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Pieter Neethling
Nuut Aangestelde
Senior Beoordelaar



Wikus van Niekerk
Nuut Aangestelde
Senior Beoordelaar



*Nasionale
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2021/2022*

Chris de Bruin

My sesde jaar as Nasionale President is verstreke en daar was heelwatveranderinge en aanpassings in die SASV oor die afgelope ses jaar gewees. Ek wil ook dankie sê aan die lede wat vertroue in my het om my vir nog `n verdere termyn te benoem het. Ons was ook nie die Covid-19 pandemie gespaar nie en vir baie van ons is dit `n tydperk wat ons so gou as moontlik sal wil vergeet. Die Covid-19 pandemie het veroorsaak dat ons noodgedwonge by die nuwe "normaal" moes aanpas en leer om daarmee saam te leef.

Ons het gedurende die jaar ook verskeie lede, oud-lede en familie van lede aan die dood afgestaan. Ons gebede was by almal en ons dink aan hul geliefdes wat agtergebly het. Daar is ook baie lede wat siek is en ons wens hulle `n spoedigeherstel toe.

Ons ledetal aan die einde van Desember 2021 was 211 wat 36 minder was as 2020 se 247 lede. Dit is `n negatiewe groei in ledetal van -15% teenoor verlede jaar se positiewe groei van 15%. Op die 31ste Mei 2022 was ons ledetal 170 en dit is egter nog baie laag en die Uitvoerende Komitee is besig om na maniere en reklame te kyk om meer lede vir die SASV te werf. Die Streek wat % gewys die grootste groei getoon het is Kwa-Zulu-Natal met 27% wat drie (3) lede verteenwoordig gevolg deur Noord-van-die-Vaal met 18% wat sewe (7) lede verteenwoordig en dan Noord-Kaap met 7% wat een (1) lid verteenwoordig. Ons moet die manne en vroue daar gelukwens met wat hulle reggekry het. Ongelukkig het al die ander streke `n daling in lede getalle getoon.

Streek	Des. 2020	Des. 2021	Mei 2022	Toename / Afname	% Groei
Noord-van-die-Vaal	40	47	42	+ 7	+18%
Noord-Vrystaat	37	33	25	- 4	-11%
Oostelike Provinsie	34	28	20	- 6	- 18%
Wes-Kaap	34	26	18	- 8	- 24%
Oostelike Streek	30	16	15	- 14	- 47%
Noord-Kaap	14	15	13	+ 1	+ 7%
Vrystaat	17	15	15	- 2	- 12%
Kwa-Zulu Natal	11	14	9	+ 3	+ 27%
Wes-Transvaal	19	11	8	- 8	- 42%
Suid-WestelikeDistrikte	8	6	5	- 2	- 25%
Namibië	3	0	0	- 3	- 100%
Totaal	247	211	170	- 36	- 15%

Ons sê ook in besonder dankie aan Danie en Pearl Strydom met die WhatsApp groep wat hulle aan die gang het om lede vir die SASV te werf. Dit gaan nie ongesiens verby nie en ons kan die resultate van julle harde werk sien.

Na die teleurstelling met die afstel van die 2021 Kampioenskapskou wat te Welkom sou plaas vind

kon ons gedurende 2022 darem weer Streekskoue en `n SA Kampioenskapskou vir die lede aanbied. Oor die algemeen was ons skoue kleiner as vorige jare, deels oor die knypende ekonomie wat tot gevolg het dat lede minder duiwe aanhou en ook minder duiwe skou of minder skoue bywoon, asook die Covid-19 pandemie. Die uitbreek van siektes in sommige lede se hokke het hierdie teelseisoen

ook baie vrektes tot gevolg gehad en het ook veroorsaak dat baie lede hierdie jaar minder of geen skoue bygewoon het nie.

Ek het drie Streekskoue en twee Jongduifskoue, te wete Noord-van-die-Vaal -, Vrystaat -, Wes-Transvaal Streekskoue, Wes-Transvaal Squiker Skou en Noord-Vrystaat Jongduifskou bygewoon. Ek kon ongelukkig weens persoonlike omstandighede nie die Noord-Kaap -, Kwa-Zulu Natal -, Noord-Vrystaat -, Oostelike Provinsie - of Oostelike Streek se skoue bygewoon het nie.

Die Sponsduiwe kon ook gedurende Januarie 2022 weer hul gebruiklike Spesklubskou gehou het en die Modenaklub het 'n Prestigeskou saam met die Vrystaat Streekskou gehou. George Bell, Pieter Neethling en ekself het die Modenas as 'n paneel beoordeel. Dit was 'n nuwe ondervinding vir al drie van ons as beoordelaars sowel as die vertoners en die metode het maar sy eie unieke uitdagings met voordele en nadele.

In 2021 was 4943 duiwe geskou (sonder 'n SA's) en gedurende 2022 was 5142 duiwe geskou ingesluit die huidige SA's in Malmesbury. Daar was gedurende die jaar weer 'n toename in die aantal duiwe wat geskou was in vergelyking met 2021. Ek dink onder die omstandighede waarin ons tans verkeer is dit nie sleg nie.

Gedurende 2022 was daar 87 verskillende rasse geskou teenoor 2021 waar daar 91 rasse geskou was. Uit die 148 rasse in die Standaardboek, was daar dus in 2022, 61 rasse waarin geen duiwe geskou was nie teenoor 2021 se 57 rasse waarin geen duiwe geskou was nie. Ek wonder in hoeveel van hierdie rasse is daar nog duiwe in Suid Afrika beskikbaar? In 2022 was daar 28 rasse waarin daar 'n totaal van minder as 10 duiwe geskou was teenoor die 27 rasse in 2021.

Die feit dat hierdie jaar se SA Kampioenskapskou klein is, 663 duiwe vertoon deur 33 lede, is baie toe

te skryf aan die ligging waar die Kampioenskapskou gehou word, die afstande wat lede moet ry en die huidige brandstof prys. Het dit nie dalk tyd geword dat die SASV na 'n sentrale SA Kampioenskapskou moet begin kyk wat deur die Uitvoerende Komitee aangebied word nie?

Die top tien rasse geskou vir 2022 is as volg:

1. Mookees 530 (Verlede jaar 2de met 339)
2. Modenas 315 (Verlede jaar 3de met 283)
3. Brunners 286 (Verlede jaar 6de met 170)
4. Birmingham Rollers 271 (Verlede jaar 4de met 236)
5. Holle Croppers 221 (Verlede jaar 10de met 131)
6. Waaiersterte 217 (Noot, verlede jaar 11de met 121)
7. Norwich Croppers 198 (Verlede jaar 8ste met 160)
8. Satinette & Blondinette 196 (Noot, verlede jaar 12de met 120)
9. Sjinese Uile 191 (Verlede jaar 1ste met 409)
10. American Show Racers 188 (Verlede jaar 5de met 195)

Geluk aan die lede wat met die top tien rasse teel en wat tot die prestasie bygedra het. Interessant is dat die eerste agt (8) rasse almal 'n groei in getalle toon en dat daar meer duiwe van die rasse in 2022 as in 2021 vertoon was. Die Sjinese Uile was vir my 'n groot verrassing met 'n drastiese afname in getal duiwe vertoon. Veral as ons kyk hoe gewild die ras in die verlede was en die feit dat hulle skoue vir baie lank oorheers het. Die Waaiersterte en Satinette & Blondinette het opgeskuif in die Top 10 rasse in en die Working Homers (12de) en Indian Fantails (22ste) het uitgeval.

Werk aan die 75 Jaar Gedenk Uitgawe is ook voltooi en moet ek sê dit is 'n goeie boek om in enige duiwe-liefhebber se versameling te hê. Hier wil ek vir Christo Munnik baie dankie sê vir die ure se werk wat hy ingesit het en navorsing wat hy gedoen het om die pragstuk van die SASV se geskiedenis, vanaf 1943 tot 2018 vir ons op skrif te stel. Die boek

is hier by die Kampioenskapskou beskikbaar teen R200.00 en is in kleur. Die restant van die boeke sal by die Nasionale Ringmeester beskikbaar wees vir bestelling teen R200.00 plus posgeld.

Die SASV het 'n groot tekort aan Beoordelaars en ek wil 'n beroep op ons lede doen om hulself as beoordelaars te bekwaam. Dit sal die druk op ons huidige Beoordelaars baie verlig. Sosiale media het dit moontlik gemaak vir ons lede om vinniger skou uitslae en fotos te versprei en daar is dan ongelukkig ook lede wat negatiewe kommentaar op die fotos lewer. Ons moet onthou dat fotos net 'n oomblik vasvang en nie werklik die kwaliteit van die duiwe wys nie. Daar is 'n groot verskil tussen, om 'n duif in die hand te beoordeel of op 'n foto en ons moet dit besef en in gedagte hou voor ons kommentaar lewer.

Ek het 'n bekommernis oor die funksionering / bestaansreg van ons Spesklubs met die wyse waarop hulle tans funksioneer. Die meeste Spesklubs bestaan net in naam en daar gaan verder niks aan om die rasse te bevorder nie. Die Sponsduif -, Waaierstert – en Modenaklub is die enigste Spesklubs wat werklik aktief is en iets vir die rasse doen. Dan



Nuwe moed met die Modenas

Dawie vd Heever

Die Modenaklub is vuur en vlam en ek het ook nuwe moed met hierdie swart span van my. Swart het baie uitdagings – veral as jy van Gazzi praat. Koppe is nie sterk genoeg nie, bene nie lank genoeg nie en geneig om dun en sonder vere te wees. Om van white flights nie eerste praat nie.

Ek het die verveerseisoen ingespring en die bestaande hokke se broeihokkies se deure vergroot sodat ek met meer gemak die neste kan bykom.

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is daar die Indiese Waaierstert – en Mookee telers wat aktiewe WhatsApp groepe bedryf en werklik hul rasse daardeur bevorder. Die SASV moet begin kyk hoe ons sosiale media tot ons voordeel en bevordering van ons doelwitte kan gebruik.

Hierdie was ook weereens 'n onstuimige jaar wat baie onderstroming in die SASV bloot gelê het. Ek wil 'n ernstige beroep op ons lede doen dat ons meer verdraagsaam teenoor mekaar sal wees en net by die reëls sal hou. Dit is elke lid se eie verantwoordelikheid om op hoogte te wees van wat die SASV se reëls behels en wat toelaatbaar is.

Laat ons al die onaangename dinge agter ons sit en met nuwe positiewiteit die leisels vat en 2023 'n beter jaar maak. Mag die nuwe jaar vir almal net mooi en opwindende dinge inhou. Onthou jou familie, vriende en duiwe is kosbaar.

Uit die pen van

Chris de Bruin
Nasionale President
27 Junie 2022



Daarna het ek alle ou sand wat onder-in was verwyder.

Hoes, hoes en nogmaals hoes.



Die Sierduif

Die stof in die hokke was nie grappies nie. Ek het 'n KN 95 masker opgesit en dit het nogal baie gehelp. Ek het die hokkies binne uitgeverf met wit waterverf wat met Virokill gemeng is, nadat die hele hok met Virokill ontsmet is. Vloere is met nuwe bousand opgevol.

Hokke nou reg. Check.



2022 Royal Agricultural Show – Pietermaritzburg

Duane Schwarz

After a two-year absence due to the Covid pandemic the 2022 Royal Agricultural Show was held from 27 May to 5 June. The 2022 is also to be the second to last show, due to the show grounds being sold to property developers for the development of businesses, etc. The Royal Show started in 1851 and has been operating from the current premises since 1904, so its sad to see such an iconic show and landmark with lots of history end and disappearing. There are talks that the show organisers are looking at alternative properties in the area to host the show but the chances on find-

Nou die duiwe. Hulle is alreeds ge-ent teen paramixio April maand. Daarna tien dae op Enrovat teen 2ml/L. Dan ge-ent teen paratifu. En Protexin om weer die uminiteit op te bou. Nou nog ontworm voor die broeityd en dan moet hulle net hulle kant bring.

Duiwe op hulle koppe en gesond. Check.

Ek gaan 30 paar vliegduiwe oppaar om te help met kuikens grootmaak. So hierdie jaar, wil ek getalle broei wat seleksie darem maar makliker sal maak. My duiwe wat ek nou het, is almal jonk. So hulle het geen rede om nie te kan broei nie.

Genoeg ringe. Check.

So julle moet help duim vas hou. EN. Wish me luck.

Kakamas groete.



ing something suitable is slim.

This year the show attracted 478 exhibitors, many livestock and an estimated 117 000 visitors through the gates. Pigeons was on display from 1 to 5 June in the bird hall. This show gives the KZN region the opportunity to put their pigeons on display to the public to promote our sport, recruit new members and selling of pigeons. As in previous years, this year was also a huge success. There was a lot of interest from the public with telephone calls coming through weeks prior to the show to check when the pigeons will be on display. Some people made a second visit to the show just to see the pigeons.

There was well over 250 quality pigeons on display on the opening day. With the large public interest and sale of pigeons, members had to bring in more pigeons to display on the morning of day three to see us through to the end of the show. At closing on the last day there was minimal pigeons left. Be-

sides the sales of pigeons being successful during the show there was also a lot of interest from the public on joining the club which is a good indication that we can grow our sport in the region.

I would like to thank the KZN members for their assistance and participation at the show. A special thank you to Bruce Sandison, Doc Graham Hartley, Shane Pollock, and Cameron that was at the show every day, from opening to closing, ensuring that the pigeons was looked after and assisting the public with all their purchases, questions, and queries.



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SASV Modena-klub kyk na 2022 se skou-seisoen.

Jan Kamfer

Hallo aan al ons duiwvriende.

Toe Covid sy wurggreep 'n klein bietjie skietgee, kon geen duiweliefhebber meer wag dat die jaarlikse streekskoue begin nie. So was die lede van die Modenaklub ook baie opgewonde om ons duiwe mooi te maak en weer die skouhokgewoontes op te skerp. Nie net vir die streekskoue nie, maar ook vir die Modena Prestige skou. Die lede het saam besluit dat die Rosestad van die Vrystaat 'n baie lekker sentrale punt is (vrek vêr van alles af) om al die telers bymekaar te kry om saam te skou en mekaar te leer ken en ou vriedskapsbande weer op te tel.

Die skoureëlings het vlot verloop en die Modenaklub wil baie dankie sê aan die Vrystaatstreek se bestuur wat bykans al die reëlings uit ons hande geneem het. Klublede uit die Noorde, Suide en Weste het duisende kilometers af gelê om die skou by te woon. Die skou was 'n reuse sukses en al het 'n Modena nie die streekskou se Top 7 gehaal nie was daar definitief topgehalte Modenas ten toon gestel. 'n Paneel van drie beoordelaars nl. Chris De Bruin, Pieter Neethling en George Bell is aangestel om die Modenas te beoordeel. Dit was werklik 'n groot voorreg gewees om 3 topbeoordelaars te sien beoordeel. Die proses was eeffe stadig, maar die klub het positiewe terugvoer van elke beoordelaar gekry. 135 duiwe is tot die fynste detail beoordeel. Daar was 35 modenas op 'n veiliging aangebied en 'n gemiddelde prys van R570 per duif is behaal.

Die volgende inskrywings is ontvang vir die Modena Prestige skou.

Abrie vd Walt -10 Duiwe in 2 verskillende kleure
Johan v Eden – 11 Duiwe in 7 verskillende kleure
Seppie Esterhuysen – 24 Duiwe in 7 verskillende kleure

Pieter Labuschagne (Lappies) – 34 Duiwe in 7 verskillende kleure

Heinrich Moldenhauer – 29 Duiwe in 14 verskillende kleure

Jan Kamfer - 27 Duiwe in 11 verskillende kleure
Totaal = 135 Modena duiwe in 16 verskillend kleure
47 Gazzi Modenas & 88 Schietti Modenas

Baie geluk aan:

Lappies Labuschagne

Beste Bruin Schietti duif op die skou wat ook dan die tweede beste Modena op skou was.

Beste Asrooi Schietti (Rooi geruit) op die skou.

Beste Asrooi Gazzi (Meally) op die skou

Seppie Esterhuysen

Beste Blou Schietti (grizzle) op die skou

Beste Blou Gazzi op die skou

Abrie Van Der Walt

Beste Wit Schietti op die skou

Beste Swart Schietti op die skou

Heinrich Moldenhauer

Kampioenduif en beste bruin Gazzi op die skou

Beste EASK Schietti (Magnani) op die skou

Beste EASK Gazzi (asrooi opal) op die skou

Daar was in totaal 316 Modenas op die SASV skoue die jaar vertoon, uitgesluit die komende Wes-Transvaal se "squiker" skou.

Geluk aan die volgende lede wat presteer het:

Noord-Vrystaat Jeugskou: Chris De Bruin raswen-

ner, Modena Schietti

KZN skou: Geen modenas

Noordkaap streekskou: Seppie Esterhuysen raswenners Gazzi en Schietti, die Schietti was 1ste Reserwe kampioen in die Top 7.

Noord-Vrystaat streekskou: Ruben Kitching raswenner Modena Schietti

Oostelike streekskou: Hennie Visagie raswenner Modena Schietti

Noord-Van-Die-Vaal streekskou: Heinrich Moldenauer raswenner en ook 4de Reserwe kampioen in die Top 7 Modena Schietti

OP streekskou: George Bell raswenner en ook 2de Reserwe kampioen in die Top 7 Modena Schietti

Vrystaat streekskou en Modena Prestige skou:

Heinrich Moldenhauer raswenner Modena Gazzi

Wes-Transfaal streekskou: Geen Modena

Wes-Transvaal "squiker" skou: Uitstaande

SA Kampioenskap: Seppie Esterhuysen raswen-

ner Modena Schietti

Die Modena klub wil elke liewe persoon wat betrokke was by die reëlings van elke skou, hartlik bedank vir al die moeite en tyd wat in ons duiwestokperdjie in gestort is. Ons is goed bewus hoeveel ure en sweet in die organisasie van elke byeenkoms in gaan. Ons bedank elke beoordelaar wat 'n Modena in sy hande gehad het. En laastens wil die Modenaklubbestuur al die klublede bedank vir elke bydrae en al die insette en positiewe gesindhede tydens die skouseisoen. Die klub sal voortbou en daarna strewe om volgende jaar weer groot getalle wenduiwe te skou.

Sterkte aan elke duiweboer vir die teelseisoen wat op hande is.

Vir die liefde en versorging van die duif.



MODENA PRESTIGE SKOU 2022
Spesiale toekenning aan
Heinrich Moldenhauer
 Vertoner van die
Beste Bruin Gazzi Modena

MODENA PRESTIGE SKOU 2022
Spesiale toekenning aan
Pieter Labuschagnè
 Vertoner van die
Beste Asrooi Gazzi Modena (Mealy)

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MODENA PRESTIGE SKOU 2022
 SPESIALE TOEKENNING AAN
Spesiale toekenning aan
 Abrie van der Walt
 Vertoner van die
Beste Swart Schietti Modena



MODENA PRESTIGE SKOU 2022
 SPESIALE TOEKENNING AAN
Spesiale toekenning aan
 Abrie van der Walt
 Vertoner van die
Beste Wit Schietti Modena



MODENA PRESTIGE SKOU 2022
 SPESIALE TOEKENNING AAN
Spesiale toekenning aan
 Heinrich Moldenhauer
 Vertoner van die
Beste EASK Schietti Modena



MODENA PRESTIGE SKOU 2022
 SPESIALE TOEKENNING AAN
Spesiale toekenning aan
 Heinrich Moldenhauer
 Vertoner van die
Beste EASK Gazzi Modena



MODENA PRESTIGE SKOU 2022
 SPESIALE TOEKENNING AAN
Spesiale toekenning aan
 Seppie Esterhuisen
 Vertoner van die
Beste Blou Gazzi Modena



MODENA PRESTIGE SKOU 2022
 SPESIALE TOEKENNING AAN
Spesiale toekenning aan
 Pieter Labuschagnè
 Vertoner van die
Beste Bruin Schietti Modena (Silver Dun)



**MODENA PRESTIGE
SKOU 2022**

Spesiale toekening aan

Pieter Labuschagnè

Vertoner van die

Beste Asrooi Schietti Modena (Red Check)



**MODENA PRESTIGE
SKOU 2022**

Spesiale toekening aan

Seppie Esterhuisen

Vertoner van die

Beste Blou Schietti Modena (Grizzle)



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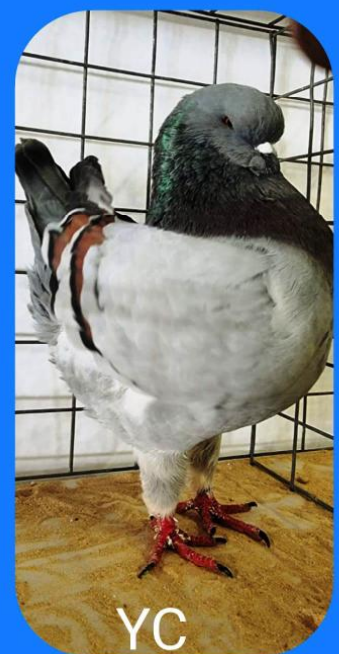
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Pigeon Moulting: Everything You Need To Know

Simon Jordaan

Pigeons moult feathers and it is an important stage in their life cycle. The more you know about it, the better you will be able to take care of your birds as it is happening. Here is a comprehensive guide to everything pigeon moulting related.

What Is Pigeon Moulting?

Pigeon moulting is defined as the period every year in which the feathers on your bird are renewed. This includes the head, neck, cover feathers, wing bars, thumb feathers, all ten primaries on each wing along with the twelve secondaries, and the feathers that cover the tail and rump .



Something to keep in mind is that the smaller, less 'significant' feathers on your pigeon will moult almost all year round, and this is down to the way that it has been bred. This 'lesser' period of moulting is usually considered to be complete after about two years, and your pigeon will preen and peck these feathers until the job is done. This is a different kind of moulting to the extensive annual moult that we are talking about here, so let's dive a little bit deeper into the facts.

When Does Pigeon Moulting Happen?

In one of those perfectly delicate processes of nature, pigeon moulting has a defined set of dates in which it occurs with almost exact precision. Generally, the moulting period for a pigeon is something that begins in August and continues all the way through until mid-November. This timing is to ensure that the bird grows new strong, warm feathers that are going to help see them through the winter in the best and most comfortable way. In total, a pigeon tends to need between 160 and 170 days to completely begin and finish its moulting process. From the moment that the first feather falls from its body, the clock is on, and more than just a change of feathers occurs during this time. The pigeon's body goes through a lot of changes during the moulting process, some of which aren't actually visible to the naked eye like the actual moulting itself.



Moulting drains the pigeon of resources.

Along with the feathers, the bird loses large amounts of keratin and sulphurous proteins, so it is really important that you increase the supply of protein-packed feed during the moulting period.

What Are the Benefits of Pigeon Moulting?

The most significant benefit of moulting for pigeons (in the Western Hemisphere) is the fact that they receive a new, fresh, strong and warm coat of feathers that helps to guard them against the colder winter temperatures that come around after the mid-November end date. Moulting gets rid of worn-out feathers. Older feathers affect a racing bird's flight and performance so racing pigeon owners

should pay particular attention to the moulting process. Moulting is also a “makeover” process. Birds still need attraction for mating and breeding so any pigeon with old feathers is going to be less attractive to the opposite sex than a newly moulted bird.

Does Pigeon Moulting Have Different Effects on Different Feathers?

The different sections of a pigeon will moult and visibly change in different ways, so don't get anxious if parts of the bird look different from the rest at various stages over the course of the process. The general aim is for the pigeon to achieve a full set of new, smooth feathers, and that is the key sign of a healthy moult. The two things that you can do to make sure that each feather group ends up being as smooth and as healthy as possible are in the protein-filled feed that you provide your bird during this time, and the regular bathing that you can encourage in order to help the feathers and downfall away in a gentle and healthy way.

Something to look out for in terms of visual feather differences is fret marks. Fret marks are common flaws that occur as a sign of hard flight, where your bird has used up all of its energy reserves to fly which causes a shortage of nutrients needed to aid the healthy moulting process. If your pigeon is engaging in hard flight during the moulting period, then fret marks may be left in the pattern of their

feathers. Many regard these as battle scars!

How Do You Ensure a Good Mould?

One of the most effective ways to assess whether your pigeon has experienced a ‘good’ moult is by examining its tail. You will be able to tell if your bird has experienced an ideal moult if its tail feathers do not contain any small holes. The hollow shafts should not be split and should not have any nodes, and when the moulting process has finished naturally and successfully, the general colour of the pigeon's body should be visible about one centimetre behind the darker wing bar.

The Relationship Between Moulting and Bathing

You definitely want to maintain a weekly bath routine with your pigeon, even when it is in the stages of moulting. During very hot summers, some owners even go as far as bathing twice a week.



If you have a pigeon that is very wilful and does



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not like taking or receiving a regular bath, then you have to take your ownership responsibility seriously and put your foot down! The most important thing to remember with regards to bathing is that a good bath can actually help to strengthen the organs of the pigeon, along with the obvious benefit of removing the dirt from their feet and feathers.

Moulting During Training and Impact on Racing Pigeons

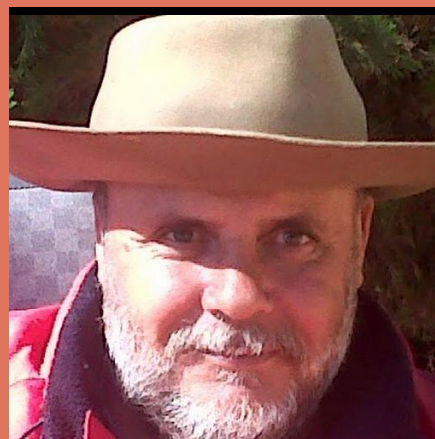
When you are an ambitious pigeon racing enthusiast, it can be very tempting to push the boat out and train your birds as hard as you and they can go all year long, but to ensure a healthy moult it is best to keep to a slower pace during the most intense periods of the moulting process. The facts are that a pigeon will actually moult slower if they are forced to train for too long. During their periods of heaviest moulting, the recommended schedule is something along the lines of letting the pigeons out for a fly around your loft once every day, along with encouraging them to have a bath maybe two times a week.

In terms of racing performance, it's actually a case of choosing to believe one thing over another, because there are lots of different and varying opinions within the community. There are pigeon fanciers who firmly believe that long-distance racers moult later in the season compared to sprinters, and others will tell you that pigeons that moult quickly are weaker birds.

The Impact of Moulting on Show Birds

When it comes to show birds, the main thing that owners want to ensure is that their pigeons have completed their moulting process before their show season is set to take place. Ideally, you do not want to present a bird that is only halfway through a moulting cycle, because, quite simply, they just don't look their best! Would you like to present yourself in a competition wearing half your clothing and showcasing a severe case of bed hair? No, we didn't think so, and neither would any of us either!

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Why is pigeon poop White

Taken From Pigeon Talk

Submitted by Simon Jordaan

Pigeon poop is not white because of the pigeon's diet but because of the bird's biology. Pigeons don't produce urea like mammals do. Instead, their nitrogen-rich waste is either turned into guanine or uric acid. This acid reacts with water to create a sticky white paste which gives bird poop its color. The white paste is actually pigeon pee rather than poop, usually it coats the darker coloured poop.

To get to the bottom of the mystery, you have to start with the biological design of the pigeon itself. Unlike mammals, birds have developed in such a way that they do not have separate organs for storage and removal of bodily waste. That is, they do not have a bladder and urethra, nor a rectum and anus.



A Pigeon's Biology Is What Makes Their Poop White

Instead, both of the bird's waste products are removed from the body simultaneously through something called the cloaca. The cloaca acts as

the only waste exit that birds and some other kinds of vertebrate animals have. Both male and female pigeons have cloacas (instead of penis/vagina type sexual organs), it is also from where eggs are laid. So the mixture of both the urine and the faeces is the first factor in getting to the recognisable white poop colour, but that's only part of the process.



Mammals, including humans, excrete their nitrogenous wastes in the form of urea (the final product is urine) but that is not quite how it happens with birds. Instead of urea, a pigeon's nitrogenous wastes are converted into either guanine or uric acid, and the key difference between the way that mammals convert this and birds convert this is that both uric acid and guanine is much more powerful at reducing water loss.



As a result of this extra water in the waste mix, the uric acid reacts to form a sticky white paste. Ultimately, it is the uric acid reacted water that creates the predominantly white colour of pigeon poop, but the thing to remember is that that the white paste isn't actually the faeces!

It's not something we recommend doing for fun, but if you were inclined, take a closer look next time and you will find that the white part is the pigeon pee, and the darker centre is the actual poop!

Choose Your Car Colour Carefully

It's not that humans are obsessed with bird poop, but any car driver knows that it can be difficult to remove.

If you want to reduce your risk of your car getting covered in pigeon droppings it's not only about being careful where you park.

Would you believe the colour of your car also matters?

According to a study, red (18%) and blue (14%) cars attract the most bird poop.

These are followed by black (11%) and white (7%) with green being the least afflicted.

You can be sceptical and think it is down to there being more cars of those colours on the road, but that's not true.

The percentages simply do not correlate according to the RAC which states that black is the most popular colour in the UK.

If you do not want your car to be a poop magnet, think carefully when choosing the colour!

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Bankovs, Manie Fourie and Bertie Wessels Trophies/Trofees

Rules

1. The duration of the competitions will be from the 1st of July to the 30th of June.
2. An informative/factual article written and researched by a member will earn 300 points. An informative article from another source send in by a member will earn 150 points.
3. A letter from a member will receive 150 points.
4. Regional news will be awarded 200 points.
5. A match meeting report will earn 200 points.
6. A Regional, Young bird, Agricultural, District or Speciality Club show and the Championship show will earn 1 point per 1 bird, exhibited plus 200 points if areport is send with.
7. A good idea will earn 100 points.
8. A region which increases its membership as explained in 1 above will receive 100 points for every additional member.
9. For every R1 advert for The "Fancy Pigeon" a Region will receive 1 point towards the Bertie Wessels Trophy.

NB Any member who obtain a R850 full page advert for the Magazine will earn free membership for the following year.

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 2. 'n Leersame/feitelike artikel deur 'n lid self geskryf en nagevors verdien 300 punte. 'n leersame artikel vanaf 'n ander bron wat net deur 'n lid ingestuur is verdien 150 punte.
 3. 'n Brief van 'n lid verdien 150 punte.
 4. Streeknuus verdien 200 punte.
 5. 'n Verslag oor 'n Duiwedag verdien 200 punte.
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5. Western Transvaal: 0
6. Freestate: 0
7. Eastern Province: 0
8. SW Districts: 0
9. Northern Freestate: 0

Om te weet hoe die punte vir die twee trofees toegeken word lees punte 1 tot 8 van die reëls bo-aan die kolom. /To know how the points are allocated for the two trophies read the rules from 1 to 8 in the column above.

Bertie Wessels Trophy

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Die Bertie Wessels Trofee se punte gaan oor punt 9/ The points for the Bertie Wessels Trophy is according to point 9