

# Adrian Stacey

I became interested in pigeons very young and have been racing for 60 years. Now retired I can manage them better. When working full time I would leave home in the dark and sometimes I did not have enough time to exercise them in the late afternoon.



My aim is to keep 12-15 pair of stock birds. We should all be thinking quality not quantity.

I think loft position does help longer flyers in the easy races. Cocks and hens are separated from the day they enter the race loft – 28 days old. Birds are bathed every 3-4 weeks. I put a teaspoon of Coopex in the bath water.

Bloodlines are Goodger, Janssen and Van Loon.

I think a pigeon is either a producer or not, but it is nice to know a brother or sister has flown well.

Birds are fed and watered in my unit three or four times before training.

My first place SAHPA hen is all Janssen and Van Loon. The sire and dam are both unflown.

My thoughts are – you only get out of it what you put in “don’t overcrowd” and “blood counts.” Keep your loft clean and change the water daily. Good ventilation is essential.

## THE NEW TRUCK

A heavy gauge half inch mesh floor would (1) keep their feet clean and (2) stop birds from eating other birds feed when they vomit – and some do when travelling! I hope overcrowding does not happen on the new truck.

I think pre-paid is ok, but the \$220 SAHPA upfront fee is a bit steep. Good luck to you all. Adrian Stacey

The pictures below show Adrian training his birds to hamper themselves up. Next two in the race loft and lastly his “secret mix.”

