

Racing Pigeons

Young Birds Training



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When your young birds have become 4-5 weeks old you will separate them from the parents and move them in the young bird loft which is very indicated to have an aviary so they can see the surroundings and get familiar with the new location as soon as possible.

The presence of an aviary is very benefic for the young ones because they will be able to see the older birds around their loft and that will give them trust and confidence in themselves. After 5-7 days you can let the young birds to come out the loft for their first time

I personally release them at around 11-12 am and the reason for that is that the prey birds are less likely to be around, in all this time the older birds are locked inside their loft so the little ones can explore at their own will the surroundings.

With caution and shy moves they will complete little circles around the loft which will increase day after day in size and time spent in the air ... these birds my friend represent the future of your loft and for that reason you should keep a close eye on them.

From these early days you will realize which birds are the ones who deserve their place in your well looked after loft. Your knowledge will tell you that you need to select the gifted ones from the less gifted, what I mean is that in your loft there should not be place for young birds who:

- 1) Struggle to find the entrance
- 2) Fly away from the group when practicing and landing on different buildings or places with no quick desire to return to the loft.
- 3) Sleeping overnight outside the loft
- 4) Not responding when called.

If there is a shadow of a doubt regarding what I say ...ask yourself this questions :

- How can a pigeon who can not find his entrance circleing around the house will find his way home when raced from 100 km ??????????????????

-What will be his/her desire to return home if he spend the night all over with no interest in his own loft ??????????????????

The idea here is that you need to be selective if you want to achieve top results

Make notes about these birds keep closer look on their brothers or sisters and according to that keep or get rid of the parents.

With each day gone the self confidence of your young birds will increase ...your presence in their loft will be awaited and associated with feeding time, their confidence in you as their master will increase and they will start to get used with your voice and movements in the loft.



In a gesture of showing you their confidence they will often come close to you and use their beak to touch your shoes ,they will look straight into your eyes trying to read what sort of a person you are ...the brave ones will even let themselves handled with ease while the other ones will come when called and eat right from your hand.

Establishing a trustful strong relationship between you and your bird plays a big role especially when your racing pigeons training sessions begin ...and so when they return from their training or actual race and hear your voice they will definately answer when called.

When inside their loft try using a calm tone in your voice and try not to make sudden movements which could scare them away trying to find a place to get out from the loft or to hide.When cleaning inside the loft i suggest you keep your birds in the loft during the process ...this is another period of time between you and your birds spent together especially if you are a busy person and you can t afford much time with your birds.

After 6 weeks from their first release from the loft you will make your first move towards your racing pigeons training commencement .

From now on you will place your young birds in the basket take them outside their loft keep them for 10 min - 1 st day and release them.

15 min- 2 nd day and release them.

20 min- 3 rd day and release them.

So in about 5 days your young birds will spend 30 min together in the basket prior to release in the morning ...The purpose for this exercise is to make the birds feel comfortable with the basket and eliminate the stress as much as possible.

I recommend you start your first training of your racing pigeons from 5 km ,make notes about their arrival and then repeat at the same distance BUT slightly other direction that way in about five days your young birds would have completed 5km training from all point directions N,E,S,W.

Personally i give the young birds 5 training sessions per week but i will not increase the distance over 30 km ,these type of training will keep your young birds active and mostly will not fatigue them.

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The real training starts 4 weeks before the first race and this is how i do it ;

week1:

5 km toss -day1

10 km - day 2

15 km - day 3

20km - day 4

25 km - day 5, followed by 2 days break.

week 2:

20km - day 1

25 km - day 2

30 km - day 3

35 km- day 4

40km - day 5 , followed by 2 days break .

week 3:

40 km - day 1

45 km - day 2

50 km - day 3

55 km- day 4

60km - day 5, followed by 2 days break

week 4:

50 km - day 1

60km - day 2

70km - day 3

70km - day 4

On the 5th day pigeons will stay home inside the loft relaxing presuming this is the basketing day ... Be Confident your pigeons are READY FOR THEIR FIRST RACE

Do your best and try to determine your birds to get inside the loft immediately after returning home from training so when racing season starts they will know what they have to do.

During the racing season you can train your birds 4-5 days a week at minimum 60 km with relaxing in the basketing day...BUT this training should only be pursued for the birds that will be sent on sprint and middle distance races.

The training for long distance marathon and extreme marathon it has been explained in the Training page which you can find it under the Topics section

Extremely important is to keep a close eye on their moulting stage ,checking each pigeon before basketing is a must ...open their wings and look for gaps (flying feather dropped)...if your pigeon has reached moulting at the last three flights then i suggest to stop basketing him/her until the next year .

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From this short presentation you were able to learn the basics in young birds basket training .If you would like to learn advanced techniques in pigeon racing sport please take a look at all my writings on Amazon site by following this link :

<https://www.amazon.com/author/dacianbusecan>

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