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PIGEON VACCINATION PROGRAMS

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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 Gallinarium*)
Treat all stock birds for 10 days before Paratyphoid-Vaccine with Typhoid Cure.
Vaccinate all stock birds 2 weeks before mating with Paratyphoid-Vaccine.
Vaccinate all stock birds two weeks later with booster vaccine of Paratyphoid-Vaccine.

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 Gallinarium)

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 Gallinarium)

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).