

New Strain of PPMV1 and Danger of YBD in Pigeons 2020 Racing season

To all South African Pigeon Fanciers

I would like to announce that we have received confirmation that a Pigeon Paramyxovirus 1 (PPMV1) strain has been isolated (from samples submitted by myself) that is distinctly different to the normal virus that is included in commercial PPMV1 vaccines.

I believe that the above mentioned virus is the mutated PPMV1 virus that has been causing devastating outbreaks of Pigeon Paramyxovirus disease in pigeon flocks in South Africa during the last few racing seasons.

I have commissioned Delta-Mune Labs to produce a compounded (Prescription based) inactivated vaccine from the above mentioned strain combined with a inactivated Chicken Newcastle Disease Virus (NDV).

I strongly advise all pigeon fanciers to vaccinate their pigeons with this vaccine ASAP before the start of the racing season.

This vaccination should be done in spite of any other vaccinations that fanciers have performed with other PPMV1 Vaccines.

The reason for the above is that no other vaccines will adequately protect pigeons from this newly isolated strain of PPMV1 and that being combined with a NDV strain will afford optimal immunity.

Pigeons vaccinated with this vaccine may still train around the loft but should not be tossed or raced within 3 days of being vaccinated.

In previously vaccinated pigeons a single vaccination should suffice.

In non vaccinated pigeons a booster should be given in 2 weeks time with the same vaccine.

The Vaccine is available from:

AvioMed (E. mail: aviomed@vodamail.co.za or Cell phone: 0767929628)

20 ml (80 dose) and 100 ml (400 dose) multi dose bottles.

It will also be available from selected pigeon supply stores country wide.

Due to the fact that racing and tossing has started late this year we will see a far greater incidence of Young Bird Disease (YBD) later in this season.

I advise all pigeon fanciers to acquire AvioMed - YBD Cure and keep it as immediate treatment the moment any symptoms (Regurgitation, Green sloppy stool, Acute weight loss and Fluid accumulation in the Crop) appear.

Early treatment with YBD cure accompanied by strict loft rest minimises the effects of the disease and reduces the incidence of post YBD - PPMV1 infections.

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