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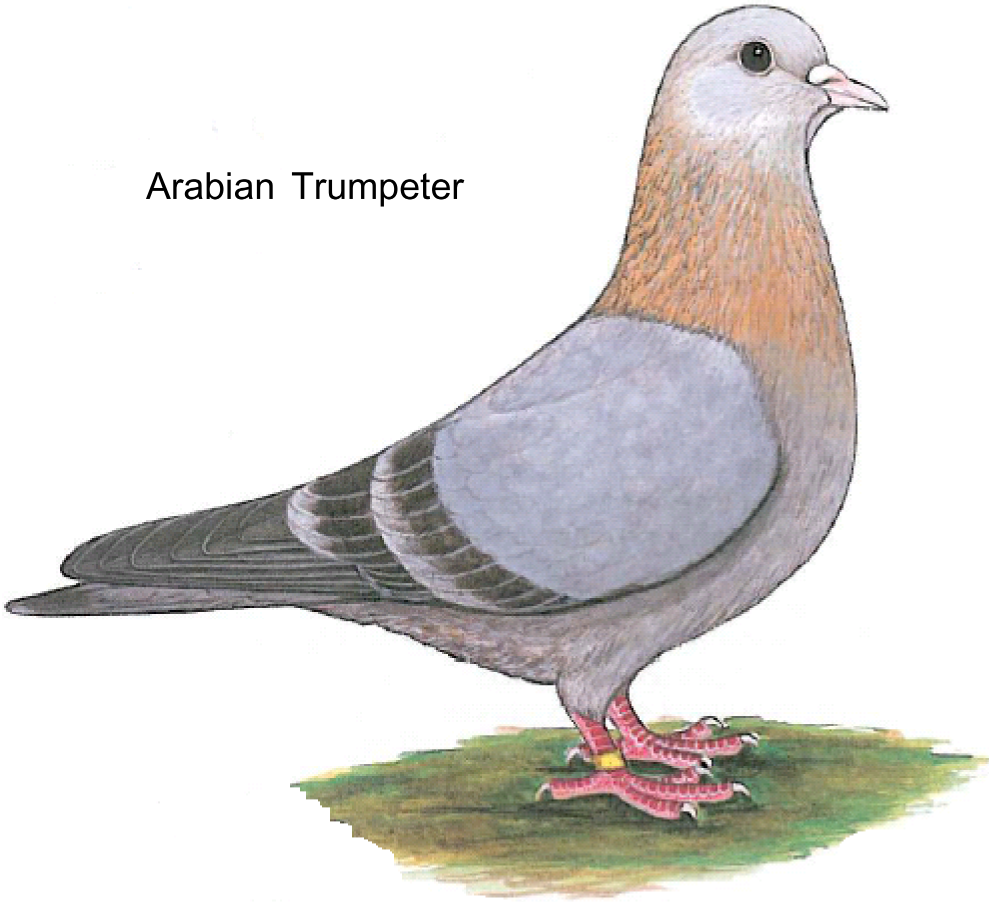

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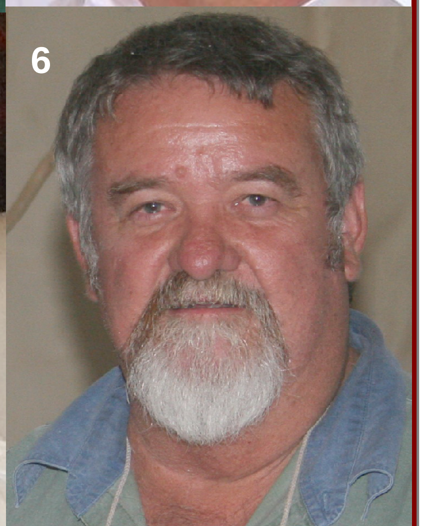

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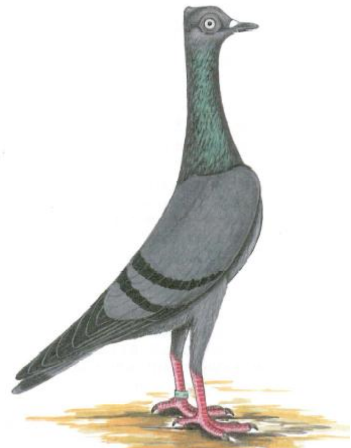

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A true friend doesn't care when you're broke, being a bitch, what you weigh, if your house is a mess, what you drive, about your past, or if your family is filled with crazy people. Your conversations pick up where they left off, even if they have been months apart. They love you for who you are.

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Die begin van 'n nuwe era met "Die Sierduif" het aangebreek. Die boekie sal van die maand af slegs op die SASV webblad beskikbaar wees. Die oorskakeling sal hopelik goed afloop sodat die lede almal die boekie in volkleur kan lees en nie net die buiteblad nie.

Ek persoonlik dink dat dit beter sal wees maar het my bedenkinge oor die feit dat al die lede nie die boekie sal kan ontvang nie. Lede moet asseblief vir my terugvoer gee oor die aangeleentheid sodat ons daaroor kan praat en probeer regstellings maak as ons kan.

Ek bly vir die eerste ruk nog by die ou manier van tweemaandelikse uitgawes met soveel nuus en artikels as moontlik. Ek wil vra dat die lede asseblief vir my moet terugvoer gee oor die boekie en sê of dit so gedoen moet word of moet ek die boekie die helfte van die bladsye maak en elke maand op die webblad plaas.

Die boekie gaan nou ook baie internasionaal gelees kan word en sal ons dalk meer Engelse artikels ook naderhand moet plaas maar daarmee het ek persoonlik 'n probleem omdat meer as 90% van ons lede Afrikaans sprekend is.

Soos ons lede kan sien is die ding nog maar in die babaskoene en sal daar geskaaf moet word om alles glad te laat verloop. Kom ons sit asseblief almal koppe bymekaar en help my om self ook die beste te kan voorsit aan die lede.

Daar is ook ander moontlikhede wat gevolg kan word soos om die boekie in A4 grootte te doen wat dan weer ander positiewe en negatiewe geleenthede sal skep. Ek werk nog daaraan maar persoonlik dink ek nie dit sal vir my beter wees nie. Die boekie kan ook persoonlik aan al die lede met E-pos aangestuur word maar dit gaan geld kos so daaraan sal ook maar geherkou moet word. Kom ons gee die nuwe ding kans en kyk hoe dit werk dan praat ons weer.

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Waaierstertmanne

Nico vd Westhuizen

Het jy al daai Waaierstert manne by 'n skou gesien? Hul is net die heel tyd bymekaar en meng nie juis met die ander ouens nie. Is hulle net dood gewoon "weird" of is daar iets anders aan die gang.

Ek het so pas Benard van Zyl se baie interessante artikel gelees in die September/Oktober 2017 boekie oor "As ek weer begin". Wat hy daarin sê is baie waar. Ek stem met hom 100% saam oor die beginsel van net 1 ras. Dit is gemotiveer uit 40jaar se ondervinding van teel met Waaiers.

Waaiers is 'n ras wat baie intensiewe aandag vereis. Van die oomblik wat die kleintjie grond toe gaan begin die aandag aan sy stert. Dit moet gereeld 'n paar keer per week aan elke kleintjie gegee word. Die rede hiervoor is dat die duif dit moet gewoond raak dat sy stert gevleg word en dat daar seker gemaak word dat die stert nie skade kry nie. Hierdie proses duur voort tot wanneer die stert getrek word tydens ververing en begin dan weer ongeveer 6 weke later van voor af. As jy 50 tot 70 kleintjies teel kan jy maar self uitwerk hoeveel tyd dit in beslag neem. Dan kom natuurlik die paar ou duiwe by wat jy ook die jaar wil skou. Dit is net stert versorging, dan kom voetversorging, gewoond maak aan skou hokkies asook skouring voorbereiding ook nog by. Ek het dood eenvoudig nie die tyd om nog aan 'n ander ras ook te spandeer nie.

Waaiers is ook deesdae een van die rasse waarin daar die meeste kleure besikbaar is. Daar is tans meer as 30 kleure op die huidige skouskedule. As jy nou 2 of 3 pare van elke kleur aanhou is dit weereens onmoontlik om voldoende tyd aan al die kleintjies te spandeer. Daar moet dus gespesialiseer word op spesifieke kleure. Jy kan gelukkig groepe kies wat met mekaar geteel kan word. Een van die grootste groepe is gebalk of anders geruit. Jy kan in hierdie groepe teel met al drie die basiese kleure naamlik blou, asrooi, en bruin. By dit is daar dan heelwat faktore wat jy kan byvoeg soos dominante opal, grizzle, verdun, ekstreem verdun, poeier, "reduced" en so voorts. Daar is ook die gemerkte groep soos saalrug, stertgemerk en gekleurde lyf. So as ek weer begin met Waaiers sal ek ook moet besluit met watter kleure of groepe ek wil teel.

Nou hoe sal ek dit doen. Voorbereiding, voorbereiding en nogmaals voorbereiding.

Gaan na skoue en kyk na al die rasse. Met in ag neming van dit hier-bo besluit dan of dit Waaiers is waarin jy belangstel. Doen dan jou navorsing oor hoe die telers op skoue doen soos wat Benard voorgestel het. Besoek dan soveel as moontlik telers se hokke om te sien hoe die ding gedoen word en om persoonlike verhoudings met

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die telers op te bou. Dit mag jou dalk later help om 'n goeie prys te beding.

Dit is ook belangrik om kennis te neem van waarna die telers kyk wanneer 'n voornemende nuwe teler by hom kom besoek. Die teler sal uit die aard van die saak wil vasstel of hierdie voornemende koper die paal gaan haal op die lang termyn. Dit sal bepaal of hy bereid sal wees om goeie pare aan die persoon af te staan of meer gemiddelde duiwe om te sien of hy gaan bly in die stokperdjie. Die 1ste ding wat ek wil weet is wanneer in sy lewe hy met duiwe begin teel het. Dit maak nie saak of dit straat duiwe is wat hy gevang het, of dit wat ons in die ou dae "commons" genoem het, of vliegduiwe of sierduiwe nie. My ervaring is dat die kans dat 'n persoon met duiwe sal volhard is baie beter as hy as kind ook met duiwe deurmekaar was. Dit kan egter enige gevleulde gedierte wees. Die 2de is met watter ander rasse teel hy ook. Soos ek gesê het is Waaiers baie tydrowend. Hier gaan ek nou heel moontlik op 'n paar tone trap. As die persoon dus 'n klomp ander rasse aanhou is sy kans om konstant met die harde baarde in Waaiers saam te praat oor 'n klomp jare maar skraal. Gaan kyk maar self na skou uitslae oor die lang termyn.

Nou weer terug na die Waaier manne op die skou. Om volhoudend te presteer teel die manne die meeste van die tyd dus net Waaiers. Dan moet hul ook nog self hul duiwe regmaak vir die beoordeling. Hul vleg dus die sterte en sit die duif in die loopring. Haal die duf uit om 'n veertjie reg te maak en sit terug. Nou moet hy nog sy ander 2 Waaiers regmaak vir dieselfde klas. Die gevolg, 'n lang uitgerekte beoordeling sodat die ander manne ongeduldig wag dat hul tog net kan klaar kry want die finale beoordeling het al begin en vanmiddag se Super rugby lê nog voor. Die dag is verby en daai Waaier manne het al weer net met mekaar gekuier.

Is hul "weird" of wat? Besluit maar self.

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A Program for Pigeon Health

By Lohman Animal Health

Submitted by Simon Jordaan

Consider all the disease hazards your birds are exposed to during a season of racing, flying or showing. Many of these are beyond your control. Often you are not even aware that your bird has been exposed to some disease or hazard.

Some of the diseases your bird could be inadvertently exposed to would include:

Infectious Disease: Paramyxovirus/ Newcastle, Adenovirus, Poxvirus, Herpes virus, Circovirus, Other respiratory viruses, Paratyphoid (=Salmonella)

Parasites: Trichomonas (=Canker), Coccidia, Tetrameres, Capillaria, Ascarids, etc., Hemoproteus (=Malaria), Lice, Flies and Mites.

Also Toxic diseases and Predators.

In addition to this, please observe that many disease prevention programs are based on maintaining a 'closed' system in which the bird is prevented from exposure to disease. In contrast to this, notice that most pigeons are kept in 'open' systems in which birds are not tightly controlled, and they are inadvertently exposed to many disease hazards.

For example: Flying birds are often beyond our control and care. Occasionally they mix with feral birds or other domestic flocks. Also, while they are out, what they eat or drink and where they roost is beyond our control.

During many pigeon competitive events, birds from many sources are confined together, and purposely mixed. Since disease, however subtle, can severely degrade performance, it is essential to make disease prevention and control an integral part of your loft management program.

So, how do you do this ? Three aspects of health management I would like to discuss here are Prevention, Monitoring and, when necessary, Diagnosis and Treatment.

Prevention.

Vaccination: the exposure of the bird to a mild or killed form of the disease causing organism (pathogen) so as to stimulate an immune response and condition the bird to be resistant (=immune) to the virulent form of the disease. Most pigeon vaccines are killed vaccines; some pigeon pox vaccines are attenuated live viruses.

Vaccinate your birds to protect against:

Paramyxovirus: Young birds before racing season; old birds before breeding.

Vaccines: Inacti/Vac PMV1 (Maine Biological=Lohman Animal Health); Columbovac (Solvay - Europe).

Do NOT use LaSota strain chicken vaccine.

Pox: If needed, annually;

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Acti/Vac PP (Maine Biological=Lohman A. H.) Paratyphoid: Salbac from Biomune; use as necessary depending on exposure.In some cases, you may need to have an autogenous vaccine made by a vet for a specific problem in your loft: E. coli, Salmonella, Pasturella, etc.

Probiotics: Bacteria which are 'friendly' to the bird, and crowd out pathogenic types. Usually used in the digestive system. Several brands: Benebac, Primilac, others. Most probiotics are species specific (e.g. chicken, turkey, etc). Check the species.

Exposure: Mix your young birds with other fliers' birds prior to races or ship a few training flights on the club truck to expose birds to possible pathogens and acquaint them with racing procedures. Get past some of the common baby diseases before racing season starts.

Loft Hygiene: very important; often overlooked.

Club Hygiene: Show coops; shipping crates, trucks, trailers.

Flying Management: Try to minimize the amount of time the bird is actually on the road, and minimize the necessity of the bird having to come down away from the loft.

Racing: Be aware of the weather along the entire race course, and release only in good flying weather.

Loft Flying: Be sure birds are hungry enough to control; beware of overfly situations: later in day, windy, clouds/fog, another flock passing through, etc.

Monitor.
Look for the subtle signs of disease. This has become a standard practice in many areas of animal husbandry. Disease can drastically degrade performance, yet it is often very subtle, such as subclinical infections, prepatent parasite infestations, etc. In many situations, the most obvious thing you see first is bad performance. Overt, explicit, fulminating disease is not expressed until much later, when the disease process is quite advanced (e.g. parasite infestations, et al).

What do you monitor ?
First, the obvious: feed and water consumption. Plumage. Weight and body condition. Exercise performance: not just how long or how far do they fly, but how do they look and act during and after flying ? Reproductive efficiency. Droppings; look for diarrhea, polyuria, whole feed passage, etc.

Throat swabs. On a direct wet mount of a throat swab, look for flagellates (sub clinical canker). A cloacal wet mount is also worthwhile (for cloacal canker).

Gram Stains. Swab throat, crop, choanal slit and cloaca and streak out onto glass slides for Gram staining. There should be predominantly Gram Positive organisms. Too many Gram Negatives indicate a poor intestinal flora; in this case, have a culture done to identify the bacteria, and treat as necessary.

Fecal Float for parasites. Many types of worms

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(Nematodes), coccidia, some flagellates and lice, mite and fly parts can be picked up on a float. For worms, detection depends on egg production by the parasite; immature or unproductive worms can be troublesome, and yet not be detected on a float. So floats can be quite helpful, but are not perfect.

Blood tests.
Blood Films. These are made on a glass slide with a drop of blood from the wing, and then are stained to show the blood cells better. These are examined for blood parasites (Malaria, Leucocytozoan, etc) and also to look at the type and number of white blood cells in the immune system.

Blood Chemistry and Enzymes. Depending on the lab, between 12 and 25 different blood chemistry components and enzymes are measured numerically, and compared to the 'normal' range. This enables diagnosis of some nutritional imbalances/deficiencies, some toxins and some metabolic disorders such as liver, kidney, endocrine and muscle dysfunctions. Draw about one milliliter from the wing vein or the jugular. Check with your lab before collecting blood to get their submission protocol.

Diagnosis and Treatment.
Necropsy. Often the last resort. The bird is killed and opened up for direct evaluation of its internal condition, and very elaborate further testing; many diagnostic modalities are available and many tests can be run in far more elaborate detail from necropsy than on the live bird. Fresh dead birds can be used in some situations.

Treatment vs Necropsy: When do you decide to do a necropsy ???
There is no easy answer to this question; discuss this with your vet or the necropsy lab. Here are a few considerations. There is no such thing as a 'mystery death'; birds as robust and hardy as pigeons do not 'just die'. If the cause of death is not obvious, have the bird necropsied.
A reasonably definite diagnosis must be reached fairly early in the treatment process. Do not just guess at one possibility after another; this 'shotgun' approach can do far more harm than good. Antibiotic treatment can often obscure the underlying bacterial infection, and distort the diagnosis; do any bacterial cultures required for diagnosis before initiating antibiotic treatment.

Call your veterinarian or necropsy lab beforehand to get the appropriate submission protocol and make arrangements; necropsy should be a deliberate, planned part of your management program, not a last minute afterthought.

Die perfekte maat is die een wat nie van sy maat verwag om perfek te wees nie.

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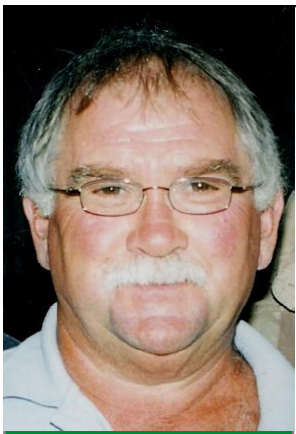

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Ek sien die in ding is deesdae om bietjie met jouself te spog. Ek kan nie agter in die die koor bly sing nie, dan gaan niemand my hoor nie.

Ek is basies met 'n veer in my linkerhand gebore. Het saam met my oorlede vader duiwe geteel. Getroud met Karen, 'n reisfundi en het 2 dogters, Carina en Nicolet.

Karen het basies alle Europese lande deurkruis en was ook toerleier na Rusland. Net die Amerikas het haar nog ontwyk, maar gee kans, Rome is nie in een dag gebou nie en sy was ook al daar. In Oktober 2016 het sy en Nicolet die Camino Staproete in Spanje aangedurf. So fiks is ek darem nog nie, maar werk daaraan.

Carina, lektrise by die Universiteit van Stellenbosch met 'n M-graad in Ekonomie, probeer die stotterende ekonomie aan die gang hou. Ook tans besig met 'n MPhil-graad in Hoër Onderwys.

Nicolet, eers Akademiese klerk in Rekeningkunde by die Universiteit van Stellenbosch doen daarna klerkskap om te kwalifiseer as Bestuursrekenmeester en beland as Rekenmeester op die historiese wyn landgoed met die grootste trop eende wat hulle wingerde deurkruis vir slakke. 'n Embleem van die eende word ook op hulle wyn etikette gebruik. Daagliks neem die byna1000 eende en ganse ook aan die "Duck Parade" deel.

Deur buitemuurse studie behaal ek 'n Diploma in Finansiële Bestuur.

Ek het verskeie duiwerasse ingevoer, waaronder Grosse, Kings, Giants en Carneaux uit VSA wat vandag op Rooi data lys is en dan ook "American Show Racers". Die Carneaux was die enigste invoer ooit uit die VSA. Dit wil voorkom of daar tans uitstaande Carneaux in Australië geteel word. Die nuwe tipe Giant wat tans geteel word is ook nie meer beperk tot die VSA en is baie kort. Geweldige ontwikkeling het rondom die kop plaasgevind, veral die mannetjies, want hulle dra dit aan hulle seuns oor.

Ek het oor 'n periode van 20 jaar elke moontlike pos, behalwe skousekretaris in WP/Wes-Kaap beklee. Was by 5 SA's betrokke. Het hordes duiwedae aan huis saam met Karen en kinders asook by Klubhuis aangebied. Was ook onderleiding van Kobus Snyman ernstig by reklame betrokke, wat vir my lyk of dit ten einde geloop het.

In 1987 skou ek slegs 4 Grosse in Bloemfontein en behaal beste Jaaroud en Kampioen. Ek was tot op daardie datum die eerste teler in die WP/ Wes-Kaap wie dit met 'n self geteelde duif kon vermag. Ek sluit 'n foto in om enige argumente uit te skakel, want ek het bietjie ouer geword.

Het darem by 3 geleenthede die oseaan oorgesteek enBelgië, Thailand en VK besoek. Toe ek my eenmans onderneming in 2001 begin het, het ek

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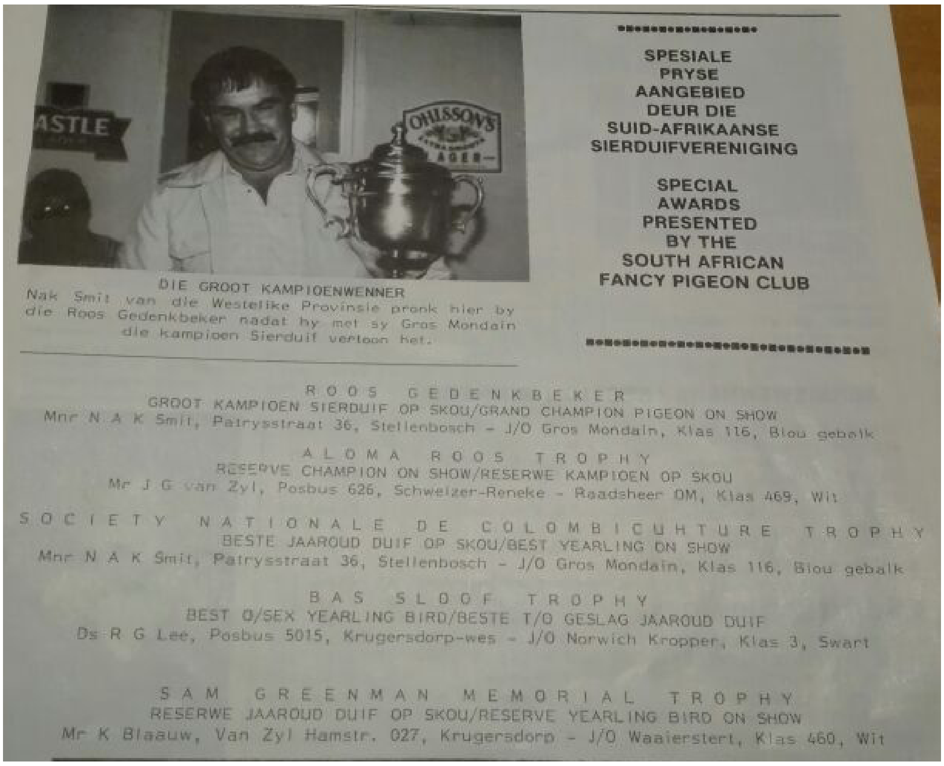
skoubywoning gestaak, want besigheid geniet voorkeur bo plesier. Dit betaal die rekeninge aan die einde van die maand. Ek handel in Nguni velle en alles rondom wyn- en whiskey vate. Van halwes tot heles en comboti vir daai ekstra skop. Ook vaatjies waarin wyn gemaak of gestoor kan word, met of sonder my Nguni velle lê in vele wonings, tot in Rusland. Noem 'n land en 'n Nguni vel uit my versameling pryk daar. Het vandag aan 'n dame eienaar van verskeie bees "ranches" in Texas, VSA 'n reuse swart en wit Nguni velverkoop. Ek doen baie besigheid met toeriste uit VSA en hulle vra nooit afslag nie. Hulle is terdeë bewus van musiek uit die rolprent: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly. Om enige onduidelikheid uit die weg te ruim, plaas ek 'n foto van die vel wat verkas het.

O ja, amper vergeet ek: Ek het ook so 'n bietjie met vreemde tale kennis gemaak. Het vir 'n jaar lank Franse klasse bygewoon. Dit is 'n skrik-



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kraantjies om lug uit die wynmaak proses te hou.

Ek ontmoet mense van regoor die aardbol en van ons swak Rand. In verte het ek 'n perd hoor runnik en beeste bulk. So reguit die "Cowboy" wêreld met wekkende moeilike taal. Kyk, vir Brits skrik ek nie, maar daai Frans is 'n perd van 'n ander kleur. Ek was

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verbaas om aan die einde van 2003 die toekenning te ontvang as die top leerder met 88%. Kyk, die javel wie sê hy praat sommer vlot Frans na 6 maande praat die grootste snert. Hy sukkel seker nog na 6 maande "Bonjour" korrek uit te spreek, wat nog te sê as iemand hom vra "comment allezvous", dan sluk hy seker sy tande in.

Soos u self kan aflei het ek nie op my louere gerus nie, maar my kant gebring. Deesdae spandeer ek byna al my tyd en energie aan my onderneming en teel van goeie duiwe.

Ek praat volgende keer oor my versameling klipwerktuie uit die Khoi san era.

Nou gaan ons as familie lekker langs die Weskus ontspan en batterye laai, voor die stormloop van buitelandse besoekers begin wie 'n velletjie of twee teen 'n winskopie terug wil neem.

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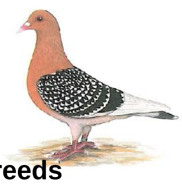

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From the editor

In the past week I had many reflections on our hobby and on the English Longface breed in particular.

One by one breeders either start to downscale or stop keeping the breed altogether. You will see names that disappear from our group and fewer newsletters being mailed as more people lose interest after the breeding season. This is an annual phenomenon and mostly occur when the reality that buying top birds is only a small part of breeding a great tumbler, sets in.

In the end, I believe that the biggest contributing factor to success with this breed is "sticking to your guns" and keep trying. Those who are not prepared to invest part of themselves in the breed soon lose heart.

This attitude also manifests when breeders are asked to provide information or any other assistance to help growing the breed. It is always easier to sit back and receive, but to make this breed progress the breed will need the all of us to contribute in one way or another. This breed will only come to its full potential if we all put more into it than what we receive.

One of the first steps would be to find an editor to take this newsletter forward. Due to time constraints this will be my last edition. I will still be happy to make contributions, but do not really have the time to put this together.

I thank and salute those for whom this breed is still a passion and try their best to grow the breed in numbers and quality. Take care and enjoy the reading.

Genetics corner

This edition I mainly want to highlight something that bothers me quite a bit in our hobby and that is the perceived checker pattern in out breed. Very few birds are true check, most are actually sooty smudged, and that is a serious colour-fault and not a pattern.

I place the illustration below with the greatest of apologies to the original artist. I cannot give recognition to him, as I am not sure who he was.

I do not think much more needs to be said. So many times, a poor black slip through (the light being blamed) or a

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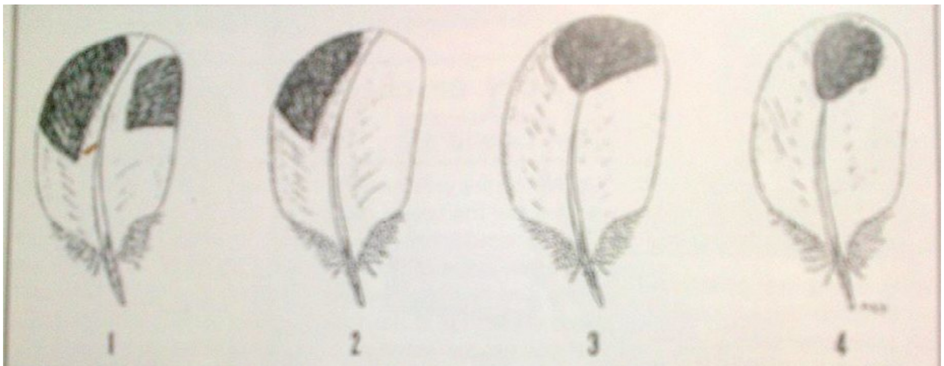

The sketch show the difference between Check and Sooty

1 & 2: Wing cover feathers in check marked birds

3 & 4: Wing cover feathers that is the cause of sooty in birds

sooty bird is placed as a check or the poor bars are ignored. Let us all strive to treat all faults equally and work hard to eliminate even these relatively small faults.

July 2018

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We are in urgent need for sponsors, as the idea is to make this a momentous occasion. So far, we would like to thank the following sponsor:

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Providing a vehicle for the safari, including fuel and toll. If this is all put to cash, we look at a sponsorship more than R20 000.

We have promises from fellow breeders. It would be highly appreciated if we can have your contributions sooner rather than later. With our region that host the Nationals, work pressure and the upcoming safari that needs to be arranged, I would most probably run out of time as the nationals draws closer.

The itinerary of the visiting judge

As you all know we have Felice Esposito to judge our nationals & Boxbeak in July next year. He needs to fly back to Australia from Bloemfontein on 8 July, to be in time for his nationals later in July and despite offers from members to visit other parts of the country, he can unfortunately not take more time away from his business.

Keep in mind that he works for himself and loose income every day that he spends in South Africa. His personal contribution to fly to South Africa, miss out on income and cover most of his own expenses roughly equal the total budget for our Championship show. It is with this fact in mind that I try to assit him by covering some of his expenses for him.

He arrives on 24 June in Skukuza with 4 friends to do a safari up to the morning of

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2 July when he will be collected by and visit Charl Naude. He will travel to Bloemfontein with Charl while his friends return home from Nelspruit.

There is one space available for this safari that includes the highlights of Mpumalanga, elephant interaction and ride as well as Kruger. This space is available on the following conditions:

A. You join as a tour-member with our only duty the driving of the second (hired) vehicle in Kruger. The cost for 8 nights including accommodation, meals, travel, activities etc. is R9 800 only (sharing).

B. You offer your services as assistant and driver. You provide the second vehicle (Double cab or SUV) and help where needed. In this instance you can join the group for free and your travel expenses will be compensated at a fixed rate.

If anybody is interested in joining the tour, please do not hesitate to let me know a.s.a.p.

Shows around the world

I noticed that shows around the globe are mostly shrinking and the depth of quality is also a concerning matter. An exception is the Eastern countries. With limited information, I do not add them into the following list:

Historically the 5 "big" countries for the breed were:

1. The UK (country of origin)
2. The USA (the biggest and traditionally most progressive)
3. Canada (almost free trade in birds between them and the USA)
4. Australia
5. South Africa

I wonder if statistics was available, if any of these countries would still have a top 5 position based on numbers shown?

THE UK NATIONALS

The following are winners from the Lancashire championship held on 19 November.

To my knowledge this show replaces the old national at Doncaster racecourse that does not exist anymore. If my information is not correct on this, I would appreciate members to supply the correct information for publication.

Back to the show: There were some impressive and less impressive winners if the photo's is anything to go by. The absence of Sean Morrow and Tony Braid left a void, especially in the muffed department.

Best mealy: Richard Henderson

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Best Blue: Tony Savoury

Best self coloured: Rob Gibbens

Baldhead by Richard Henderson

Best barred/Grizzle Muffed Tony Savoury

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My favourite from the photo's a teager by Eric Preston

Teager muffed by Rob Gibbins

THE USA PAGEANT OF PIGEONS
From the USA I looked forward to the results from the traditional "second only to the national" show, the annual Pageant of Pigeons. I saw the following reply from John Mahaffy about the matter

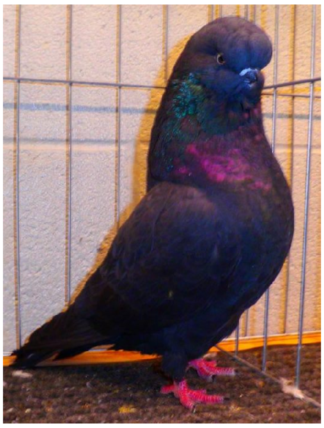
John Mahaffay Hi Bob, there were no LFTumblers at the Pageant...100 entered, and due to the losses after the Louisville and Watsonville shows the club elected to not show there, rather have a show in January...I believe the 20th. @ Pama Valley.

Ron Texeira answered to that comment:

SanDiegoCountyRonald Teixeira I was at the NYBS and no one that I know who attended has experienced any losses due to illness. It is possible this "outbreak" affects the same "crowd" that insists on selling and buying birds from the sale section.

Canada
I am unsure if this is the official National, but it is the biggest show for tumblers and the one where visiting international judges do the judging.

Best Black: owner unknown



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Best bar, young and champion tumbler: Cream YC by Dan Cayer

Ron Teixeira judging for best on show.

The runner-up and best old, Yellow OH from Mario Poulin.

AUSTRALIA

Being in the Southern hemisphere, their show season is the same as ours.

Current Breeders

Please note:

I would highly appreciate to have the numbers and colours in your lofts on 1 April. Please do not include those that you will cull, as it distorts figures. I heard

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about many changes in breeders and what they breed and would like to supply you with updated statistics.

I honestly believe the tumbler club must have a look at these trends and formulate action plans to prevent some of the traditionally strong colours from losing ground.

The list of breeders below is made up from information those breeders gave me during my census. If you want your name here, send me your name and what colours (and numbers) you breed with, and I will add your name to the list.

Bertie Wessels: Black, Splash & Andalusian. (Scroll of fame member)

Charl Naude: Muffed in self and splash. Cleanleg in barred and baldhead. (Scroll of fame member)

Christo Britz: Barred cleanlegs (Scroll of fame member)

Dante Pelser: Cleanleg in bared, black & Teager/splash.

Jannie Swanepoel:

Cleanleg in barred, baldhead and Muffed in self, splash and baldhead.

Jas v Niekerk: Cleanleg in barred.

Johan de Beer: Cleanleg in barred.

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Johan Nel

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Joe Faul en sy vrou was aan die stuur by SANPO en het die saal behartig en ook van ons manne se duiwe voor en na die skou gehuisves.

Ek het Donderdag die 24ste Augustus 'n draai by die saal gemaak met die eerste paar duiwe, net

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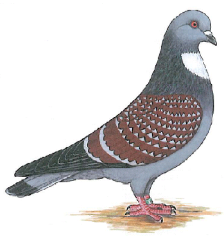
om te hoor SANPO se manne het besluit om eerder eers die Vrydag die duiwe toe te laat in die saal. Oom Joe het aangebied om die duiwe by sy huis te hou, aangesien my Vrydae in Mosselbaai gewoonlik maller as 'n blou Maandag is. Daar was dus nog geen duiwe in die saal die Donderdag nie, maar kort-kort was daar mense wat kom vra het: "nou waar's die duiwe en hoenders dan vanjaar?"…. so het dit aangegaan, maar dis toe die twee jongmanne die saal met hul ma binnestap wat ek genoodsaak was om die duiwe te gaan haal in die kar en uit te pak, want die manne wil nou duiwe kyk!! 'n Uur later het ek na baaaie vrae en antwoorde toestemming gevra of ek nou maar die duiwe weer kan terug sit in die kas. Ek moes net eenvoudig die foto van hulle by die duiwe neem, want kyk prys kan jy nie aan so iets koppel nie! Dit was vir my net eenvoudig iets pragtigs om te sien. 'n Groot jammerte was dat daar geen hoenders tydens die 2017 landbouskou uitgestal kon word nie as gevolg van die voëlgriep.

Die Saterdag was ek en my gesin vir die eerste keer weer by die skou en man was dit nou vir jou 'n aangename besigheid om te aanskou! Die manne met hul country hoede en hul vroutjies het geloop en pronk met hul country jeans en boots….. die reuk van braaivleis het dik gehang oor George, kinders wat lag en rondhardloop met spookasem, musiek en koue bier….. ja man, 'n lekker besigheid was dit beslis. Glo dit of nie daar was tot resies gejaag met die trekkers op die ovaalbaan!

Terug by die duiwe - Een van die skoubestuurs lede het ons kom bedank vir die bydrae wat ons gelewer het met die duiwe en hulle dink daaraan om volgende jaar die diere vroeër daar te hê en te hou tot later die Saterdag, aangesien daar vanaf die Vrydag tot Saterdagmiddag 13h00 reeds 14 000 mens die skou besoek het en nog steeds in gestroom het! Elke ras het sy eie bekoring gehad en dus gaan ek geen ras voortrek bo 'n ander nie. Ek kon net nie help om waar te neem dat die mense effens verskrik en soms baie versigtig verby die Scanderoons se hokke gestap het nie….. seker bang die goed byt! Lol (Sorry George ek moes net noem - Lol)

Daar is paar notas gevat vir volgende jaar se uitstalling en ja doen gaan ons dit beslis weer doen, maar met beter voorbereiding. Daar was regtig



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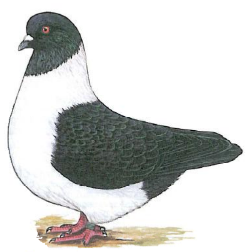

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baie belangstelling en baie het gevra waar en vir wie kan hulle kontak vir 'n sekere soort ras. So ja ons gaan beslis name bo die ras met kontak nommers sit volgende jaar. Iets wat vir my baie oulik was is Joe Faul se vrou wat vir ure gesit het met 'n duif in die saal sodat die kinders kan kom vat en vryf aan die duif. Sy het darem so nou en dan die duif met 'n ander een afgewissel en gebruik gemaak van die geleentheid om self bietjie asem te skep. Ek dink dit was regtig 'n job well done en wil een en elke lid van die streek bedank vir sy bydrae, hoe gering ook al. Volgende jaar maak ons weer so, met 'n braai natuurlik die Vrydagaand by die skousaal vir ons lede.

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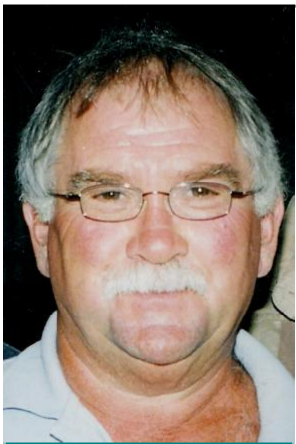

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My klipwerktuie het ek oor 'n baie wye area in Stellenbosch-omgewing versamel. Een van hulle wat moontlik in daardie era as 'n hamer gebruik is, het ek skaars 10 meter in die gras oorkant my huis opgetel. Dan is daar ook een vanaf die Weskus wat lyk asof dit as 'n pik/byl in gevegte gebruik is. Dit is baie wit van kleur en winderosie het die rante baie rond gemaak. Dit vertoon nie skerp soos dié uit die Stellenbosch-omgewing nie.

Sommige is in die slagproses van wildvangste gebruik om die vel van die dier te verwyder, want die rante is redelik skerp. 'n Soortgelyke een pryk in my bonsai pot. Een van die klippe kon moontlik die vorm bekom het as 'n spoelklip of deur langdurige gebruik om murg bene te kraak.

Die Eerste Rivier wat deur Stellenbosch vloei, wat tans net 'n stroompie is (laat mens amper aan die magtige Apies dink) was eens op 'n tyd 'n baie breë rivier. Dit kan 'n mens agterkom aan die geweldige hoeveelheid spoelklippe wat oor 'n baie wye area in die vlaktes voorkom.

Die oudste klipwerktuie dateer ongeveer 3.3 miljoen jaar gelede en identiese voorbeelde kom in my versameling voor, veral die een wat in die slagproses gebruik is en ook die een wat as 'n tipe byl/pik in gevegte gebruik is. Dit is dus baie moeilik om te bepaal wie die gebruikers van die werktuie was. Eers is gedink dat dit die Khoi-San was, maar by nadereondersoek is gevind dat hierdie werktuie uit baie vroeër eras dateer.

Stellenbosch is nie net bekend vir sy uitsonderlike wyne nie, maar ook vir sy klipwerktuie. Nadat Dr Louis Péringuey klip werktuie in wingerde in Frankryk ontdek het in die laat 1800's, ontdek hy ook in 1905 soortgelyke werktuie in wingerde

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rondom Stellenbosch wat as handbyle, messe en hamers gebruik is. Klip-werktuie is ook in die Swartberge en Rietvlei, Pretoria ontdek.

Ek heg foto's van die klipwerktuie aan:

A). Slagmes: Klip met skerp rante om vel van dier te verwyder. In bonsai gemonteer.

B). Byl/Pik: Word in hout of senings gemonteer en in gevegte aangewend soos Flinstone of Hagar die Verskriklike

C).Byl/Pik: Teen Weskus opgetel. Deur sand en wind is rante gerond en lig van kleur.

D).Verskeie slag-messe.

E). Rivierklip: Holte waar duim lekker pas en murgbene word gekraak.

F). Hamer: Skaars 10 meter van my huis in oop veld opgetel.

G). Byl/Pik: Rante al lekker rond.

H). Klipbal: Waarmee wild of persoon gegooi is as hy probeer weghard-loop.

My vraag is: Hoe het

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hierdie mense, duisende kilometers van mekaar, sonder kommunikasie, dieselfde tipe werktuig vervaardig? Amper al hierdie voorbeelde is by onderskeie plekke soos Egipte, Frankryk, Suid Afrika en Skotland ontdek.

Nog is dit het einde niet: In 1987 word 'n Stellen-boscher ook die eerste teler in die WP/WK wie die Kampioen en beste Jaaroud Sierduif met 'n self geteelde duif vertoon.

In 2017 het 909/12, my Blou Check "Foundation" mannetjie, die einde van sy pad in my hok bereik. Basies bestaan my hele hok uit sy nageslag en het ek gedink die tyd is perfek om hom op die kruin van sy leeftyd te verkoop en met sy Blou swart ge-balkte kleinseun te vervang. Baie het gevra hoekom 909/12 nie deur sy 2 Blou check seuns opgevolg word nie. Beide seuns is baie goeie duiwe, maar as ek hom met die kleinseun vergelyk troon hy bo hulle uit. Nietemin sal ek nie van hulle ontslae raak voordat ek nie 5 duiwe geteel het wat van dieselfde gehalte of beter as die blouduif is nie. Hierdie mannetjie het groot pote om vol testaan, want sy oupa het nooit 'n "cull" geteel nie.

Ek sluit 'n foto in om tewys telings trek oor 'n baie lang tydperk en geskied nie oornag nie. Dit het my 9 jaar geneem om so 'n duif te teel.

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Langgesig-tuimelaars - gee hulle 'n go!
Charl Naudé

Ek is nou vir my vyfde broeiseisoen terug by die tuimelaars.Ons het lank wedvlugduiwe gevlieg. Voor dit as kind met English Longfaced Tumblers geboer.

Wat ek geleer het by die vliegduiwe is dat baie siektes deur die waterbak versprei word. Ek het op 'n stadium my waterbakke elke aand uitgewas.Tans doen ek dit net een keer per week. Skoon water is uiters belangrik vir ons duiwe. Die langgesig is 'n kleiner en baie ligter duif as 'n wedvlugduif -wees daarom net versigtig as medikasie gegee word.

Ek skei my mannetjies en wyfies permanent van mekaar en maak hul in 'n groot kas toe as ek met hulle wil teel. Hulle kry kos en water in hul broeikaste. Ek maak egter my duiwe mooi skoon voor broeityd. Ek behandel vir kropkanker en ook vir koksie. Ek ontwurm my duiwe ook en soms doen ek behandeling vir duiwemalaria. By die veerpoot-langgesigte knip ek die voetvere en ook die stert. Ek gebruik graag Brakeaway se produkte en sal dit afwissel met dié van Medpet. Die ideaal is seker om drie paar voerders vir elke paar langgesigte te hê, maar as gevolg van baie volumes maak ek van twee pare gebruik.

Duiwe is lief daarvoor om te bad en ek is baie lief daarvoor om op Sondae open loft te gee. Veral die duiwe in die broeikaste is mal oor hulle bad en lê graag in die aangeplante lusern. Dit bly egter 'nrisiko. Die ideaal is om 'n sonhok te hê.

Ek probeer om eiers te ruil binne drie dae nadat dit gelê is. Omdat die langgesigte eintlik goeie ouers kan wees, probeer ek dat 'n paar een kleintjie (common) per jaar voer. Vir my is die beste voerders die commons.

Ek voer my duiwe driekeer per dag. Soggens, 18:00 en dan my voerders weer 20:00.My mengsel is 50 persent roller mix en 50 persent duiwepellets. Wat vir my fantasties werk, is om 20:00 in die aande 'n mengsel van kanariesaad, bruinbrood (wat 'n bietjie in die oond uitgedroog is) en eierdoppe (wat ook uitgedroog en fyn gemaak is) saam met Oats te gee. Ek hoef selde 'n kleintjie met die hand te help voer. Selfs as ek weggaan, maak ek so 'n mengsel aan en die ou wat dan vir my duiwe sorg, gee dit vir hulle. Gee eerder meer gereeld min kos en laat hulle dit opeet as te veel op een slag.Dit is dan dat hulle lui word om te voer.

Ek sal gereeld ook spinasie en vit. B12 vir die duiwe gee. Ek rig senior Nasionale middelafstand atlete af en sien prakties wat werk vir 'n mens. Yster is baie belangrik.

Dit wat ons in ons duiwe insit, is ook dit wat ons uithaal. Kyk na jouself - hoe meer antibiotika jy inneem hoe swakker raak

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jou gestel en weerstand word amper afgebreek. Dieselfde geld vir die duiwe. Uit die sportwêreld het ek baie geleer en besef dat wat ons eet, is wat ons is.

Driedinge bly belangrik vir ons duiwe: vars lug (geen trek nie), vars water en sonskyn.Dit is ook belangrik dat die hok nooit nat word binne nie.

Bogenoemde is my persoonlike ervaring wat ek deel.

Vir al my duiweboer vriende - daar is vyf dinge wat ons almal moet doen:

1. Goed slaap
2. Reg eet
3. Genoeg water drink
4. 'n Sport beoefen
5. 'n Stokperdjie hê

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UIT MY HART
Pieter Neethling

'n Terugblik so 43 jaar terug toe was ek regtig net 'n kind, groot word wil ek nie, want ek glo soos 'n kind en vertrou soos 'n kind. Toe my pa besef die enigste hoe hy my uit sy duiwehok sou kon kry was om my eie te kon hê.

'n Kragmasjien se hout box het my hok geword. Gebou op my Pa se spesifikasies het ek en Dambusa dit gebou en gereeld was daar inspeksie. Die tevredenheid tussen my en Dambusa toe Pa sy pyp opsteek, Old Holland House die lug "scent" en hoe tevrede hy smile, en vra of hy vir my skouduiwe kan kry.

Raadshere was my eerste duiwe en verstom was ek vir die rare duiwe, (Hoe sê Pa,"Is hul na aan die Here").

Sunny Boy, Pa se een drywer het vir my Maanduiwe (Dakkakers volgens Pa) gebring, die mooiste bont duiwe ooit. Pa het altyd gespot dat Oom Pietie die buurman hul kos gee. Hulle het in sy lande en melkstal gewei . . .

Later het hul so baie geword dat hul 'n skaduwee maak as hul sirkel in die lug. Hul het in die solder van die ou stoor ingetrek en nog meer geword . . .

Pa het gese ons moet 'n plan maak om hul minder to maak en Ma het voorgestel duiwe pastei vir die Kerkbasaar. Wat 'n teleurstelling tot Pa my gesê het ek kan nou ook 'n 10de bydra vir die Kerk met my oes van oormaat wat ek ontvang het. Die mense het tou gestaan vir my duiwe pastei, Ma was 'n bobaas bakster.

Volgende was Kroppers. Wat 'n fees, want hul het gesels, gereageer op my stem, klap hul vlerke en trek hul sterte , spring so 'n tree of twee….Klink soos helikopters as hul vlieg.

My Bidplek, my "sad" plek, my blywees plek, was altyd die dieselfde plek….. my duiwe plek.

Hul het my verstaan, altyd was hul opgewonde om my te sien en al wat hul van my verwag was kos, skoon water en 'n veilige plek, beskerm van dit wat hul seer of dood kon maak.

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Al Pa se ou ringe het 'n plek gekry op my spog duiwe, gemerk vir my beste duiwe. Soos 'n kind het ek groot geword, met opgewondenheid in my, soos daai dae.

Vandag nog voel ek kind by my duiwe ... ek en my Kind (Graham). Wat 'n voorreg vir my om my liefde van Duif met my kind to kan deel. Ons verskil om saam te stem dat ons lief is vir Duiwe.

Dankie Abba Vader dat ons kan deel in U Skepping van Duiwe.

Gee ons die kennis van verstand om U Skepping te kan reg geniet.

Soos 'n kind in my duiwehok wil ek nog bly, partykeer blind in liefde vir dit wat 'n saak maak. Laat ons net gretig leef vir wat ons sê.

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