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## PREVENTIVE MEDICATION DURING FLIGHT SEASON

### LONG DISTANCE

#### During the races

On arrival one must give *electrolytes* ; the pigeons recuperate faster that way. After that ( some hours after arriving home ) you must *disinfect* the pigeons for at least *24 hours* against *trichomonas + ornithose*, sometimes it is wortwile to do it for 48 hours ( e.g. after a flight in very bad weather conditions). Especially in the beginning of the season ( also after races in cold or rainy weather) it is useful *to clean the eyes* with *eye-drops* on the racing day itself ( if necessary repeat the next day). To disinfect against coccidiose is *not required* in some cases ; but when coccidiose has been diagnoses regularly, treatment is justified ; the treatment should take place on Tuesdays on a fortnightly basis.

During this period it is advisable to give the pigeons weekly vitamins and a preparation to increase the endurance.

#### Fond races every two to three weeks

On arrival administer *electrolytes* and *disinfect*, if required, the *eyes* with *eye drops*. 2 or 3 hours after arriving home disinfect for 2 ( or 3 ) days (depending on the circumstances, but especially in the spring ) *against trichomonas + ornithose*. After that you can administer amino-acids (esp. After hard races) to improve the recuperation and to enhance the stamina in order to get the pigeons ready more quickly for the next task. Subsequently it is advisable to administer *vitamines every 2 days* or a *preparation to improve the endurance*. Treatment *against coccidiose* is *only required if a manure test indicates that* such is required.

If you do it like described above you don't administer any harmful substances to the pigeons, but just practise modern medical supervision. This means that you bring the pigeons *in the best possible condition* to the start of the race, so they can deal with the heavy exertions and furthermore recuperate faster for the next flight.

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