

"The Donts In The Pigeon Sport"

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There were so many things that we learned and still learning in our beloved pigeon sport. But the things we shouldn't do was something that we always forgot to implement. Hopefully the following don'ts could change your point of view in your own loft and the sport in general.

A. Don't feed to much, overfeeding would always be the downfall of a good fancier .Feed sparingly and according to the workload of your athletes. There was an old saying "feeding is poison". Don't feed to much and don't feed too less, both would have a devastating effect on your race birds.

B. Don't burn your candle in both ends. Racing and breeding at the same time was a good example of this phrase.

C. Don't overcrowd your loft with pigeons. Overcrowding will always lead to unhealthy loft conditions.

D. Don't loft fly or train your birds with a full crop.

E. Don't send your birds to a training toss if the weather conditions is not good for the safe return of your pigeons.

F. Don't give grit when your giving antibiotics specially the mycin drugs and remove the grit at least 3 days before shipping the bird to the race.

G. Don't send a bird to the race if their health is doubtful.

H. Don't keep birds that doesn't belong to you. It is very unethical to keep stray birds that belong to other fanciers. Try your very best to return the stray bird to its rightful owner.

I. Don't cheat. Cheaters were losers in the pigeon world. And don't ever put up double personality specially when joining an e-group. "You will just be fooling your own self".

J. Don't hesitate to help deserving new members starting in our beloved sport.

K. Don't condemn your mentor if his gift bird did not win or bred a race winner for you. It may be because of your short comings.

L. Don't hesitate to ask questions about the sport to your friends who were knowledgeable and experienced regarding topics that were not clear to your understanding.

M. Don't held back when you wanted to experiment something in the loft. You might discover a new system that would devastate your competition during the breeding and racing season.

N. Don't be a sore loser. Congratulate the winner in your club, a firm hand shake would do the trick.

O. Don't accuse someone of cheating if you don't have a solid proof in your hands. The reputation of a fancier is at stake.

P. Don't be a cry baby in your club. Try to be an asset to your club. "It is what you can do to your club and not what the club can do to you".

Q. Don't expect great performances in your pigeons if your not treating them right. Give the best care you can give and you will be amazed on what your pigeons will give back in return specially on race days.

R. Don't keep a bird in the loft if your not happy with the bird. Only keep birds that you really like so you would be happy being with your birds. "A happy fancier means happy contented birds contentment was the key word of being a champion fancier".

S. Don't settle birds if it is only lend to you for breeding .Do your best to keep the bird happy and secured. Properly update the lender when you were to return back the said bird. Make sure to return the bird in excellent health condition to the good hearted lender. Incase the bird escaped from your loft or the bird died under your care, It is just proper to repay the lender the full value of the said bird.

T. Don't be a lazy fancier. Clean and disinfect your loft in a scheduled manner.

U. Don't hesitate to find a pigeon to cull every time you enter your loft. If you can't find a bird to cull then all is well in the loft.

V. Don't feed your birds second class grains. Give them the very best grains available.

W. Don't let the waterer be contaminated with molds and harmful bacteria. Clean the waterer everyday and replenish them with fresh clean water. "Water is a source of life".

X. Don't ever think that you can keep your birds healthy without giving preventive medications specially for coccidia, canker and upper respiratory. Always follow the dosage set up by the manufacturer.

Y. Don't presume that your birds would be safe. Vaccinate yearly for PMV and Parathyphoid.

Z. Don't forget to give your birds vitaminerals, brewers yeast, and grits specially when they were feeding youngsters in the nest. Giving wheatgerm oil/cod liver oil and adding more safflower in their feed ration can keep their oil glands functioning properly.

In due time you can add some more Don'ts in the list and you will be amazed that there are more don'ts that you can put up in the near future. It just meant that you are becoming aware of your hobby and in the right path to "SUCCESS".