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To: The Management Committees of all Racing Pigeon Associations, Federations, Combine Entities, One-Loft Entities, Show Pigeon Associations and subscribers to the ANRPB Inc.

Re: Update 16 Rotavirus Vaccine

Rotavirus Vaccine

The latest advice provided by Dr Mark White of Treidlia Biovet is that the first batch of the rotavirus vaccine will hopefully be ready for distribution around January 2019. Still some issues to sort out but that is the most likely scenario at this point. As previously advised initial supply will be limited. However, it is hoped additional batches of vaccine will be produced every several weeks.

At this time Treidlia Biovet is still awaiting the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) approval, although Dr White is reasonably hopeful that the permit will be approved soon.

As previously advised Australian National Racing Pigeon Board (ANRPB) Disease Management Fund donors will gain priority of access to the vaccine when it becomes available.

The rotavirus vaccine is likely to be available in 50, 100 and 1,000 dose containers.

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Dosage rates will be confirmed once safety testing of the vaccine has been completed; but is likely to be 0.3 ml per dose.

Dr White is yet to determine the price of the vaccine.

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The ANRPB will continue to provide updates until the rotavirus vaccine becomes available, and, in the meantime, continue to support Dr Mark White in any way possible.

Board Matters

The ANRPB has adopted and registered a new Constitution that now provides for each state to have a second member; who shall have voting rights in the absence, for whatever reason, of the primary state delegate. Another change is that state delegates will serve a three-year term and then “retire.” However, the state association may re-nominate the retiring delegate for a further 3 years.

The new Constitution is posted on the ANRPB website.

The ANRPB will also actively seek to promote stronger links with Country pigeon fanciers, particularly in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland.

The Australian National Racing Pigeon Board Annual General Meeting is scheduled for the 3rd December 2018.

Yours in Our Hobby and Sport; for and on behalf of the Australian National Racing Pigeon Board Inc.

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