

LOST BIRD PROCEDURE S.A.H.P.A. 2011

Contact is made by the 'finder' of the bird to the Ring Secretary by...

- Live and Message Bank (Ring Secretary) communication by telephone...
(08) 8252 9377
- Telephone message bank only (08) 8411 5830
- Email: lelith@internode.on.net

In cases of live communication, the Ring Secretary receives bird and 'finder' details and gives an assurance that the owner will be notified a.s.a.p. the Ring Secretary is to thank the 'finder'

In cases using the message bank systems the Ring Secretary is to get back to the 'finder' and give an assurance of receiving the report and that the owner will be contacted a.s.a.p. The Ring Secretary to thank the 'finder'

In cases of email, use above principles

Owner Contact

The Ring Secretary is to contact the birds registered owner a.s.a.p. and after confirming the ownership, must get an assurance from the owner that...

- He/she (owner) will contact the finder immediately (within reason)
- He/she (owner) will arrange for the bird to be picked up within 24 hours or by arrangement

On completion of bird pick-up, the owner must confirm immediately or a.s.a.p. with the Ring Secretary that action has been carried out

If no confirmation of the bird pick-up is made within 3 days, the Ring Secretary must follow up with the owner. The ring Secretary will then evaluate the reason for the delay in the pick-up. If the reason is not justified, an alternative pick-up arrangement will be made and the original owner will be fined \$50

All SAHPA Members must comply with the above 'Lost Bird Procedure'. Failure to do so, without reasonable circumstances, will incur a fine of \$50. Furthermore, failure to pay the fine as invoiced by the SAHPA within 30 days may incur further disciplinary action by the SAHPA

Members are also reminded that statements to the 'finder' such as...

- Kill it!
- Don't want it!
- Do what you like with it etc

Are not acceptable, particularly when dealing with non-pigeon members of the community

In cases where the owner of the lost bird does 'not' or through circumstances is 'unable' to pick the bird up from the 'finder', the Ring Secretary will make necessary arrangements to do so on their behalf. In case of negligence by the owner to 'not' pick up the bird the Ring Secretary will make recommendation to the SAHPA Secretary that a fine of \$20 will apply, this fine may help offset any costs in retrieving the bird through other means

All members of the SAHPA are reminded that being Ambassadors for the sport of pigeon racing in South Australia they must communicate with lost bird 'finders' in a cordial respective manner and thanking them for their efforts. Any reports of other forms of poor communication will be regarded as detriment to the well being of the sport and will be dealt with accordingly by the SAHPA

THE ABOVE 'LOST BIRD PROCEDURE' IS ENDORSED BY THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOMING PIGEON ASSOCIATION INC.

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