

## PRE-RACE SEASON MEDICATION PROGRAM

The program below covers the period from March to May.

All our birds will be in the middle of a heavy moult now.

Management during the moult itself was discussed in our previous newsletter and on our website/ Avian catalogue/moult.

Emphasis that must be placed on moulting time is that, apart from the products especially formulated for feather growth, for example Plume Plus and Premolt, all medications for Canker, Coccidiosis and worms and antibiotics should be avoided during this time if possible.

Avoiding these medications, where possible, allows the birds to develop a certain level of natural immunity.

Treat **only** when visible symptoms are seen.

Don't treat preventatively at *this* stage.

From about **March to the first race at the end of May**, preventative treatment of, and vaccination against the following conditions need to be done:

*If testing by a veterinarian is available in your area, this would be the ideal time (March to May) to have the birds tested to determine which conditions are the most problematic and perhaps need to be treated first.*

**Remember Medpet's Free Faecal test service.**

### 1. Vaccinations:

- Pox
- Paramyxo

Medipox and Nobilis Paramyxo are the only two registered vaccines approved by SANPO.

If these two need to be given soon after each other, do not give them closer than 2 weeks apart.

We are often asked if antibiotics can be given at the same time? Yes, they can. Both vaccines are virus vaccines not affected by antibiotics.

### 2. Coccidiosis

Products available – Coximed, Medicox, Tri-Cure, RonAmp

### 3. Roundworm, Hairworm and Tapeworm.

If Tri-Cure or Factor 5 are used, ensure that the moult is complete. Both products may cause slight feather abnormalities.

If faecal tests are negative, treatment can be delayed but throughout the racing season make use of the Free testing service to ensure the birds remain clear.

Products available are Mediworm, Tri-Cure and Factor 5.

### 4. Trichomonas

A preventative treatment can be given at this stage. We all know though that Trichomonas should be tested for and treated on a very regular basis throughout the racing season.

Products available are Meditrich, Canker Tonic, Emtryl, Cankerex Plus, Medizole, Tri-Cure, Factor 5, Canker Combo, 4 in 1 MTZ, Ronsec tabs and powder and Canker T.

### 5. Malaria

*The recognised 10-day treatment of this condition is one of the most important treatments that needs to be done in the off-season.*

Remember though that a one-to-two-day treatment throughout the race season is also very important. See our race program.

With Chloroquin also being available now, the best 10-day treatment is a mixture of 1ml Primaquin and 5mls of Chloroquin for the recommended 10 days. Lewerstim is added to this mixture.

### 6. Salmonella

10 days of a Mediprim / Medicox treatment is given.

### 7. Ornithosis

A ten-day treatment of this is advisable especially if Ornithosis was a problem in the previous race season. Doxybiotic Plus and Tylodox are available.

### Note:

The program given above can be made very flexible. There is no hard and fast rule on which order the different conditions are treated. Each fancier will know which sequence will work best for him.

The products used are discussed in our catalogue on our website.

The same program can be used in breeding birds. Ensure though that the program is completed before mating the birds. It is not advisable to be giving this treatment when birds are already breeding especially when they are already feeding youngsters.

Further details can be found on our PRE SEASON TREATMENT GUIDE on our website