

Homing Pigeon Rules

1. The homing pigeons are available daily. However, please leave some birds in the coop to maintain a fresh supply. **USE ONLY TWO (2) PIGEONS PER DOG** during weekends or until notified otherwise and/or after our bird numbers increase. You may use more per dog on weekdays if there are no or few members present.
2. Please use the net provided to catch the birds. Flush birds into the holding room. Close drop-down door to aviary if open. When netting birds, try not to disturb the birds who may be on the nest. We recommend you have a bird crate or bird bag to contain them for use in the field.
3. **DO NOT USE** birds banded with hi-viz zip tie bands. They are in training And not ready to be released.
4. These birds may be placed anywhere on the property as they will return to their loft. There are two potential problems when using homing pigeons:
 - a. Your dog may not point the bird and instead will try and grab (scoop-up) the bird.
 - b. Your dog will chase the bird once flushed.
5. Keeping that in mind, train your dog using a check cord and a launcher (remote electronic or mechanical or tip up) to protect our limited supply of birds. Once bird is released, make sure that it is flying back to the bird coop before releasing your dog. Handlers whose dog kills a homing pigeon will pay a fine of \$25 per bird killed. So be sure your dog is completely staunch on point & “steady to wing” before removing the check cord during training.
6. Flushers should use only electronic or mechanical launchers.
7. Do not lock wings (brail), hobble, clip wings or pull flight feathers.
8. Flush one bird at a time to insure their return to the loft.
9. **NO SHOOTING** of the birds. A blank pistol may be used.
10. The last bird released must be done one hour before sunset. This will allow the birds enough time to return to the coop before nightfall.
11. This program is good for training pointing dogs to be staunch on point, not to chase, steady to wing and shot and backing/honoring.
12. This program is good for teaching flushing dogs to stop on flush (not chase) and honor/back another dogs flush.
13. These rules will be posted on the wall outside the pigeon coop.
14. Annual cost of the program is \$85.

You may register on line at RMTSDC.com/Entry Forms & Rules/Pigeon House Rules. Or you may contact C. J. Kausel at HuntSmartPro@gmail.com