trains them and selects them. Patrick Derycke, on the other hand, is the one who breeds them and is the owner of the extensive Vandenabeele collection.

So each and every one in this team knows quite well what to do. The racers with father Adrie (77 years old, still a hard worker, however, and a man with a clear vision when it comes to pigeon racing). Both sons help out: Frans cleans the loft and Kees is responsible for the hampering of the pigeons and everything else. In fact, he is responsible for the management of the loft.

Total widowhood with 24 cocks and 16 hens

The partners stay at home. Not many, but good ones – that's all a fancier needs!

Everything is done according to schedule with an attempt to respect the biorhythm of the pigeons. On the agenda: 7 preparation races of 100-250km and afterwards, 7 races of 400-550km, which are the most important and here, the birds need to come in at the top. Of course, it's not that easy to get good results time after time if you only race with a limited team, still they try to achieve top scores.

Super season in 2017 with the young birds

Last season, 2017, was super with the youngsters. If you can add 3x 1st Provincial to your prize list and do so with just a few pigeons, then you can certainly talk about having a super season.

The young birds were given a lot of Jungtierpulver, a top product. Once you know that Patrick Derycke is a vet who can confirm this, you can be sure it is a super product. It gives the birds resistance, ensures a good balance in their intestines and gives them an extra performance boost.

Some tips

- Training the youngsters: do not start before they can fly well enough and make sure they are "clean". Treat the youngsters for canker and make sure their heads are "clear", not too much but sometimes a must. "Train them with a tailwind, do not take any unnecessary risks."
- Pay attention to temperature differences: many pigeons have problems with "stuffy heads" in spring which is often the result of a difference in temperature – outside 15°C and inside the transport truck 30°C

- Days when it is too hot: when it is very hot, try to make sure there is enough fresh air in the loft! During those periods, it is best to refresh the water twice daily, this will lower the risk of infection.
- Observe their ears: if the little feathers surrounding the ears are not flat, then something is wrong, normally respiratory problems. If that happens, do not take any risks with those birds!

If you observe carefully, you can prevent a lot of problems. As we all know, prevention is better than cure. That is the best way to win.

Supplementary products they prefer using:

On arrival home from the race: **Bt-Amin forte** in the drinking water, **Sedochol & K+K Protein** on top of the feed
The day after the race: **Avidress Plus + UsneGano** in the drinking water. The following days (always in the drinking water): **Gervit-W** and on the last 2 days **Blitzform**. As mentioned: the young birds are given a lot of **Jungtierpulver** to maintain a good balance in their intestines and for long-lasting >>



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Successes 2017:

3 x 1st Provincial with the youngsters



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Der Kittel – fliegt reihenweise 1. Konkurse

Impressive ...

1st National Champion 1st + 2nd Short Distance Holland 2017

2nd – 6th – 8th National Ace Pigeon Short Distance 2017

It's a bit wrong but to be honest, I met Evert Diepeveen for the first time thanks to the Röhmfried Courier. Not everyone follows pigeon racing all the time and certainly not the short distance game in our neighbouring country. We finally met him at the end of 2016 and at the end of our conversation, we were impressed. He enjoys pigeon racing as much as he can and is able to handle the sportive aspect as well as the business side. As a member of the NPO, he knows how to deal with it all.

On the business level, he is the man behind First Prize Pigeons. In a very short time, they produced national and international winners such as in 2017: 1st International Narbonne (N vd Hurk) – 1st National Marseille (Team Vollebrect) – 1st National Perigieux Sector 3 (H Zwiers) – 1st National Orange Sector 3 (A Versluis); in 2016: 1st National St. Vincent (F Zwiers) – 1st National Dax Sector 1 (F Zwiers) – 1st National Albi Sector 3 (Comb driessen); in 2015: 1st International Pau (De Smeyter Restiaen) – 1st National St. Vincent Sector 2 (J Boers). More information can be found on the website of First Prize Pigeons.

On the administrative level, he has been part of the NPO (Netherlands Postduiven Orgaan) since 2016. There, too, he demonstrated his skills and vision towards our sport, which he wants and will bring back to a higher level.

On the sportive level, he often dominates 100-400km races!!!

After our conversation at the end of 2016, I started following him. This year, the NPO brought out a newsletter "Op de Hoogte", and every week subscribers can get free information. That is a very modern and proper way in contemporary pigeon racing. Here, you can also have a look at the results and the name of Evert Diepeveen can be found in every race, from the first to the last.

Evert Diepeveen's Nutritional Plan

On arrival from a race, the pigeons receive a number of products for recovery such as **Mumm** (glucose and vitamin C) and electrolytes (**Avipharm** and **Bt-Amin forte**). Then they are given **Hexenbier** and **Sedochol** to get rid of waste products as quickly as possible. For clean bronchial tubes, **Atemfrei** is used in the feed dried with **Avimycine** powder.

Care then needs to be taken as soon as possible to ensure they build up their reserves through the use of **RO 200** and **Blitzform** (iodine). For good digestion, **Moorgold** in combination with **Entrobac** and/or **Immunbooster** are a help. Additionally, the pigeons are given **Carni-Speed** every day because L-Carnitine stimulates the burning of the fat and the pigeons also arrive home less tired. During the moulting period, he uses a lot of **Bt-Amin forte** and **Sedochol**, two products that are the basis of good quality feathers!

During the breeding period, they get a lot of **Avidress Plus** combined with **Gervit-W**. Evert is not afraid of using too much of the supplementary products – a shortage would be worse, the pigeons would be worn-out and "used-up" faster.

How does he do it???

Respect for nature: Evert is an animal lover, which you soon notice whenever he starts talking about his pigeons, his dogs or his wife's horses. He will never do anything against nature. "What you do in the pigeon loft is reflected in the behaviour of the birds. He is very sure that animals are aware of how you handle them and that has an impact on their results." >>



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Best races::

Apr 16, Isnes	(132km) - 1,402 pigeons: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 11, 12, 22, 24, 33, 34
Apr 29, Vervins	(226km) - 2,249 pigeons: 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 18, 21, 22, 23
May 6, Laon	(254km) - 1,144 pigeons: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 28, 32
May 27, Laon	(254km) - 1,642 pigeons: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 20, 22, 25, 30, 38, 45, 47
June 3, Sézanne	(344km) - 4,189 pigeons: 1, 2, 17, 144
Aug 20, Asse	(118km) - 2,496 young birds: 1, 3, 4, 13, 15, 18, 19, 31, 33, 64, 73
Sep 9, Vervins	(226km) - 1,468 young birds: 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 12, 14, 17, 19, 43



„You have to know what you want“

A few years ago, Yannick Deridder and Bruno Vandenbrande decided to join forces. They were going to fulfil their desire and so they created the "Flanders Collection".

Yannick Deridder looks after the breeders and receives a lot of help from his father. Bruno is responsible for the racing team and together with Yannick, they have achieved super results. An important advantage is that one person has control over the breeders and the other is free to concentrate on the "races". These are two important aspects in the pigeon racing that, if you want to do it well, demand a lot of energy from the fancier. It's lucky that Yannick is young, enthusiastic and has a lot of energy to look after this colony. In addition, he is surrounded by a team of people that help and support him as much as possible.

In conversation with Yannick, we arrived at the question: „How do you keep your birds as healthy as possible?“

You take very good care of them, while a strict selection is also very important.

When they fall ill, they have to recover as quickly as possible. Every day, the water is disinfected using **Avidress Plus**. This is an amino acid, which – according to Yannick – is a true miracle product. His pigeons receive this every day of the year. In combination with **UsneGano**, it is given to the breeders when they have chicks. But it's also a top product for the young birds in their first 3 months of life. It helps in developing the immune system while being extremely effective in keeping the intestines in balance!

In preparation for the breeding period as well as the first

round of breeding, the breeders often receive **Taubenfit E50**. These E vitamins make sure that the "older breeders" remain much more vital while enhancing the fertilisation.

He repeats this regularly during the breeding period and his pairs can raise easily 4 to 5 rounds of chicks.

Every day the pigeons receive a mixture of **Breeding Mineral**, **Expert mineral** and **Topfit** (Vitamineral), to which he regularly adds **Leckerstein**. In the breeding loft, he also often uses **Gervit-W**, a well-balanced vitamin preparation to keep the birds in optimum health.

KITTEL 6139803-13

1 National Ace Short-distance KBDB

This is a Guido Van den Bulck cock. In addition to Kittel, he also bought his father and mother together with almost the whole family.

Impressive larger type pigeons with a lot of feathers. They are like a ball in the hand as well as being very tame. They know very well what is expected of them.

Super fast birds! "Kittel" won, from Quiévrain 1/2,089 pigeons - 1/1,792 pigeons - 2/2,023 pigeons - 3/2,443 pigeons - 4/2,212 pigeons - 9/1,934 pigeons and was twice the fastest in the entire race in Quiévrain against 25,000 and 17,000 pigeons!

Thesedays, his descendants are also super. He is already a father, grandfather and great grandfather of winners such as: 1/1,780 pigeons - 1/1,636 pigeons - 1/831 pigeons - 1/805 pigeons - 1/740 pigeons - 1/668 pigeons - 1/566 pigeons - 1/433 pigeons - 1/336 pigeons.... They have been extremely successful – particularly in combination with the Leo

Heremans pigeons. Yannick has developed a warm friendship to Leo (they contact each other at least once a week). The cross-breed "Kittel" x "Heremans" is absolute top!

At several different locations

Yannick and Bruno wanted to test the quality of their breeding loft as quickly as possible, and therefore looked for "pilot lofts". These they found not only in Belgium but also abroad, including in Ireland and Portugal.

With these people, whom they have now become friends with, they made clear arrangements. A lot of breeders moved to these lofts, where they bred and their families were tested. The results are fabulous! The "managing methods" were maintained by Yannick and the same products also used in these lofts: **Carni-Speed**, **Ro 200 ready**, **Gervit-W**, **Avidress Plus** + **UsneGano**. The results are super!

Top results in 2017 (100, 400 km)

Kittel's offspring are super. Yannick ensured that the children and grandchildren of the famous "Kittel" took part in races both in Belgium and abroad. The results were absolute tops:

The grandchildren achieved such top results as the best against 12,000 – 11,000 – 10,000 – 10,000 – 8,000 – 7,400 – 5,000 – 4,000 – 2,000 – 2,000 pigeons and also 1st National Skibberen against 2,500 pigeons. >>



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Geerinckx is and remains at the top!

Gladiator - Wittekop Sylvester - the IJzeren - Willyke; all names of basis pigeons that shot to world fame in a short time. "Geerinckx = Soontjes", whichever way you look at it, the name of Geerinckx will always be synonymous with the Soontjes pigeons. Super class on the speed and middle distance races. And even when they decided to join in other races, the birds kept on doing it! Now even with the one-day 700 km LD races. Class proves its worth! But even though here in Wommelgem, they sometimes also have poorer years with less good results, the next year, they're back in the running. As in 2017 with fantastic results and ace-pigeons!

Top breeding loft:

In the breeding loft, we find 35 pairs. They never sell a winner. Supers like the Gladiator, (Olympic cock), the National winners like the 1 National Argenton 2012 - 12,447 pigeons - 1, 2 National Argenton 2013 - 16,325 pigeons, other Olympic pigeons (1st Olympic Ace Pigeon Allround Nitra 2013, 2 Olympic Ace Pigeons Budapest 2015 ...) "Ace" National Ace Difficult MD KBDB The success of the Geerinckx colony is based on them all.

The breeders receive **Avidress Plus** and **UsneGano** in the drinking water every day. This enables them to stay in perfect basic condition. They also pay extra attention to the necessary nutritional supplements; with the breeders, specially fresh grit every day (**Breeding and moulting mineral**) and **Topfit** (minerals and trace elements). In preparation for the breeding period, **Taubenfit E50** (vitamins to stimulate a

good fertility) is also used and - during the breeding period - **Gervit-W** regularly on the feed.

Classic widowhood; both with the cocks and the hens

It's hard work here in the Sportstraat in Wommelgem, and this applies not only to the fancier but also the pigeons. Although Bart is busy from morning to evening, top results can only be achieved by hard work. It's all about quality, of course, and no mistakes are allowed. Everything is done as punctually as possible and they're always trying to predict the weather conditions. As soon as the weather is good, the daily training flights start. It is therefore possible to start as early as the end of January. During this period, the pigeons receive plenty of **Hexenbier** to get rid of the old down. They regularly receive **Sedochol** and **Pavifac** on the feed.

This combination is repeated several times during the season. When the birds arrive home from the race, they always receive **Avipharm** in combination with **Mumm** (electrolytes and glucose). Before basketing and when they arrive home, the pigeons always receive **Avisana** eye drops.

The day they return from the race, they add **Energy Oil** + **K+K proteins** to the feed, while after a difficult race the birds all receive a **K+K tablet** to stimulate their recovery. Although they have had excellent experience with this, they only use it when it's really necessary. The next few days, they use **Entrobac** (probiotic), which promotes the digestive system, yet another contribution to good health and good results.

With regard to nutritional supplements, Bart keeps to a wee-

kly system. An example: sometimes the pigeons receive **Blitzform** for 4 days (this sometimes acts as an extra "boost").

The following week, he adds **Bt-Amin forte** to the drinking water, while another time the birds receive 4 days of **Rotosal** (extra regeneration).

In fact, it's all down to the feeling they have for what the pigeons need at that particular moment.

Every week, on Monday and Tuesday, they add **Ro2000** (condition powder) to the food, enriched with oil. On the day of basketing: **Electrolyte Plus** in the drinking water + **Avisana** eye drops before basketing, together with a **Flugfit** vitamin tablet or an **RO 200** tablet. >>



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Best races in 2017:



Noyon	1.256 pigeons	1,2,3,5,6,6,8,9,11,29,31,34,35,
Noyon	2.214 pigeons	1,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,25,
Vierzon	8.177 pigeons	3, 5, 56, 76, 205, 210, 246,
Bourges	2.977 pigeons	2, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 52, 84, 93
Châteauroux	5.801 pigeons	79, 85, 128, 146, 239, 344,
Libourne	3.927 pigeons	5, 15, 18
Argenton	13.730 pigeons	22, 23, 84, 504, 606, 833
Châteauroux	10,454 pigeons	10, 34, 94, 223, 263, 369,



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National Champion: ONE-DAY LD "Holland" 2016

Specialisation in the one-day LD races in Holland

This father-son duo, Jo (retired painter) and his son Florian (IT-specialist) from Nijswiller in Holland (near Maastricht in the Dutch province of Limburg), have already scored with super results. Over the years, they specialised in what they call in Holland one-day LD-races (or the difficult MD-races from Bourges up to and in Châteauroux (the 500 to 600 km races). These races are held here in Holland every two weeks. Jo & Florian are always involved in this using the system of pure widowhood with the cocks. Super class!

Good preparation usually makes for a good season:

Having pigeons in top condition at the start: „When the first races go well, you're always one step ahead". To achieve this, the birds need to be a good basic condition for the beginning of the season. Here in Nijswiller, they try to succeed in this by giving them 4 to 5 weeks **Avitonicum Aktiv** in the drinking water in March, while using **Hexenbier**, dried with **Pavifac** on the feed. Already from the first race, the cocks are basketed. These are short races (100 to 350 km).

Once the 400 km races starts, the birds have to take part every 2 weeks. in the weeks between the competition races, Florian drives them away to a short distance (50 to 70 km). When the birds arrive home from the races, their partner is ready and waiting for them. They have already used this system for several years and feel good with it. The birds too are well motivated by it.

In fact, they do make a lot of effort to score at the top.

What are the important aspects in this system?

Hygiene: the loft is cleaned everyday. **Regular schedules:** respect for the pigeons' biorhythm of the pigeon: they train at the same hour every morning and the evening (each time for about 1 hour). A steady schedule for drinking and eating. **On returning from the race:** always **Avipharm** (electrolytes) and **Mumm** (glucose and vitamin C). **The day after the race: Rotosal** (regeneration) on the feed, together with **K+K proteins** (for the muscles). **In preparation for the race:** here, they use a alternating system; one time **Gervit-W** (multivitamin complex), the next time **Blitzform** (iodine preparation) and another time, it's **Bt-Amin forte** (amino-acids and electrolytes) ... Or a combination of these products.

What's important for the Jo & Florian's colony

A good family to breed with. They're not afraid to invest! They've knocked on the door of the very best: Gaby Vandabeele from Rudy – from Harry (Jan Hooymans) ... with Koopman It's not always a „bull's eye" but the chances of succeeding are higher with pigeons from good families and – as we all know – „Good blood never lies".

Hold on to a good system: here they chose for pure widowhood with the cocks. Keep to a good rhythm, have faith in the pigeons and the results will not fail to follow!

Fresh grit (Röhmfried products) every morning is very important for the birds' digestion.

Good supplementary products are:

Atemfrei – for about 4 days on the feed, sometimes in combi-

nation with **Avimycin**. The pigeons like it and their eye rims become much whiter.

Rozitol (nose drops) are used every two weeks. Florian uses this on all cocks and after +- 10 minutes, he holds all the birds in his hands again to squeeze the noses. This makes the the mucus to come out much better. **Rotosal** is a top product, you notice the birds recover much faster >>



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Best races:

Montluçon 554 km 2,160 pigeons

2-5-95-193-259-275-425

Narbonne 881 km 4,566 pigeons

4-32-34-191-215-238-275

Rethel 182 km 1,045 pigeons

1-4-46-49-50-51-52-62-108

Melun 332 km 2,737 pigeons

1-2-12-24-56-58-69-70-115

Sens 350 km 476 pigeons

1-7-8-14-17-25-27-28-39-42-43

Charleville 147 km 4,626 pigeons

1-2-3-13-14-55-63-69 (22,915 p. 1-4-5)

Reims 221 km 403 pigeons

1-2-7-16-17-20-36-37-38

Sezanne 282 km 1,555 pigeons

1-2-3-4-5-11-12-13-17-28

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The foundation of many international top colonies.

This is doubtless a very unusual title, but it was in fact because of “fishing” that Leo Heremans came into contact with the pigeon racing. He used to be a fisherman and he needed “pigeon manure” because this was top food in angling. So his first pigeons were used to “produce manure” to go fishing. ... Anyway, to make a long story short: Leo has had respiratory problems for many years and now has to stop. A few months ago, his long capacity was reduced to 10% and this is not something to be glossed over. For some months he can't go up into the lofts, he can't even hold a pigeon in his hands. He completely depends on his two helpers, who come everyday to clean, train the birds and do everything required. In this, of course, they are instructed by Leo, but when you can't go into your loft yourself, can't take in the birds in your the hands, can't see what's going on in the loft.... Where is the sense in all this? So he decided to stop COMPLETELY. He doesn't know who is going organise the auction. Maybe somebody will come and buy the complete colony? So far, no clear arrangements have been made but it's clear he's going to stop. In future, he may well take up fishing again. Of course, he will keep in contact with the pigeon racing because he has a lot of friends among the fanciers. **Leo Heremans**, has won almost everything there is to win. Last season in 2016, he became 3rd National Champion KBDB Young Birds at national races with 1st and 2nd placed. He also was among the champions, even after 2 top auctions; one by the name of Heremans-Ceusters. They have won everything possible in pigeon racing – from supersonic down to the small middle distance, National Ace pigeons and Olympic toppers. At the beginning of 2007, this

combination was split up in a fabulous auction and those birds moved all over the world.

What is your secret? Selling a large part of your colony again and again yet still winning?

„Good pigeons“ – „Healthy pigeons“ and ... do all you have to. It is striking that Leo Heremans has a lot lofts, breeds a lot of youngsters and yet after a few weeks, he only races a handful of pigeons. As a fancier, he selects very fast and he only wants to devote his time to those that score with top results.

Leo has always sought the best pigeons. He used to visit all public auctions, buying lots of pigeons and investing a lot money. When he wanted a top pigeon, he almost always brought it back home. It's important to breed with the very best and test them! But also a strict selection; it's all part of it and possibly the best path to success!

Healthy pigeons with products, such as **Avidress Plus**, can help here. When he first used this top product, he recognised its qualities because you immediately notice that your birds remain in good health much easier. Good manure, scarcely any problems with the digestive organs.

One exceptional breeder was the Olympiade 6455003-01, (Olympic Pigeon Liévin 2003 and 2 National Ace Short Distance (SD) KBDB 2002) of Gust Jansen. His blood is still to be found in each top pigeon. We cannot ignore the enormous offspring produced by this world-class breeder: **6455003-01**, „**Olympiade 003**“ – Olympic Cock SD 2002 - 2 National Ace SD adults KBDB 2001

A pigeon with unlimited hereditary qualities!

Leo Heremans always had several lofts, into which he divided his pigeons according to the races they were intended to take part in. Quiévrain with the adults, the yearlings and the youngsters – both with cocks and hens. Then Noyon with the cocks, the hens, adults, yearlings and young birds. Plus a small group for the small- and difficult middle distance races. Nevertheless, he always preferred the Quiévrain and Noyon races. The short distance, the races (where lots of money were bet) and where most of the fanciers of Antwerp joined in. Sometimes Quiévrain up to 3 times a week. These are the fast and good pigeons, who enjoy being motivated and arrive like lightning! To support them, they regularly receive **Gervit-W** (a super product just like **Ro200**) with oil on the feed. They always have to listen well, recover quickly and become nice and pink and round like a ball. Everything was completed as punctually as possible, since in a race like Quiévrain, every second is worth its weight in gold.

They are always fed step by step – but always enough. They have to eat it all up before they get an extra. If they leave any food, he immediately takes it away from them, he never leaves food in the loft. At the end of the week, some extra corn, a lot of grit (**Expert Mineral**) and red stone, which provides for a good digestion and healthy pigeons. The grit is refreshed every day! >>



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Little Joe's descendants keep on winning

Super descendants!

Very strong middle distance racers, all of whom have the blood of very important breeders in their veins, namely the famous **Little Joe B 04-6231810**. A top breeder, bought by Johny and Magda from Jos & Jules Engels (Little Joe is a half-brother of the famous Marieke – Olympic hen). His father was the 086-97 (father of Marieke) and Little Joe's mother was the 851-99, sister of the mother of Marieke and Gueretje). Particularly the **645 hen; B 05-2204646**, daughter of the 393-04 Abel, the old base strain of Jonckers, namely Zabel (winner of Bourges with Jonckers), Marieke Engels x Kleine Vooruit strain, Artiest, Houben basis) became a phenomenal breeding pair. Where we earlier spoke about the direct descendants, we now see that the grand- and great grandchildren also score with top results.

Is it still necessary to present Johny and Magda Jonckers from Linter? They already have several national victories on their prize list, have already become national champion KBDB and they are famous for their passion. Not too many pigeons because they do not have a lot of space but this makes sure the selection is that much stricter. Only the very best are allowed to remain in the loft. Yes, they are both getting older every day but they still take very good care of their colony with a 120% effort – otherwise it wouldn't be possible.

All very punctual, shooting for victory.

Johny and Magda are totally focused on pigeon racing – it's their life. They do everything for their feathered friends and when their pigeons gain top scores, they enjoy it. And when the results are not as they should be, they work even harder to

get where they want to be – at the top and winning!

The loft are cleaned every day, the drinking pots too. Everyday they use Avidress Plus in the drinking water to control the pH value; this keeps the birds healthier and there are no problems with trichomonads.

Only the very best is good enough!

The origins of the super pair Little Joe x the 646 hen brings us at the Engels and Houben base. Johny used to work in the sugar factory in Tienen, where he had to work hard. Although it wasn't always easy when he wanted to buy a pigeon, he could always count on Magda's support to make their dream come true – to belong to the top of Belgian pigeon racing. This is indeed a colony where getting to the top was a step-by-step process. They always held on to their crack birds as a basis for building their colony on. This was reinforced by pigeons from Gaby Vandeneede (from Rudi), the Herbots Brothers (from National Ace pigeons), the Vandeneede Brothers, Only the very best is good enough....

2016, though, was a very difficult racing season and after the loss of some pigeons, top birds such as Rudy 504 (1 I.Prov. Bourges 2,417 pigeons - 3 I.Prov Montluçon 2,328 pigeons - 6 Nat Bourges 21,522 pigeons - 16 Nat Châteauroux 18,658 pigeons - 22 I.P. Châteauroux 2,773 pigeons and the 2 Nat Bourges), moved to the breeding loft. And one thing is certain: when the base is super, then quality will always return and they have proved this in the first part of this season with some beautiful victories: 1 + 2 I.Prov. Argenton 2,251 yearlings: "National Argenton is a classic among the difficult middle-distance races, where Johny Jonckers already scored very

well several times and now, in the 2017 season, he did it again. Their yearlings were in super condition and this time with 2 yearlings they won 1st and 2nd Int. Provincial against 2,251 pigeons. At national level, they also achieved a top result with 5 and 6 National against 22,319 yearlings. Once again a top result by this super colony. The 1st yearling is the 2074101/16, which had already flown brilliantly in the races from Vierzon and Châteauroux before he scored a top result at Argenton. He has surely inherited these qualities from his father: "Rudy 504", who won the 12th Nat Ace Difficult MD 2015, following which he received his box in the breeding loft. He also won 3 x TOP 60 National.

The 2nd cock from Argenton is the 2074068/16, who has the 9th Int.Prov La Souterraine on his prize list. He is a son >>



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Best races in 2016/2017:

2016:

- 1 Interprovincial Montluçon against 1,544 yearlings
- 1 Interprovincial Bourges against 2,568 pigeons
- 1 Interprovincial Argenton against 854 pigeons
- 2 Interprovincial Bourges against 1,817 pigeons

2017:

- 1 Interprovincial Châteauroux against 1,535 yearlings
- 1 + 2 Interprovincial Argenton against 2,251 yearlings

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Trapke: 1. Nat. As-Taube Allround KBDB 2017



2017: the miracle year, 1 NATIONAL ACE ALLROUND KBDB

They're back in a very short time!!!

At the end of the 1990s, Eddy Leutenez stopped working at the end of the nineties but his son Maarten wanted to continue. Eddy, who had already won 9x1st Nationals, wanted to help him and in Kruishoutem this means: go for the top! They were not interested in anything less and so the train picked up speed again. At the beginning, their premises were rather limited – a small compartment above the garage (later expanded) and building some lofts in the garden.

Eddy the "expert" made sure that it took only a few years for "class" to arrive back in the loft, while in the meantime Maarten also learned what they needed to reach the top again.

The foundation for their success was provided by the famous "Bolleken", a top hen with super muscles that had been responsible for victories and "minutes in advance" with José Denoyette. He bought this top hen and Bolleken belonged to Eddy and Maarten. This proved to be a bullseye because she was part of the basis of the present colony. Afterwards, her parents also moved to Kruishoutem. After a while, they also visited an old friend: Marc De Cock (Race Pigeon Farm Belgium), the owner of top talent. There Eddy regained the Milan strain (1st Provincial Blois and 6th National La Soutteraine) and also brought home a De Rauw-Sablon strain hen and a young Eagle Eye (Erik Limbourg strain). This then became the basis of the present "Leutenez" generation.....

From 2010, straight to the top. Maarten made sure that he had enough time to take care of the pigeons. They added a few more more lofts, which was combined with good breeding and astute selection! Soon afterwards, they scored with

top results.

A glance at 2015 and 2016:

- 1 Provincial Limoges 2,244 pigeons 2015
- 1 National Zone A Tulle 3,358 pigeons 2015
- 2 National Limoges 8,301 pigeons 2015
- 4 Best LD Yearling of Belgium over 3 races
- 5 Best LD Yearling of Belgium and the Difficult MD over 4 races ranking 2015
- 7 National Cahors 6,164 pigeons 2016
- 8 National Champion (1+2) LD yearling KBDB 2016
- 8 Provincial Ace-pigeon LD KBDB 2016
- 8 Provincial Champion (1+2) LD old birds + yearlings KBDB 2015
- 10 Provincial Ace-pigeon LD KBDB 2015
- 11 National Champion (1+2) LD yearlings KBDB 2015
- 14 Best Yearling of Belgium on the LD and Difficult MD over 4 races – ranking 2015
- 15 National Limoges 8,301 pigeons 2015
- 23 National Libourne 5,890 pigeons 2015

Important points to consider are:

Punctual care-taking, the birds always train at the same time every day!

- Every week, they have a bath with bath salt.
- On arriving home from the race – always **Elektrolyt 3Plus**, together with **Mumm**.
- After the race, a **K+K Protein** tablet so they recover fast.
- Once a week on the day before basketing, the racers receive **Gervit-W** vitamins (sometimes replaced by **Blitzform**).

- 2 or 3 times a week, **Energy-Oil** is added to the feed, so they can build up their reserves for the next race.
- At the beginning of the week, the birds receive **Hexenbier** in their drinking water. At the beginning of the season, this is used for about 3 weeks. This enables the pigeons to attain a good condition and it stimulates the down moulting.
- On the day after a +250 km race, the birds receive two or three meals, **Sedochol** on the feed with **Pavifac** beer yeast or **RO200** condition powder.

One last tip

During the moulting period: 5 to 7 days a week, the birds receive Röhnfried **Taubengold** in their drinking water. All racing and breeding pigeons receive **Avidress** to drink every-day of the year. This results in them always being in good condition. During the breeding, the pigeons receive **Gervit-W** at least 3 times a week.

1st + 3rd National Ace Allround KBDB 2017

New in 2017 with the National Ace-pigeons KBDB was the "Allround" Ace pigeons, very important to a colony such >>



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Successes 2017:

1st + 3rd National Ace Pigeon Allround KBDB 2017





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2017: brilliant again with 4 x 1 Provincial !!!

The way to the top of Anthony Maes, assisted by his wife Chantal, has really been wonderful these last few years. In 2015, he already was in the spotlight with Provincial top results such as:

1 Prov Fontenay (308 km) 9261 p , 2, 7 Prov Tours (435 km) - 5697 p - 1 Prov Bourges (426 km) 2365 p - 1 Prov Châteauroux 3078 p -and then, also in 2015, the top of the bill, the National victory at Argenton against 9,228 old birds and fastest in the race against all 21,737 pigeons, won by his top pigeon, the famous "Sero Sero", 3079100-13, a pigeon with an impressive prize list. Before his national triumph, he had already won 4 Nat Châteauroux'14 – 21,515 pigeons – 28, Nat Châteauroux'16 - 25126 pigeons – 31, Nat Argenton'15 – 12,187 pigeons (but also at the provincial level: 3/1769 Gueret - 6/1416 Tours - 7/5697 Tours - 23/9261 Fontenay).

How will Anthony and Chantal continue in 2017?

Chantal and Anthony are a duo that complement each other very well, both at a professional level (vegetable and fruit business) and in their hobby, trying to manage things as well as they can. The largest share of taking care of their colony is in the hands of Chantal. In the late afternoon, Anthony also helps out and he likes to observe them after a hard day of work.

Double victory at the Western Flemish opening race:

By tradition, Tours is the opening race of the season for the West Flemish province and also serves as preparation for the national races; i.e. Bourges for the difficult middle distance and Limoges for the long distance races. If possible, everybody is their to enter their team in this preparation race. A lot

of pigeons take part in these opening races – a total of 3,353 yearlings and 6,720 old birds (including doubled yearlings) started here in the Tours race.

It was their hen "Cartouche" (3122099-16) was the fastest of all the pigeons, at a speed of 1,608 m/h A true top hen, whose prize list includes such top results as 1 Arras 118 against pigeons - 2 Brionne 309 against pigeons - 20 Pontoise 316 pigeons - 37 Clermont 696 pigeons - 40 Fontenay 544 pigeons - 43 Clermont against 363 pigeons - 47 Pontoise 526 against pigeons.

How are the birds taken care of and what plan is the care based on?

Before the season, the pigeons receive Hexenbier every day for 3 to 4 weeks. This makes sure that they get a good natural basic condition – a "nice and clean body", "soft feathers", "white noses" and "white around the eyes".

During the preparation period (in March), the pigeons are trained 5 to 8 times at distances of 10 to 30 km. This provides them with the confidence they need.

Here, in Waregem, they race both the cocks as the hens. The cocks train twice a day for about 30 minutes and the hens also twice a day but in their case 15 minutes is enough. Eager pigeons often train well with short periods.

On arriving home from a race, the birds always receive a combination of **Avipharm** (electrolytes) and **Mumm** (glucose), this makes them recover faster and better. In addition to this, they also receive fresh grit, enriched with **Winput**. The grit ensures a good digestion and the **Winput** increases their resistance while providing better immunity. Anthony often

adds some seeds so the pigeons can eat it faster. The pigeons usually return home from the difficult middle distance races on Saturday. On Sunday and Monday, they receive **Entrobac** in the drinking water – this is a probiotic that both protects the digestive tract and raises the immunity. On Sunday, he also adds **Avitestin** to the feed, again to protect the intestines. This is also an ideal product to prevent trichomonads. >>



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Highlights of the last 5 seasons:

- 2012: 2 x 1st Provincial + 2 x 2nd Provincial + 1 x 3^e Provincial
- 2013: 1st Provincial Châteauroux yearlings
2nd Provincial Châteauroux old birds
- 2015: 1st Provincial Ace-pigeon KBDB Difficult MD old birds
3rd Provincial Ace-pigeon KBDB Difficult MD yearlings
8th National Ace-pigeon KBDB Difficult MD youngsters
2 x 1st Provincial + 1 x 2nd Provincial + 1 x 3rd Provincial
- 2016: 1st National Argenton
3 x 1st Provincial
- 2017: 4 x 1st Provincial

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Ronny together with Gino Clicque



Always on the move!

2016: 1 NAT Bourges yearlings –
fastest against 45,507 pigeons.

2017: 1 NAT Tulle yearlings –
fastest against 17,035 pigeons

In Tulle, just one year after his national victory at Bourges, this colony from Rummen succeeded with its second national victory. Against 9.586 yearlings, it achieved the top national result with a speed of 1,623.37 m/m and ,moreover, the fastest against all the 17,035 racers at Tulle. Everybody had to admit; the condition fairy had already often used her magic wnd in Ronny Menten's loft. His pigeons won all national difficult middle distance races in the adult and yearling categories, each time this season Top-2 Provincial. In **2017: 1 x 1st + 2nd Provincial and 5 x 2nd Provincial**. But let's not forget the national result from the previous week in Argenton; against 7,843 old birds, his pigeons scored with **7th–10th** and **11th** prizes! A sign of things to come... and yes, now it was the "Golden Tulle" that provided the highlight of the season with his national victory!

2016 already was a season of exceptional performances with provincial victories and the national winner from BOURGES with the yearlings and the fastest of the "Royal race" against 45,507 pigeons. Thanks to the top condition that got better and better, nobody at all was surprised by the top score in the Bourges race, where he won 2, 3, 4 Provincial Vierzon against 765 yearlings On June 17th 2017, he won 1 + 2 Provincial Blois against 1,484 old birds... A top result with 31 adult hens in the race, he scored with **1, 2, 7, 18, 45, 60, 61, 72, 81, 92, 96, 133, 146, ...** and 21/31. In the yearling category; 22 out of

33.... And against 3,122 yearlings: **9, 15, 20**, 44, 67, 73, 86, 98, 106, 155, 212, 291, 392, ... All in all, a total of 43 out of 64 or 67% prizes - 5 x per 100 and 25 x per 10 !!!!

The winning hen from Blois, the 3050866-15, as the national winning hen from Bourges, was a direct line of Gino Clicque, his friend and adviser.

At various races, Ronny Menten proved that his colony was in in the pink of condition during the 2017 season. In national races, he often succeeded to winning with a margin of up to 8 minutes !

Middle distance with national release

What it's all about. "When you take part in these races, the pigeons select themselves". There's a big difference between the small middle distance and the national races. The pigeons have to learn to stand out in a large group – here we are talking about releases of 30,000 to 50,000 pigeons. In this situation, they can't let themselves be influenced by the great mass of the pigeons, they have to find their way home themselves. You notice this with the young birds that get top scores in the first races – these are not always the best youngsters in the national races. Of course, there's the wind and the mass to be taken into account, but given that, if you have done everything necessary, the better pigeons have to emerge from it. Have a look at the young birds, some fanciers only start with the 3rd national race, they can't make it. Experience is very important in the year of their birth. In Ronnie's case it is significant that the best old birds were the best youngsters.

Of course, the pigeons need to be provided with the best nutrition; proteins, amino acids such as **K+K** are top products in the Menten loft. But also **Bt-Amin forte, Hexenbier, RO200**, you need to trust your birds as well as the products you select. It is important to hold on to your system and have faith in it. Pigeons only attain a good condition when they receive the same feed over a longer period. They need to work to get in "shape", to become smooth and a hard physique and, of course, not be too heavy. At the medical level, he trusts the "doc", as he calls his friend and vet Raf Herbots, whom he visits every 3 to 4 weeks. It goes without saying – the less medication the better the results will be. >>



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Best flights in 2017:



10/06 Châteauroux 3,449 yearlings:	2, 26, 38, 91, 92, 188,
17/06 Blois 1,484 old birds:	1, 2, 7, 18, 45, 60, 61, 72, 81
24/06 Argenton 2,927 yearlings:	2, 17, 52, 87, 103
08/07 Châteauroux 2,362 old birds:	2, 14, 22, 34, 52, 58, 63, 86, 99, 145,
22/07 Argenton 2,007 old birds:	3, 5, 6, 26, 37, 59, 70, 78, 108, 119, 136
22/07 Argenton 2,551 yearlings:	12, 18, 21, 30, 50, 54,
29/07 Tulle 2,721 yearlings:	1, 16, 35, 58, 68, 77, 100



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“Another very strong season; from 100 to 700 km”

Surinx - Pletsters : Hilaire & Nadia – They started to race pigeons in Nieuwerkerken in 2000 and already in that first year, they became National Champion with young birds. Every year anew, they are to be found among the Provincial or National champions. Last season, in 2016: 1 Prov Ace difficult MD KBDB – classifications with the national championships KBDB - Reserve Olympics Brussels.

As publishers of the racing pigeon paper in two languages; “La Colombophilie Belge”, they are responsible for about 80% of the public auctions in Belgium.

What is important?

A strong foundation: When you take part in races for more than 20 weeks with the same group of pigeons (the birds get into the basket every week at a race of 100 to 700 km), you need to have a strong base. Those that can't follow the rhythm, have to drop out! The colony is mainly based on the strain of Nationaal I Schellens - Herbots (super breeder and winner of 1 Nat Bourges - 1 Prov Orléans), reinforced by the strain of Yvan Herbots Brothers (double National Ace cock KBDB) and also returning to the base of Nationaal I and Bliksem Vandenabeele. In addition, there is also the old base of Clerinx Soontjes Herbots and, of course, they regularly buy top pigeons such as the super cock from Roger Rase; the Boonen, which won 11 x 1 (100 - 400 km) including 1 / 2181 p - 1 / 1452 p ... and he became a super breeder (already father of 12 x 1 in Surinx Pletsters' loft). In the spring of 2015, they also bought a round of youngsters (40 pigeons) from the late Etienne Devos from Deerlijk. Inbreeding in his old base: Kleine Didi, Zidane, ... this way, they are attempting to make the pigeons stronger.

The first results of this reinforcement are remarkably good. In 2016, they kept them pure and of the 40 weaned and tested youngsters, they still have (at the end of 2017), after 2 seasons of testing, 8 left to participate in the LD races as adult birds. Daily supplies: “when you have to work hard, you need to eat well”.

With this approach, good food is important and every day the pigeons receive a mix of good quality grains. Every morning, they get fresh grit, **Expert Mineral**, to which they add candy seeds and hemp. During the season, they also receive this mixture in the afternoon and towards the end of the week sunflower pits, peanuts and nuts. This provides the birds with extra energy.

After a race with 2 nights in the basket, the birds receive a **K+K tablet** (proteins).

Some important aspects in this regard: regular disinfection and protection for the eyes, both on the day of basketing, at their arrival home after the race and also on Wednesday with **Avisana drops** (probiotic drops to protect the eyes with a kind of “film”).

Before the season, for a period of 3 weeks, they use **Avitonikum Aktiv** (a herbal mixture with elements such as onion and garlic). **Hexenbier** is added to the drinking water every day and the food is moistened with **Atemfrei** and dried with **Avimycin**. These products ensure that the birds get “clean heads and white eye-rims”. The advantage provided by this period; the pigeons gain more resistance and the digestive organs are not “destroyed” – as used to be the case in the past with traditional antibiotic. This system is also continued during the racing season: every 2 weeks for 2 or 3 days, they

use **Atemfrei** and **Avimycin**. In the other week, they give **Se-dochol** (to clean the liver and to remove the waste products) in combination with **Entrobac**. This mix is super for the digestive organs. Sometimes, they also vary the intake by using **Jungtierpulver** and **Immunbooster**.

A few tips :

- Start with healthy pigeons, perform the necessary vaccinations and pay regular visits to a vet.
- If the pigeons do not eat enough, the pairs can get together for a few hours. After their separation, they will be much calmer and recover their appetite.
- A warm bath on the day of the race makes sure they recover faster. Sometimes they even repeat this at lunchtime on the day of basketing as this also increases their appetite.
- Water acidification makes sure the pigeons remain free from trichomonads, while also preventing many other problems. In this regard **Avidress Plus** or **Avitestin** (always in combination with **UsneGano**, an oragano-based that stimulates the appetite as well as soft feathers) is also used.
- Trust the vet and visit him regularly. The contact consists in short phone calls at least once a week, and once a month, they go and visit their vet Raf Herbots for an examination.
- The adult and yearling birds are basketed every week from the last weekend in March to the first weekend in September. The pigeons rarely stay at home: for the first 6 weeks, they take part in races ranging from 120 to 400 km, >>



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www.roehnfried.com/surinx-pletsters-en



2017: IMPRESSIVE - TREMENDOUS

Impressive: born into a large family of fanciers and even as a little boy Davy wanted to be on the pigeon loft (before he could walk – according to his father Patrick). He started to race pigeons at the age of 16, and within a very short time, he had a super prize list.

- 1. Nat Bourges 11933 pigeons
- 1. Nat Bourges 9021 pigeons
- 1. Nat La Souterraine 4690 pigeons
- 1. Nat Châteauroux 4690 pigeons
- 1. Nat Châteauroux 3933 pigeons
- 2. Nat Bourges 13570 pigeons
- 2. Nat Châteauroux 5901 pigeons
- 2. Nat La Souterraine 3609 pigeons

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You just have to do it!!!

The TOURNELLE family does everything for pigeon racing; pure effort and a winner's mentality, otherwise, it's not possible to achieve this kind of results. It all depends on punctuality, hygiene and perfect care. Luckily for them they have a good team. There's father "Patrick", who's responsible for 80% for the care. Being a retired railway worker, he knows what hard work is. He readily accepts days of more than 12 hours to take care of the birds as perfectly as possible. Then there is also Davy's mother Ann, who takes care of the "paper work" and helps out where she can. And then, there's Davy himself, young, enthusiast and passionate, he fills the gaps and after his work, he makes sure that everything is done perfectly. He wants to participate in all distances and win from 100 to 800 km. And ... that is exactly what they go – in Rummen. You just

have to do it, knowing that you can achieve top results just like that.

Caring for the birds in the Tournelle colony

The racing hens: here, although they prefer the difficult middle distance races - 450 to 550 km, they always have to keep an eye on the weather conditions. From the moment the summer hour starts, the hens have to train twice a day; in the morning from 5:45 to 6:35 and in the afternoon from 3:00 to 3:50. After the training, they receive a mixture of grit and 30 minutes after the training, they receive their feed. Experience has shown that the hens are much calmer then and they eat more.

The partners of the hens stay at home and each cock has two hens. When the hens arrive home from the race, they can get together with their cock after 30 minutes. Those that arrive first can be with their partner first for about 30 to 40 minutes. Then the hen moves to the resting compartment and the cock receives his second hen, also for about 30 to 40 minutes. So, they have to pay attention and make sure that everything goes well.

The racing cocks: these are raced using the system of classic widowhood. The hen stays at home and each cock has his own partner. At the beginning of the season – from March to the end of May, the cocks train twice a day; from 7:00 to 8:00 in the morning and from 5:00 to 6:00 in the evening. Once they participate in the long distance races, from Limoges (668 km) at the beginning of June, one training session a day is enough. Caution: as they take part in a minimum of 5 races varying from 668 to 750 km they have to work very hard!

The youngsters: a large group of young birds (approx. 300) have to prove their capacities! Work is the watchword here! They're darkened up to the longest day and then they receive light from 5:00 in the morning to 11:00 in the evening. In the beginning, they are trained step by step and this job is performed by father Patrick, who drives them away often. As soon as they arrive home in a good condition, they continue with longer distances. In the second week of July, the hens and the cocks are separated and they are raced using the sliding-door system. From then on, they are driven by car once a week to a distance of 50 km, and on arriving home, they can stay together for 2 hours. Normally this is done on Wednesday, and on Thursday or Friday they have to leave for the race. After the race they can stay together for between 3 and 4 hours >>



More information go to:
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Successes 2017:



- 1 I. Prov. Limoges CFW 3599 Old birds (662 km)
- 1 I. Prov. Argenton CFW 4614 Yearlings (547 km)
- 1 I. Prov. Châteauroux CFW 2376 Old birds (518 km)
- 1 I. Prov. Jarnac CFW 1185 Yearlings (695 km)



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“Race every week, win every week!”

You can always visit Dirk Van Dyck; he wants to race his pigeons every day. This is typical Van Dyck! He has a lot of lofts, different lofts and each one has its own function; the group for Quiévrain, the group for Noyon, the group for the small middle distance, the group for the difficult middle distance. And these are once again divided – for youngsters, old birds and the yearling cocks and the hens on widowhood.

This way, he has several opportunities every week. There's always one group ready to participate in the races. Of course, this is all easier said than done. You have to keep the birds healthy, take care of them and keep it all up and running. This really is a “full time” job.

2017 was a very difficult year for Dirk. In September 2016, he had an operation on his knee and this spring, another operation was planned; he needed a hip replacement. There were complications with this operation and Dirk needed crutches to walk on for several weeks. Nor did the rehabilitation proceed as quickly as planned.

Of course, all of this also affected his ability to look after the pigeons and his planning for the last racing season. Nevertheless, Dirk is never one to give up and he's not afraid of any obstacles.

Dirk is also very much attached to nature. He grew up with animals, he loves them and he respects nature, the environment and all its aspects. The bureaucracy that in recent years has become increasingly important – even in our sport, is not exactly his hobbyhorse. He prefers to work and take care of

his feathered friends and he does it with a lot of passion and love.

Van Dyck is **“Kannibaal”**, he made a name for himself with this super cock, which became **1 Nat Ace MD KBDB'96** This cock was never sold, he remained in Zandhoven, where he provided many super descendants. He became a world-famous breeder and his descendants were super pigeons all over the world. Besides inbreeding and holding on to this golden blood, Dirk also reinforced his colony with pigeons from Op de Beeck - Baetens, Marcel Wouters, Gaston Vandewouwer, Marina Vandeveldel, L B J Geerinckx, Leon Van Den Brandt, Marcel & Gunther Vercammen, Jos Vercammen and Leo Heremans. One of the most important reinforcements of these last few years was the famous **“Di Caprio”** from Leo Heremans. This cock was father of pigeons such as the **Olympic Niels 6338005-08** “3rd Olympic Pigeon Cat. A Nitra 2013” but also father and grandfather of national winners. Not only **Olympic Niels** but also a large group of ace-pigeons and national winners form the basis of this colony.

Many lofts: as already mentioned in the introduction, we find here “metres” of pigeon lofts, a luxury of space but kept very simple! Of course, Dirk knows exactly what he's doing. He prefers to keep it simple and as close as possible to nature. Each loft is filled with oxygen and has its own kind of pigeons, divided into groups. They all get paired separately to be sure of the condition throughout the season. In order to reduce the chance of infections, it all depends on one big system, all in the master's head.

To keep the birds in good health, they receive a lot of fresh grit (Röhnfried **Premium Mineral** mixtures, but also **Expert Mineral** mixtures), good food, **Avidress Plus** and **UsneGano** in the drinking water everyday and **Gervit-W** regularly. During the breeding period, an extra herbal powder with the feed. In addition during the racing season, he has had good results using this product – it ensures a fast balance of the birds' basic health. Before the season starts (from the beginning of February to the middle of March) **Hexenbier** almost every day – for Dirk it is one of the top products. It ensures a nice, pink breast and they the birds lose their old down more easily. He also uses this product during the racing season because it helps them to recover well and achieve a good basic condition.

As preparation, they again receive **Hexenbier**, **Avidress** and **UsneGano**. Two weeks before the season starts, the pigeons receive **Carni-Speed** every day of the season. Carnitine provides for a better fat burning and is a good support for the organism, enabling them to take part in a race every week. You rarely notice that the birds arrive home exhausted. Dirk Van Dyck has also passed on this advice to other fanciers. The difference is remarkable; “You really notice the “speed” in their body”.

At the end of March for about 2 weeks, he uses **Atemfrei** (bronchial expectorant). Particularly in spring when the temperatures are low, it has a positive effect on recovery and they get nice white noses and circles around the eyes. >>



More information:
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THREE NATIONAL ACE-PIGEONS HEAVY MIDDLE DISTANCE KBDB 2017

For more than 30 years, we have found the name of VAN ELSACKER-JEPSEN on the first page of many results! When you're able to do that, you need to have great class, super quality and outstanding pigeons! Serge and Kirsten always had a passion for the small middle distance. They only rarely enter a pigeon for a national race and always come away with a top prize. But these last few years, several fellow fanciers have claimed: "They can't do more than 400 km"... In 2017, however, Serge secretly decided to take up the "fight" against these people And so he did, with top results. When you succeed in classifying 3 pigeons among the 15 best of Belgium by the end of the season, that says it all!!

It's always very pleasant to pay a visit to Serge and Kirsten Van Elsacker-Jepsen. It's clear that everything has been well thought through and they know what they're doing. In fact, there is one big loft with several compartments and plenty of possibilities. Besides a lot of oxygen, their pigeons also receive a lot of fresh grit and minerals everyday. You get a good metabolism when the intestines are in optimal condition and this is why their birds receive are given some extra **Premium Minerals** on a daily basis. *"Many fanciers forget the importance of a good grit-mineral mixture and these mixtures also contain several plant and small seed extracts, ... the pigeons just love it."*

Total widowhood:

Serge is a very level-headed person. The last few years, he has decided on total widowhood – although with strict rules! He prefers 90% of the pigeons to have a steady partner and

when a particular cock or hen shows super scores after a few weeks, the partner stays at home because this partner is the reason for the other one returning as quickly as possible!

Another rule: a strict and fast selection. It is a fact that the basket shows which pigeons are the best. The results take care of the selection and breeding has to take place with those that score very well!

It may all seem very simple, but these are the most important rules of the game. The sooner you select, the less pigeons on the loft. This is why it is important to spend more time on those pigeons that are worth it and show their value. When you have a good bird, use it to breed with and hold on to this family, this strain as the basis of your colony! Wise words based on experience!

A good moult is another important aspect in our sport! During the moulting period, the pigeons hardly ever go outside. They regularly (3 to 4 times a week) receive **Taubengold** in their drinking water and energy oil and **Pavifac** beer yeast on their feed. When the weather is good, they are free to go outside to prevent their muscles from becoming stiff.

At the beginning of March, they go outside 2 or 3 times a week, and at the end of March the pairs can be together again. The end of March sees the start of some short training flights (maximum 30 km). This is a kind of "interval" training so they get regain their confidence. A small detail here: when the birds are driven away by car, then only with the hens or only with the cocks – the partners always stay home!

Training in the morning is the best

Here the pigeons only train once a day – in the morning. This

way, Serge can observe them well and it is important that the birds maintain the same rhythm for the entire season. This also ensures they gain the confidence they need.

The Van Elsacker pigeons

In Kirsten's and Serge's colony, we can talk about their own "race of pigeons". Over a period of 30 years >>



More information go to:

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Successes 2017:



20/05, Vierzon (483 km) – 8,177 old birds:
4, 22, 35, 88, 208, 214., (9/10)

27/05, Bourges (486 km) – 7,364 yearlings:
25, 56, 61, 117, 167, ... (19/42)

10/06, Châteauroux (535 km) – 8,583 yearlings:
20, 48, 96, 104, 125, ... (24/41)

24/06, Argenton (562 km) – 22,712 yearlings:
70, 75, 144, 264, ... (24/38)

08/07, Châteauroux (535 km) – 4,398 yearlings:
5, 53, 111, 178, 191, ... (19/31)

06/08, Bourges (486 km) – 12,446 yearlings:
23, 29, 43, 97, 126, ... (21/28)

3., 8., 15. Ace pigeon of the heavy middle distance KBDB 2017



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„Gaby Vandenabeele pigeons“ are those that became famous all over the world. Everyone knows the names Wittenbuik, Bliksem, Rudy, Super Romeo, New Bliksem...

The descendants are fabulous! Year after year – and here we are only talking about the winners in Belgium – we find several national winners that have the Vandenabeele blood in their veins.

Gaby himself won: 7x 1st National – from 1988 up to 2014, 2x 1st National from Bourges, 2x 1st National from Brive – and also 1st National Limoges - Argenton and in 2014 Tulle.

How do you achieve such quality, such references?

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That happened many years ago in the beginning, and the strain of the famous **Kleinen**, his son **Wittenbuik**, and the latter's grandson, **Bliksem**; then Rudy and his sons, **New Bliksem 024-13** and **Super Romeo 052-12**. These are all hallmarks of a colony that has become famous the world over.

Gaby puts a lot of work in his breeders, he has always tried to keep them as "pure" as possible through "strain breeding". He

knows his pigeons and knows what they need. Sporadically new ones arrive in his loft but they have to be super pigeons. The last few years he has been lucky as many fanciers have had success with his pigeons. His current tactic is to bring his own bloodline back into these toppers. That has often provided the necessary kick.

Widowers!

Here in Dentergem, everything is still rather traditional. There are 4 compartments for the widowers; maximum 56 cocks, old and yearlings together. A key aspect: once they have a box, they keep this for the rest of their racing career. The partner of the cock also remains the same. This is important when he has to return home, there is always something he can look forward to. They also train every day and always at the same time. Besides this, the pigeons are kept as close as possible to nature. During the "dead season", they are free to do whatever they want, all day long. During the racing season, though, they have to listen, be skilful, follow and win prizes!

Basic good health is very important...

For many years now, Gaby has been loyal to the Röhnfried firm. Why? It's very simple: „Because these are good products!“ It is probably one of the few firms that do good research in pigeon racing. They bring products on the market that have been tested with good results before they appear in shops. They listen carefully to the demands of pigeon fanciers and evolve along with our sport. They try to provide answers to fanciers' needs.

Which are his favourite products?

Blitzform has been No. 1 for years. The extra stimulus from the iodine has often been the reason for his top results. A nice pink breast, white noses, joy of flying. You actually notice quite quickly when pigeons have been given this product.

Gervit-W: this is probably one of the most traditional vitamin preparations on the market. It has been in the shops for years now, but is still a product that can perform miracles – during the breeding period as well as during the racing season. When the pigeons arrive home after a difficult race, just one tablespoon on top of their feed is enough and you quickly see how they recover.

Avipharm: again, probably due to tradition, but it is very effective and if that is good, there is no need to change. The youngsters always get Avidress Plus in their drinking water. This is another top product that has been added in recent years and has helped keep the pigeons in good health! The racing pigeons also receive this on Mondays and Tuesdays in combination with **UsneGano** in their drinking water (the result here is good droppings and stimulated down moulting).

Key points: When Gaby was searching for his foundation material, he always took the age of the bird into account. >>



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You just have to do it!

A lot of space, a few pigeons: Marcel Vercammen never had many pigeons and he prefers it this way. Of course, he can't score by the dozen but when they put in some money in the "old days" and Marcel wanted to win, he continued to race the pigeons in that same style. When we take a look at the results, we notice that a lot of class is present here.

With a racing team that contains a maximum of 14 cocks and 16 hens, both raced by the system of pure widowhood. With this team they really have enough work to do! "If all these birds become toppers one day, I'll put an extra box in the loft", is Marcel Vercammen's slogan. Week in week out, they score with a high percentage of prizes and of course, he would prefer it to be as close to the top as possible.

It's noticeable that at his age, it's not that easy anymore but the passion is still there and if it's necessary, Marcel can always count on the help of his wife. Nevertheless, he still is, "a fine fancier" – as we say in the pigeon world, who has a lot of respect for the results of his feathered friends. In the beginning, his colony was based on pigeons of Van Hove-Uytterhoeven, Putte and Frans Van Beirendonck ("Bosduif" strain). These were reinforced with Eddy Janssens birds, Zandhoven (Kannibaal Dirk Van Dijck strain) - These strains resulted in the famous "tornado pair", the parents of several top pigeons like "Blue Ace" - 1st reserve in the Olympics Middle Distance Poznan, 2011. The victories of this top hen include: 1. Provinzial Bourges against 3,292 pigeons – 2. Provinzial Bourges against 4,376 pigeons – 1. Etampes against 2,843 Tauben – 2. Marne against 1.319 pigeons ... Later there also were 4 grandchildren of the "Kaasboer" Gaston Van De Wouwer – obviously

absolute winners. Cross-breeding with the Blue Ace strain resulted in many toppers, including "Spirit" – Nestmate Spirit" - "Gold Spirit" - "Silver Spirit" - Blue Spirit" - "Tricha" - "Shara" - "Axana" - "Jessica" - "Yanina" He takes care of all these pigeons with a lot of love and passion, as if they were his own children. They can lay a maximum of 4 clutches of eggs, he's very careful with them!

The breeders also have a lot of space and before the breeding period starts, they regularly receive Taubenfit E50 because this product promotes good egg-laying and fertilisation. Besides this, they also receive a mix of several supplements such as mineral feed (Zucht & Mauser mineral), minerals (Topfit) and Expert Mineral – plus a pickstone 2 to 3 times a week. With their drinking water, the breeders and the "free" pigeons get Avidress Plus everyday and sometimes he adds some UsneGano. The partners of the racing pigeons also receive this because it's very important that ALL the birds are free of cancer and it reduces the chance of several infections!

Only a few pigeons in one compartment!

This way, it's much easier to keep the pigeons in good health and they find it much easier to motivate themselves by their territory; an extra box, an extra shelf, can sometimes work miracles! Keeping to the classic system; it enables them to score well for a longer time. In the spring, they're slowly trained and when the weather allows it, they're put in the basket for Quiévrain (100 km) and step by step, the distance is increased. The hens participate in the difficult middle distance races (500 - 600 km), while the widowers take part in the small middle distance races – with an occasional national race.

When the birds arrive home from a race, they always receive Avipharm (electrolytes) + Mumm (glucose and vitamin C), which makes sure they recover well and quickly. During the week, the combination is **Avidress Plus** + **UsneGano** and if they don't eat enough, he adds some extra UsneGano, which usually has an excellent effect. The day before basketing, they usually receive Gervit-W. this provides them with extra reserves and the feathers become softer. >>



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A selection of top results in 2017



22/04 Noyon/Morlincourt (208 km)

against 246 old birds: 1, 7, 14, 20, 57 (6/10)

against 361 yearlings: 2, 9, 19, 20, 23, 40, (12/18)

04/06 Chevrainvilliers (354 km) against 1.008 old birds:

12, 35, 38, 85, 86, ... (9/10)

20/05 Vierzon (476 km)

against 426 yearlings: 4, 9, 36, ... (7/8)

against 1.778 yearlings: 5, 18, 123, ... (7/8)

against 4.854 yearlings: 7, 26, 202, 297, 421, ... (7/8)

30/7 Noyon against 777 young pigeons:

1, 20, 34, 35, 38, 44, 90, 61, ... (18/27)

03/9 Noyon against 768 young pigeons:

1, 12, 27, 91, ..., (6/10)



Golden Princess – 1. National ace bird long distance yearlings 2017



Simply sensational!

Gino Clicque is an honest man, who does everything he can and needs to do. A hard worker, a winner, a fancier who knows what he wants.

As we drive towards **Wevelgem**, we immediately think of the classic cycling race “Gent - Wevelgem”, known as the Belgian classic with the “Kemmelberg”, where many racing cyclists give up – they have to be tough guys to make it to the end. When we arrive at Gino Clicque’s loft, we notice that here, too, his athletes have to be hard workers. Gino was born into a working-class family in 1962. “You have to put in a lot of effort to accomplish your goal”. ... But luck was not on his side. At a tender age, he lost his father Germain (1978) and then as an adolescent, had to continue running the business and the pigeon sport both – with both he became “big”. His father showed him the ropes and sent him to a master: De Smet & Son, where Gino learned a lot about pigeon racing. He quickly found out that if you want something, you have to work for it.

The first few years, pigeon racing was just a hobby, and although he always took part he was classified in the national championships as a “beginner”. Aside from that, he successfully created his own business in the construction of log cabins, terraces, etc. These past few years, pigeon racing has taken up all his time and attention. He worked hard for it and now he’s at the top.

A fabulous colony, with a very strong base. Surely everyone remembers the super auction of the Clicque pigeons bringing

in record prices in the spring of 2017. There was the pressure, the results, but also a lot of quality with top pigeons such as Golden Prince 3031767-13 (1st National Ace Long Distance KBDB 2014), which took 3rd National Brive against 3,850 pigeons – 4th National Tulle against 5,731 pigeons – 14th National Limoges against 6,907 pigeons; The Devil Prince – 1st National Montluçon against 19,298 pigeons; Prince Rudy – 1st National Limoges against 6,275 pigeons; Gabriella – 1st National Agen 2016 against 2,932 yearlings – 1st International; Mario – 1st National Limoges against 7,221 pigeons. All top-class pigeons of the highest quality!

2017: Gino started with a large group of yearlings and youngsters from 2017, all bred from the golden stock of top pigeons. These have the golden blood of top colonies such as Figo of Anton & Hilde Reynaert and Noël of Robert & Chris Dobbelaere and Lucien, (Lucien Staelens) and since 2012, a golden move with the reinforcement of the bloodline of Bliksem of Gaby Vandenabeele (which has already produced 3 national winners). All old and famous basic bloodlines of a superior middle distance racer with many first prizes and a national victory in Bourges paired with hard-as-iron long distance racers, stemming from a National Ace Cock Long Distance KBDB. Plus the superb Wittenbuik – Bliksem line of Vandenabeele: “Power, speed and endurance, everything collected here in a very nice way.” There was also reinforcement from some other top pigeons, but the most important are these 4 bloodlines.

Care-taking at the highest level:

Those who think they are meeting a ‘loft manager’ here are completely wrong. Pigeon racing here is more than just a “full-time” job. Gino has put together a good time plan, in which he is helped by his wife and son. His wife Kristien is responsible for the administration; the pedigrees, etc. His son Jasper is there each morning to provide the pigeons with fresh water and fresh mineral mixes (here they prefer Röhnfried minerals because they are of great quality).

During the season, Gino starts at 7am. First, the hens (these race on the total widowhood method) are trained for one hour, once a day. Next come the cocks. In spring the cocks (also racing on total widowhood) train once a day and then come the cocks that are raced on pure widowhood. Later in the season, when the pigeons know their compartment, all cocks train together and if possible, train twice a day. The racing pigeons are paired in March and can “sit on the eggs” >>



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- 4th National Ace Pigeon All-round KBDB 2017
- 5th National Ace Pigeon Long Distance KBDB 2017 Yearlings
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