

Homing Pigeon Rules

The dos and don'ts

Special Note –

Members to use ONLY the unbanded banded birds!!!

From time to time you may see various color banded birds, if you do, do NOT disturb them, they are not ready for use.

- 1. The homing pigeons are available daily. However, please leave some birds in the coop to maintain a fresh supply. USE ONLY TWO (2) PER DOG WITH A MAX OF FIVE (5) PIGEONS PER TRAINING SESSION until notified otherwise. Will increase as bird numbers increase in loft.**
- 2. Please use the net provided to catch the birds. If open, close door to aviary. Flush birds into the holding room (north room). Use a board (supplied) to cover inside door bobs. When netting birds, try not to disturb birds that may be nesting. We recommend you have a bird crate or bird bag to contain them for use in the field.**
- 3. These birds may be placed anywhere on the property as they will return to their loft. EXCEPTION: Not within 150 yards of the pigeon coop area, there may be quail in the area. Do not shoot the quail or pigeons!**
- 4. NO SHOOTING of the pigeons. A blank pistol may be used.**
- 5. Do not lock wings (brail), hobble, clip wings, card or pull flight feathers.**
- 6. There are two potential problems when using homing pigeons, exercise caution:**
 - a. Your dog may not point the bird and instead will try and grab the bird;**
 - b. Your dog will chase the bird once flushed, then catch the bird.**
- 7. Keeping that in mind, you must train your dog using:**
 - a. Check cord around your dog's flank or use a e-collar on flank.**
 - b. Must use a spring-loaded bird launcher to protect our limited supply of birds.**
 - c. Must have at least a 5-yard buffer between your dog and the bird launcher. If your dog is closer, than please pick-up your dog and move him back!!!**
 - d. If an accident does happen, please let us know, ASAP. We need to know what happened.**
- 8. Flush one bird at a time to insure their return to the loft. Once bird is released, make sure that the pigeon is flying back to the pigeon coop before releasing the dog. Caution - Some pigeons will fly a short distance then land in the field, must protect the pigeon from being retrieved.**
- 9. The last bird you release must be done one hour before sunset. This will allow the birds enough time to return to the coop before nightfall.**
- 10. This program is good for training pointing dogs to be staunch on point, not to chase, steady to wing and shot and backing/honoring.**
- 11. This program is good for teaching flushing dogs to stop on flush (don't chase) and honor/back another dogs flush.**
- 12. Ask for certification program if you want to use tip-up style bird release.**
- 13. Paddle lock combination to pigeon program members only.**