



## 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 17 Rotavirus Vaccine**

### **Rotavirus Vaccine**

The latest advice provided by Dr Mark White of Treidlia Biovet yesterday;

Hi Greg,

Permit has been approved. The below notice was published on our Facebook page this pm.

Regards and thanks for your assistance,

### PIGEON ROTAVIRUS VACCINE APPROVED

How does the old song go? "...many rivers to cross... ". Our pigeon rotavirus vaccine has finally been approved by the federal regulator. Its been a long, hard journey, with many obstacles to overcome. Congratulations to all the team here who have kept going under difficult circumstances. Persistence pays off in the end. We hope to start supplying the vaccine in February. Supply will be a bit limited for a while until we can increase our production capacity. The order of supply will be in accordance with the ANRPB's donor list. The earlier the donation the earlier the supply. Many thanks to all those donors. The vaccination program will be similar to PMV, except that the dose will be 0.3 ml. More details in the new year.

Happy Christmas to all pigeon owners. Santa has not forgotten you after all. Lets hope for a better year for pigeons in 2019.

**Mark White BVSc PhD**

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With Treidlia Biovet having received the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) permit the final hurdle has now been negotiated.

Of significant importance are the conditions of the permit that authorize Treidlia Biovet to distribute the rotavirus vaccine to pigeon owners, clubs, associations and federations directly. This being akin to the distribution and treatment of Paramyxovirus (PMV) with Newcastle Disease vaccine, a position that was strongly argued by the ANRPB to the APVMA.

As previously advised Australian National Racing Pigeon Board (ANRPB) Disease Management Fund donors will gain priority of access to the vaccine when it becomes available. Treidlia Biovet have been provided with a full list of donors (also available on the ANRPB website) and their likely vaccine requirements. However, ***donors will need to contact Treidlia Biovet direct from January 2019 to place their specific orders.*** Owners' are encouraged to order only what they need as supply of the rotavirus vaccine will initially be limited.

The rotavirus vaccine is likely to be available in 50, 100 and 1,000 dose containers.

Dr White is yet to determine the price of the vaccine but will advise prior to the rotavirus vaccine becoming available in February 2019.

Most vaccination programs require a high take up rate to be effective.

***The ANRPB therefore strongly encourages all pigeon owners to vaccinate their birds for protection against rotavirus, paramyxovirus, and pigeon pox.***

#### **Board Matters**

The Annual General Meeting of the Australian National Racing Pigeon Board Inc was convened on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018.

Jim Craig takes over the important role of Secretary/Treasurer from David Walker,



who had previously advised of his intention to step down. Jim comes highly qualified for the position. Jim currently resides in Queensland but hails from country Victoria.

Neil Machar takes over the role of Vice-Chair from Mark Jeffrey, with Mark retaining the role of Public Officer (as required by NSW Fair Trading).

Stephen Shears takes over the role of NSW delegate from Mark Jeffrey.

With Joe Jackson's move from Queensland to South Australia the Queensland delegate's position is yet to be filled.

All other Board members retain their positions for 2019.

The 2018 Annual Report is posted on the ANRPB website.

Yours in Our Hobby and Sport; for and on behalf of the Australian National Racing Pigeon Board Inc.

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Chair: ANRPB Inc

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