



Dr. Ockert Botha

**World-Renowned Pigeon
Veterinarian**

Pigeon vaccination programs

Compiled by Dr Ockert Botha (BVSc)

Introduction:

- 1) Pigeons need to be vaccinated against both the Pigeon strain of Paramyxovirus (PMV1) and the chicken strain of Paramyxovirus (Newcastle disease).
- 2) I recommend Nobilis Paramyxovirus vaccine (pigeon strain) and Aviovac (chicken strain). This combination ensures excellent protective immunity.
- 3) All vaccines may be used until expiry and need not be discarded after opening. (Use new clean needles, refrigerate and keep out of sun).
- 4) Never ever wait until the end of breeding and then only vaccinate babies.

Stock Birds:

A) Paramyxovirus

Vaccinate all stock birds 6 weeks before mating with Nobilis Paramyxovirus vaccine.

Vaccinate all stock birds two weeks later with Aviovac.

B) Paratyphoid (Salmonella glirarium)

Treat all stock birds for 10 days before Paratyphoid-Vacc with Typhoid-Cure.

Vaccinate all stock birds 2 weeks before mating with Paratyphoid-Vacc.

Vaccinate all stock birds two weeks later with booster vaccine of Paratyphoid-Vacc.

Youngsters:

A) Paramyxo-virus

Vaccinate all Youngsters at 21 days with Nobilis Paramyxo vaccine.

Vaccinate all Youngsters two weeks later with Aviovac.

B) Paratyphoid (*Salmonella glirarium*)

Vaccinate all youngsters at 8 weeks with Paratyphoid-Vacc.

Vaccinate all youngsters two weeks later with booster vaccine of Paratyphoid-Vacc.

Racing Birds:

A) Paramyxo-virus

Vaccinate all racers 8 weeks before the first race with Nobilis Paramyxo vaccine.

Vaccinate all young-bird racers two weeks later with Aviovac. (Others not needed).

Vaccinate all racers in mid racing season with Aviovac.

B) Paratyphoid (*Salmonella glirarium*)

Treat all racers for 10 days before Paratyphoid-Vacc with Typhoid-Cure.

Vaccinate all racers 4 weeks before mating with Paratyphoid-Vacc.

Vaccinate only young-bird racers not vaccinated as babies two weeks later with booster vaccine of Paratyphoid-Vacc. (Racers vaccinated as babies and others previously vaccinated twice with Paratyphoid-Vacc may be injected once only.)