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*“Every challenge you face today makes you stronger tomorrow.
The challenge of life is intended to make you better, not bitter.”*
— Roy T. Bennett



Voorwoord

Awie Esterhuizen

Dis op 'n kort kennisgewing dat ek gevra is vir n skrywe en soms is dit moeilik om so vinnig 'n haas uit die hoed te pluk.

Op 'n meer ernstige noot, kom ons kyk na wat ons van God ontvang. Dit is aan Sy toedoen dat ons met duiwe kan teel ons is sy uitgesoekte span. Dit is Sy skepping wat hy aan ons toevertrou en deur Sy genade alleen gee Hy ons die nodige kennis geduld en vaardighede wat ons nodig het om 'n sukses daarvan te maak. Elkeen van ons op ons eie manier.

Duiwe bring n soort van rustigheid oor n mens, iets wat dalk in elkeen van ons tekort skiet. Wie sal weet? Duiwe was in bybelse tyd gebruik as of-fergawe deur die armer mense wat nie groot diere

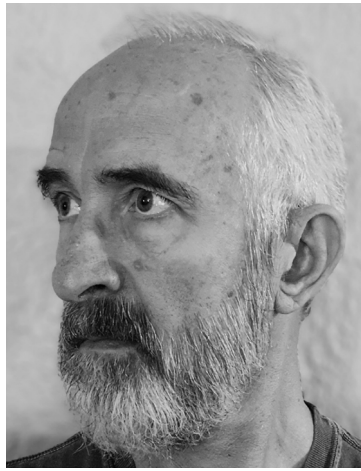
kon bekostig nie en tog was hul ook deur Hom be- genadig. So ook was die duif uit die ark gestuur en het terug gekeer met Hoop.

In baie gelowe word die duif gebruik vir die simbole van Geloof, Hoop en Liefde.

So ter nagedagtenis vir ons wat gekies is om te duif die duif is ons alles deur ons Allerhoogste.

Duiwe groete uit n nat W Tvl





My hobby as a pigeon sculptor

Jan Lombard

Ek het die meegaande artikel vir 'n nuwe duiweydskrif in die VSA geskryf. Ek vra om verskoning as dit vir sommige van julle "ou nuus" is.

I am a pigeon enthusiast from South Africa. I used to breed fancy pigeons. I served as both Secretary and Vice President of the South African Fancy Pigeon Association. I regularly judge on shows – both in South Africa and Internationally. I was lucky enough to have attended fancy pigeon shows in nine different countries.

In South Africa we used to award medals at pigeon shows. During a club meeting in 2009 somebody suggested that we should consider alternative awards. The late Stewart Patterson showed us tiny figurines he brought back from England. As I am blessed with some artistic skills, I promised to come up with an idea. I did some research on model- and mould making and found a supplier of materials. Some experiments followed and the first flat-backed semi three-dimensional figurine saw the light. This was a Marchenero Pouter because of its unmistakable characteristics. Compared to what I currently offer, this model was terrible. The feet looked more like that of a parrot than of a pigeon! These flat-backed figurines made place for full three-dimensional ones.

I currently offer small figurines of over 240 different breeds, always adding new ones. When I want to add a breed to my range, I start by studying the breed standards. I have built up an extensive collection of modern (post year 2000) fancy pigeon books from all over the world. Being a pigeon

judge of several breeds, helps with interpretation of the standards. Since pigeon fanciers are used to seeing side profiles in books of standards, it is of utmost importance that the side view is correct to ensure that it is recognisable as the breed in question. Because of the limitations of seeing only side profile illustrations in breed standards, You-Tube videos are most helpful to see the pigeons from all angles. This really helps when the breed is question is not bred in South Africa, and therefore not that well known to me.

The second step is to make a rough model from modelling clay. I call this the first positive. From this a negative (cavity mould) is made. I then cast the second positive from polyurethane in the mould. This is shaped by hand with the help of small hand tools, sandpaper and a small pencil grinder, until I am satisfied that the model fits the breed standard as closely as possible. A final mould – the second negative – is then made. Figurines cast from this mould is sanded down lightly before it is hand painted in the different recognised colours. It is lastly spray painted with clear lacquer to protect the paint. Since it is easy to modify an existing shape by adding modelling clay to it, to form muffs or a crest for example, and by filing away excess material, some models are reworked to form new breeds, which is far less time consuming than starting from scratch. Over the years I have developed a few techniques through trial and error to improve my figurines. This is quite noticeable when later offerings are compared to the early ones. Often, I get welcomed advice and constructive criticism from breeders, which I use to improve on my designs.

My relationship with Germany started in the year 2008 when I have invited the late Brad Child (from the USA) to visit us in South Africa and to judge at our National Show. Brad asked if their German friends Norbert and Beate Giesecke may accompany them. A few years later we decided to attend the 2012 Europa show in Leipzig and visited Germany and the Giesecke family for the first time. This was the beginning of a lifelong friendship. A small dis-

play space was arranged at both Leipzig and Nurnberg where I sold some of my flat base semi-3D figurines. I fell in love with Germany – their friendly people, culture, food, Christmas markets, architecture and of course the HUGE pigeon shows and the Sollfrank Taubenmuseum! After the initial visit to Germany, I visited it again in 2013, 2016, 2019, 2024 and 2025 – attending 10 shows in total – from a small local show in Wachenbuchen to the big Europa show mentioned above. If all goes to plan I will attend the Lipsia show again in December 2026, as well as the VDT show in Ulm. I really appreciate all the help I have received from both the VDT and the BDRG to promote and sell my figurines at shows in Germany! I am also very thankful for the support I receive from the pigeon breeders!

Apart from trips to Germany my figurine sales funded 3 trips to the USA. I attended the NYBS in Louisville in 2016, the Grand National in Amarillo in 2018 and the Pigeons on the Prairie show in Des Moines in 2019. As cross Atlantic flights across numerous time zones are long and tiring and causes jet lag, I no longer visit the US. I have an arrangement with Rachel Stuckey to sell my figurines on the major shows in America.

I was further privileged to attend pigeon shows in Namibia, Australia (3 times) , Switzerland, the Netherlands, England (twice) and the Philippines. A planned trip to Malta got cancelled due to the current war in the Middle East!



2012 - First visit to Sollfrank Taubenmuseum



Jean Louis Findell - 2022



Leipzig 2024



Figurines



Informele skrywe oor voeding

Phillip Lee

Ek kry daagliks navrae oor voeding. Dit is eerstens baie belangrik om te verstaan dat daar min wetenskaplik gebaseerde navorsing oor duiwe voeding bestaan. Ons stokperdjie is boonop deurtrek van boererate, persepsies en bygelowe – elke tweede kampioen duiweboer het immers sy eie middels wat wondere verrig. Ek skakel dikwels met duiweboere in die resiesbedryf en ek kan al 'n boek skryf oor al die muti waarin almal glo.

Die veld van pluimveevoeding is wel baie gevorderd en daar is ons bederf met tonne navorsing en data waaruit sekere vergelykings getrek en bepaalde aannames gemaak kan word tot voordeel van ons duiwestokperdjie. Voordat ons daar kom, wil ek net eers enkele basiese punte ten opsigte van voeding uitlig. Sou daar verdere belangstelling wees in sekere onderwerpe, sal ek graag die redakteur voorsien van artikels op grond van lesers se voorstelle of versoeke. Maar kom ons begin eers met Duiwevoeding 101.

Water

Water is sonder twyfel die enkel belangrikste voedingstof en ongelukkig die een wat die meeste afgeskeep word. 'n Interessante feit is dat 'n duif vir sy normale onderhoudsfunksies twee dele water vir elke een deel kos inneem. Hierdie verhouding verhoog drasties by broeidiuwe, duiwe in die vliegseisoen en te midde van stygende temperature. Ons kan in 'n volgende artikel dalk kyk na die rol van pH, die gevare wat ons deesdae in ons waterbronne teëkom, en watertemperatuur.

Energie

Dit is belangrik om te besef dat die energiebron en die doel (met ander woorde die uitset) mekaar moet komplimenteer. Maar van watter energiebehoefte praat ons? Is dit gewone onderhoudsenergie of

verbrandingsenergie vir metaboliese funksies soos asemhaling en vertering, of produksie-energie vir duiwe wat vlieg of Rollers wat moet presteer. Wat is elke bron se funksie, voor- en nadele? Wat is die addisionele waarde wat 'n bepaalde energiebron na die tafel bring en hoe kan ons met verhoudings speel? Wat weet ons van beskermde vette en vet-suurkettings? Is mielies byvoorbeeld 'n energiebron of 'n koolhidraat?

Koolhidrate

Soos in die geval van energie, is daar bepaalde aspekte wat koolhidraatmetabolisme betref, wat aandag verg. Hoe benader ons byvoorbeeld koring teenoor hawer of gars teenoor bruinrys? Ons kan gaan loer na die digtheid van bepaalde koolhidraatbronne, of die tempo van energievystelling. As ek met vyf rasse boer, hoe verskil die benadering tot my Strassers teenoor die van my Brunners? Ek voer tog nie 'n Waygu en 'n Brahman dieselfde nie; hoekom doen ons dit met duiwe? Wat van die rol van verpilling – iets waarvoor ek baie sterk voel?

Vitamiene en minerale

Hier moet ons die gevare van cocktails uitlig – ons voorliefde vir kaneel, appelasyn, gemmer, borrie, Marmite, Jik, Bioplus en die reeks Lennon-produkte moet onder die vergootglas geplaas word. Watter minerale werk saam of teen mekaar? Watter vitamiene kan gestoor word en wat is die verskil tussen organiese mineraal en die anorganiese vorm? Hoeveel skade verrig ons met oorvoorsiening en hoeveel van die produkte in my rak is werklik nodig? Onthou die manne wat die produkte vervaardig, is baie goed met die skep van 'n "probleem" of "noodsaaklikheid".

Ten slotte

Sou die behoefte ontstaan, kan ons selfs na voedingspraktyke kyk, soos die effek van oorvoeding, seisoenale veranderinge, die rol van toksienbinders en ensieme, veergehalte en hoe voeding daartoe bydra, die gebruik van suiwelprodukte, vrugte en groente, en moontlike toksisiteit. Die onderwerpe is legio. Neem dus die vrymoedigheid om ons redakteur te skakel en deel julle insette, voorstelle of tema-onderwerpe.

1. Famous Wisdom Quotes That Never Go Out of Style

"Knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom." — Aristotle

"The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing." — Socrates

"Wisdom is not a product of schooling but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it." — Albert Einstein

"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it." — Aristotle

"Turn your wounds into wisdom." — Oprah Winfrey

"A fool thinks himself to be wise, but a wise man knows himself to be a fool." — William Shakespeare

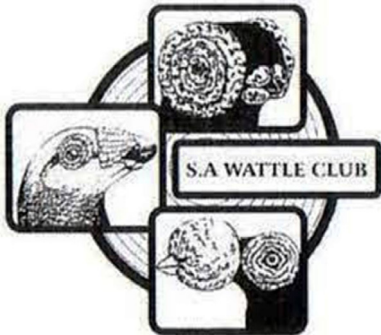
"Patience is the companion of wisdom." — Saint Augustine

"Do not seek to follow in the footsteps of the wise. Seek what they sought." — Matsuo Basho

"The wise man does at once what the fool does finally." — Niccolò Machiavelli

"Wisdom begins in wonder." — Socrates

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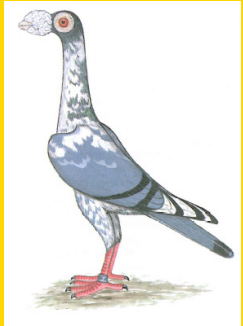


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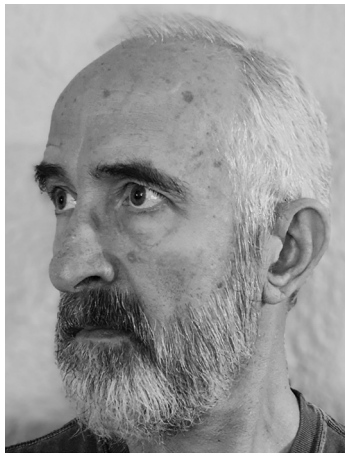
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In the right place at the right time

Jan Lombard

My favorite pigeon collectables are medals – the older the better. If it comes with a good story, even better, and if it colorful, it is the first Prize!!! I was lucky enough to be in the right place at the right time. During a visit to our son Larry in Denmark, a medal collection of a diseased fancier was advertised on Facebook. It turned out that the seller was living in the same city as Larry - only 7km away. The total purchase price was not cheap, but the lot included many old items, worth much more than what I paid. When I realized that I could recover all my money by selling off the duplicates, while retaining many special pieces, the purchase decision was a no-brainer.

The medal is in its original display case, and in excellent condition. It dates back to the 1930's. It is 68 x 68mm in size. Its inscription reads: Fur Zuchterische leistung which translates to: For breeding performance.



The Fancy Pigeon



Frankfurt that produced various military and civilian awards, particularly during the Third Reich era. The company is known for manufacturing a range of items like the Eastern Front Medal, Infantry Assault Badges, and the Iron Cross, often using materials like zinc and tombak, and is recognized by its maker's mark. Some of Wiedmann's medals are identified by the specific maker's mark "PKZ 19" or "L/51," while others are marked with "UU" or simply the "Wiedmann" name.

"Out of difficulties grow miracles." — Jean de La Bruyère

"Do not pray for an easy life, pray for the strength to endure a difficult one." — Bruce Lee

"The darkest hour has only sixty minutes." — Morris Mandel

"Rivers know this: there is no hurry. We shall get there someday." — A.A. Milne

"Sometimes you win, sometimes you learn." — John C. Maxwell

"Pain is inevitable. Suffering is optional." — Haruki Murakami

"We must embrace pain and burn it as fuel for our journey." — Kenji Miyazawa

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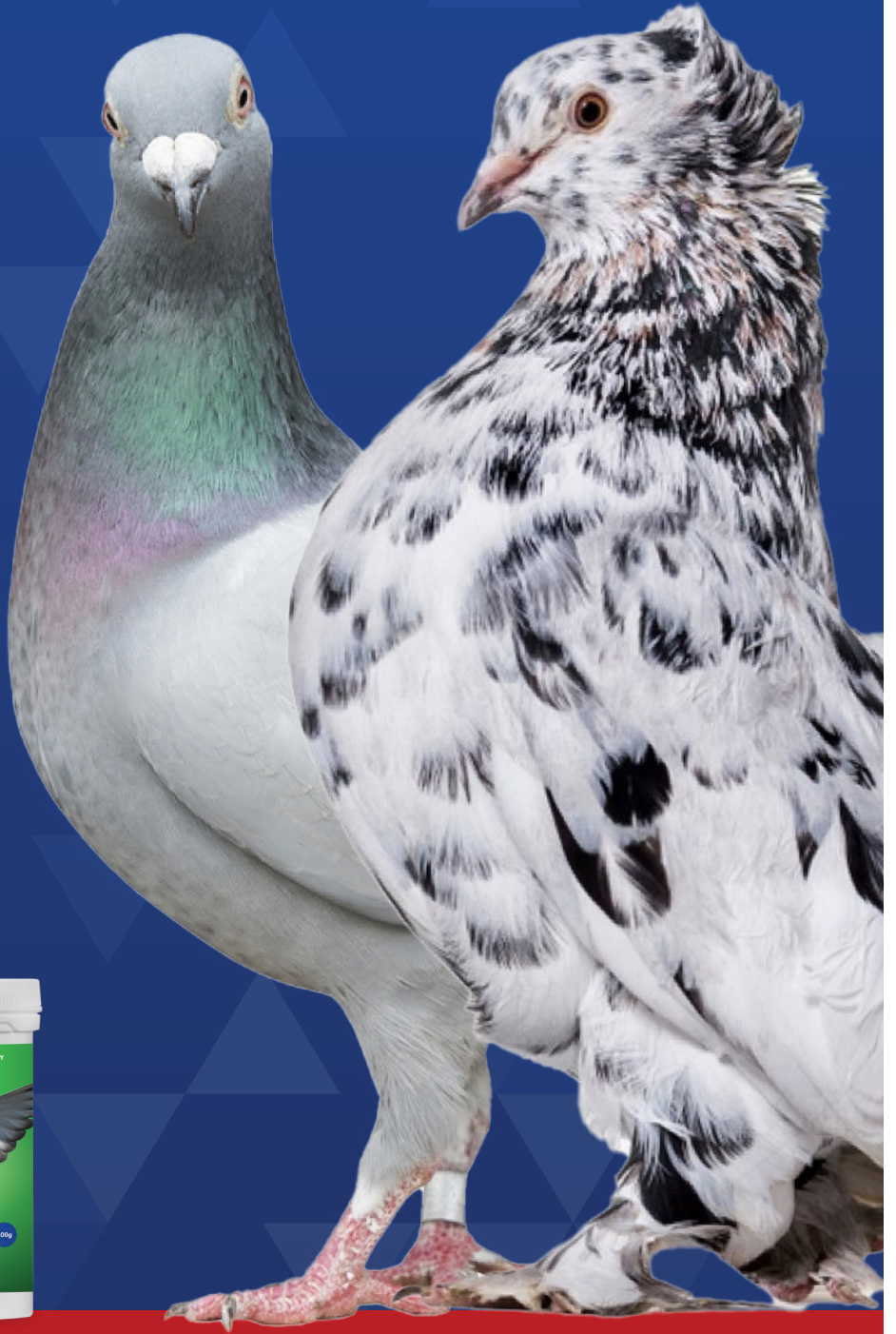
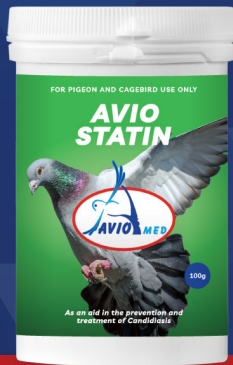
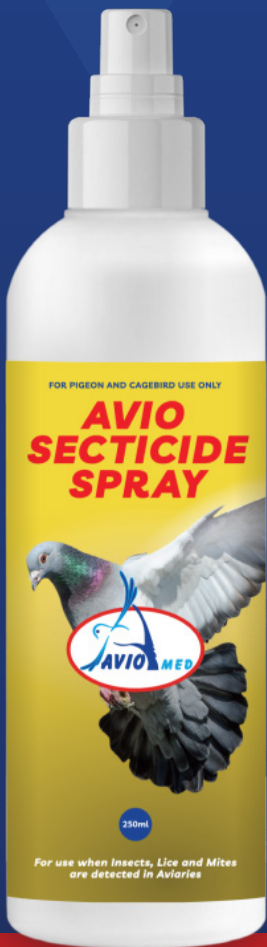
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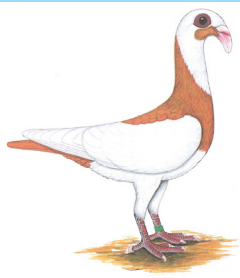


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5. A match meeting report will earn 200 points.
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7. A good idea will earn 100 points.
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NB Any member who obtain a R1000 full page advert for the Magazine will earn free membership for the following year.

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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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