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Kleine Dirk



Warmplate with resistors



The complete set



Gender certificate



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Kleine Dirk was born in february 1998 at our former address, The Zijtak OZ in New-Amstedam, out of what was in those days my best performing pigeon Gentil . The mother is from as probably well know Dirk & Louis Van Dyck. What never happened to my father did occur this time in February 98, he rung the pigeon wrong! When you look at his photo's you will see that you can read his bandnumber when he stands, so he started life different!

We had already begun in 1997 to building our new house and pigeon lofts in Ermerveen, so in 98 Kleine Dirk along with his loft mates were the first birds to go into the new lofts. These were the birds that could set the tone at the new address. From the first day Kleine Dirk came to Ermerveen he showed he was going to be a very prominent bird in our loft, as he had so much character.

At the end of 2005 kleine Dirk was no longer fertile and from that time on he could only function as a feeder something he also did with dedication. Untill two days before he died (8th november 2010) he has always been a very attentive and healthy pigeon, who had the energy and apperance of a 2 – 3 year old cock.

A small film featuring him can be found at: www.youtube.com/watch? v=bUflW9b09Mg&feature=related

Mating the breeders

On Monday the 29th of November all the breeders were mated, previously they had been separated for more than 3 months. Every couple has its own box this makes it a lot easier. Recently 2 pigeons through Pipa came to enforce our breeding loft, upto now everything has gone smoothly luckly the weather has not been a big problem. We always look at this time of year as the start of our new season!

Warmplate

The racers have always got in front of them some pickstone, grit and mineral powder. We have created a small place equiped with a little warmth so that especially the mineral powder doesn't get moist and

National champions in Houten



Announcement Pipa sale january 2010



New Pellet, C & G Koopman GoldCorn lose its strength.

This situation cannot be copied with the breeders as they are all in individual compartments. Some weeks ago we found a different solution for this. The metal boxes where they get their mineral powder is equiped with a resistor. The warmth that comes from the resistors is just enough to keep the powder free fromany moisture. The constuction you can see on the pictures, the heating is indirectely.

Gendika

Gendika company from Veendam we contacted about 3 years ago to help us with identifing the gender of young birds. Not the ones we use for participating on the races at our own lofts or for own future breeding purpose but for the ones that are for sale. It's a fact that with our pigeon family it's hard to determine if it's a cock or a hen when they are young, by following the procedure of Gendika within about 10 days we get the result what the gender is. (So far eveything has been correct)

How does this work, Gendika supplies a coded bag with a unique number to the fancier he then adds the ringnumber of the pigeon he wants to be checked. He then put some feathers in the bag (like you do when treating them against pocs) and send it to Veendam. A while later you will receive the result. Another service this company offers is that you can have them determine if the parents of a pigeon are really the father and mother, this all by dna-technique (feathers) A nice solution and extra service for the customers. For who is interested view: <u>www.gendika.com</u>

Pipa sale, january 2011

On the 10th of January a sale will start with 34 youngsters on <u>www.pipa.be</u> Just like last year all of them (minus 4) will be ready directly for breeding. (All the birds are from the best breeders}

Website, new layout

When you receive the next newsletter in early January 2011, the website will look different. The new design is mainly focussed on being able to find pigeons on the website better. Besides that several films will be shown, than we will point out more accurate what is new and how to find it.

At our own loft

Sometimes we think back at the weekend of the 8th of May the flight from Menen, what at first seemed to become a regular middle distance race turned into a disaster. In the weeks before the pigeons came home very good and in our mind we were already keeping ourselves busy with the npo-flights.

One week later Thursday 13th, we could only basked 17 pigeons for the first npo-race (Signy Signetz, 502

km) All of them won prize so these showed they didn't suffer from the former flight. During the days after the 8th of May every day pigeons were coming home this caused us not to be able to go about a regular preparation anymore. Fortunately the group started training again and in the end we had a very good season. This resulted in 3rd national Champion one day long races (npo) en winning the titel 3rd national Young bird (npo) with <u>Mam Jansje</u>.

On other lofts

After that Pieter and Gea Veenstra in 2009 already had bred the 1st national ace-pigeon natoer WHZB from a brother to <u>Golden Energy</u> Another brother from him gives the 1st and 2nd national ace-pigeon of Germany in 2010 (cat. hens) at Heinz Meier's place. At the upcoming event in Poland, Poznan. Leo Heremans with his 'Nieuw Olympiade' and Andreas & Walter Drapa with Cassandra will represent their country at the Olympiad. Both pigeons have a great deal of Koopman bloodlines in them. The grandfather from Leo's 'Nieuwe Olympiade' is Galantos, a son of Mr. Ermerveen with <u>Dream Lady</u> Cassandra also comes from the lines of Mr. Ermerveen, she is his granddaughter. Mr. Ermerveen that was than mated to <u>Young Dream</u>

In the next newsletter, early january a.o.

- 1. What pigeons on Pipa
- 2. Several films
- 3. Finding pigeons on the website
- 4. Photo book
- 5. New pellet: C & G Koopman- Goldcorn

We like to wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Koopman-team

U ontvangt deze nieuwsbrief omdat u zich hiervoor heeft aangemeld. U kunt zich <u>hier afmelden</u>.