

## PRESS RELEASE

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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 14 Rotavirus Vaccine

## **Rotavirus Vaccine**

On Friday 7 September Dr Mark White forwarded the following email to the ANRPB.

A few weeks ago we sent three staff down to Latrobe University where they spent the best part of a week with Dr Travis Beddoe, going through the whole vaccine procedure from start to finish. We hadn't had the chance to do a proper technology transfer earlier because he had been overseas the whole time from when the research was first handed over to us until just recently. The team came away feeling much more positive about the whole procedure after their stint at Latrobe.

Since then we have had to purchase some more equipment and raw materials to more closely match our procedure to that of the university, taking into account that as a commercial scale manufacturer we can't do everything exactly the same way it is done at a bench scale in a research lab. For example everything has to be upscaled and there are a lot more regulatory constraints. We have commenced doing

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pilot runs again this last couple of weeks and the results are improved but still need some tweaking.

Meanwhile our application for a permit from the APVMA has had its second assessment and the number of outstanding issues has been reduced from over 50 at the first attempt to less than 10 after the second. We are busily preparing our third

dossier at present. There are complex internal issues within the APVMA that complicate this story about which we can't do much at present.

It's been a long, hard, time-consuming, expensive journey to date but we are quietly confident that we are getting closer to the finish line.

Regards,

Mark White BVSc PhD Director Tréidlia Biovet Pty Ltd

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 would welcome enquiries from "pigeon welfare" orientated pigeon fanciers interested, willing and able to take on the important Secretary role for the ANRPB. (note: all positions on the ANRPB are voluntary)

Charles Hider has been assisting the Board in reviewing the ANRPB Constitution with the view to clarifying ambiguities contained within the original Constitution.

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