

Individual Bird Treatment Plan to Save Important Pigeons

This individual treatment plan addresses the main concern of all pigeon fanciers which is to save the lives of key breeding birds.

ER Formula & Quik Gel (high protein, energy rich liquid nutritional formula) is crop fed twice daily to the most important birds as soon as symptoms of the disease appear in the loft. ER Formula is an extremely high protein nutritionally fortified food which activates the release of digestive enzymes to aid recovery. This intensive care treatment plan purges the germ through the body as fast as possible while simultaneously supporting the bird's nutritional needs for a quick recovery. The liquid formula passes directly into the intestines where it is easily absorbed. It requires little digestive effort and spends minimal time in the stomach, gizzard and intestines. The function of this treatment is to purge the germ through the gut and dilute the effects of the disease before it can become established. In doing so, damage to the intestinal protective lining is minimised.

We know that recovery from the effects of the germ takes 5 days therefore a 5 day liquid diet is an ideal proactive prevention plan. This 5 day intensive course of treatment involves the administration of antibiotics (Sulfa AVS, Sulfa T or Enrotril) administered by crop needle in a high energy liquid formula (ER Formula & Quik Gel). For the first 2 days Cank R Tabs are administered by mouth and KD Powder is given in the drinking water. Quik Gel is then given in the drinking water for the next 2 days. Turbobooster, E Powder, Bloomford and Ve8 Powder are mixed into the food daily. Following this intensive 5 day treatment plan, the Flock Treatment Plan is given for the remainder of the week. The crop needle must be disinfected between each use by cleaning in boiling water or soaking in KD. Additionally, bio-security, disinfection and food hygiene measures should continue to be followed according to the Flock Treatment Plan.

Individual Bird Treatment

Crop feed ER Formula, 1 drop Quik Gel & 0.2ml Enrotril twice daily for 5 days

Give 2 Cank R Tabs by mouth twice daily for 2 days

Give KD Powder in the drinking water for 2 days, then Quik Gel for 2 days

Add Turbobooster, E Powder, Bloomford and Ve8 Powder to the food daily

Lock down birds and follow strict disinfection and bio-security practices

Racing Pigeon Studs

Strict bio-security is paramount to the protection of racing pigeon studs and vital to controlling the spread of the disease from other lofts. It is imperative that stud owners understand what these bio-security measures involve. A detailed checklist for both disinfection and bio-security measures as well as food hygiene recommendations can be found in the Flock Treatment Plan (page 2).

Our focus for studs must also be on strengthening the immune system to promote the best level of health possible. To achieve this aim, routine preventative treatments against coccidiosis, worms, lice and mites are incorporated into our recommended Immune Stimulating Plan (page 1). This plan prepares the immune system for anticipation of likely infection and promotes good health.

The best approach for studs is to discuss a custom made plan with your veterinarian. Like all pigeon fanciers, stud owners must be prepared for the possibility of infection and have treatments on hand should this become necessary. If a disease outbreak occurs in a stud, the Flock and Individual Bird Treatment Plans are followed.

Fancy Pigeons

Fancy pigeons are inherently weak. It is not yet known if all are more susceptible to the disease. Strict bio-security is paramount to the protection of fancy birds and vital to controlling the spread of the disease from race pigeon lofts to fancy pigeon lofts. It is imperative that fancy pigeon owners understand what these bio-security measures involve. A detailed checklist for both disinfection and bio-security measures as well as food hygiene recommendations can be found in the Flock Treatment Plan (page 2).

Our focus for fancy pigeons must also be on strengthening the immune system to promote the best level of health possible. To achieve this aim, routine preventative treatments against coccidiosis, worms, lice and mites are incorporated into our recommended Immune Stimulating Plan (page 1). This plan prepares the immune system for anticipation of likely infection and promotes good health.

The best approach for fancy pigeon flocks is to submit droppings for a health check so that a precise health plan can be organised. Antibiotics may be an important part of this health plan to cleanse the birds of any resident disease before they are exposed to the disease. Like all pigeon fanciers, fancy pigeon owners must be prepared for the possibility of infection and have treatments on hand should this become necessary. If a disease outbreak occurs in a fancy pigeon loft, the Flock and Individual Bird Treatment Plans are followed.