



## Introduction to the National Federation of Pigeon Racing Norway

Norway is a large northern European country where 4.5 million people live. It is part of what people call Scandinavia (Norway, Sweden, Denmark)

The National Federation of Pigeon Racing Norway was founded in 1912 (nearly 100 years), and counted until May 2008 around 800 registered pigeon fanciers divided in 16 regional groups.

The racing season is taking place each year between May and August each year, with young bird season in September until mid October.

Norway has a low amount of pigeon fanciers compared to some of the biggest countries in Europe but every year, fanciers from Norway are always among the best in international competitions (One loft races, World Championship, etc).

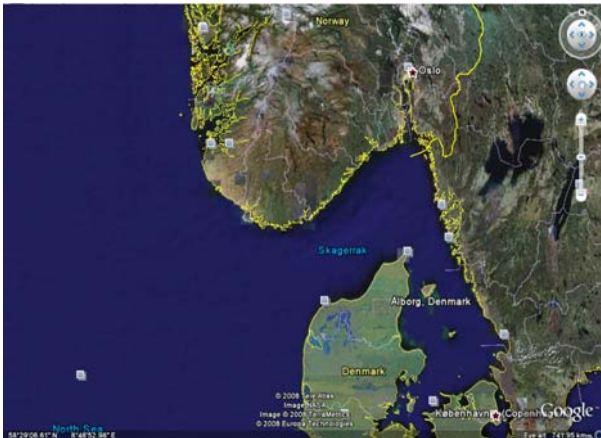
For example last year Steinar Thowsein from Tønsberg member of Team Pigeon Vitality (60 miles south-west Oslo) finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the World Championship organised in Belgium where 45543 birds competed from 61 countries.

This success is not the only one, we have registered many podium in the last years in many well known competition (Million Dollar race and more).

It is particularly due to the fact that some regional groups are flying birds from Germany back to Norway and from Denmark to Norway as well.

These groups are flying their pigeons in about 200 miles of open sea between these places and Norway, the wind is very strong and blows from 2 different places, north to south in Germany, and south to north in Denmark.

This change of wind condition in addition to low temperature makes it extremely tough for the pigeons.



In addition Scandinavia (Norway, Sweden, Denmark) has about 10 natural reserves of Hawks and Falcons, so once the strongest birds have past the hard weather conditions, it is time to resist to the attacks from predators near or over the forest and mountains. Only the best can make it.



The National Federation of Pigeon Racing has equipped his website with technological help that provides for his members a better support.

A forum for the members to share informations and datas, an online web-weather forecasting 5 days in advance the coming situation.

In 2008 Pigeon Vitality and the The National Federation of Pigeon Racing have been doing a project of getting more members.

For that Pigeon Vitality and the The National Federation of Pigeon Racing have been visiting 55 schools in 16 district and presented the history of the noble sports to more than 745 kids.

As a result, 284 out of 745 kids signed up and got their first couple by the local district office thru the existing members excited to share and guide these new fanciers thru this extraordinary and disciplined sport.

Today the federation counts nearly a thousand members.

### **Introduction to the History of the Pigeon in Scandinavia**

The history of the pigeon in Scandinavia started in 800AC when the Viking used to rule a part of europe.

To communicate with their friendly viking tribes for information or more support while invading other parts of europe, the viking has developped a very distinctive network of pigeons.

Each ship had 6 pigeons, these war ships had to send each a bird back to base with the same message.

This technic was efficient against enemies that where sending their hawks and falcons to cut the communication between the vikings.



But non one like the Vikings mastered the control of the falcons and Hawks, so when the enemies tried to use as well pigeons for communication, it very often failed as the viking where not only killing their pigeons with their wild birds, but they were retreating the message that was sent by the enemies.

## **Introduction to Scandinavia's & Europe's Number 1 Pigeon supplement company**

Pigeon Vitality is a Norwegian company that has been for the last 15 years supplying laboratory-made natural products and support to more than 55 lofts worldwide and 100 000 pigeon fanciers in 55 countries to keep birds perfectly healthy with a minimum use of products and to increase dramatically the flying performances naturally in order to be in the prize list.

Today most of the One Loft Race and National races have in their podium and prize list users of Improver and AntiFungal. These 2 products have been made by Dr Frode Brakstad while he worked for the biggest animal nutrition in Europe 'Norsk Hydro'.

Last year we placed 3 users of our products in the top 5 of the world championship in Belgium and 69 out the first 100.

Frode has been a Pigeon Fancier since he was 5 year old and have been multiple time national champion and won a lot of prizes the past years.

Pigeon Vitality is working with a lot of veterinarian in order to inform in their website about diseases and how to avoid them, or guide them thru the use of Improver and AntiFungal.

We have been making 2 products that covers as prevention and cure most of the pigeon diseases.

### **Here is the list of diseases that pigeons meet thru the year:**

1. Canker – Trichomoniasis Canker
2. Coccidiosis
3. E. coli or Collibacillosis
4. One-Eye Colds
5. Paratyphoid - Salmonellosis
6. Pigeon Pox
7. PMV - Paramyxovirus
8. Adeno Virus
9. Circo Virus
10. Pigeon Malaria
11. Respiratory infections
12. Sour Crop - Candida, Thrush
13. Worm Diseases
14. External Parasites and diarrhea

### **Most of these diseases are caused by:**

- High stress
- Bad Hygiene

- Bad ventilation
- Acid PH level over 5
- Wrong vaccination (pox)
- Birds mixed from other lofts
- Dust
- Overcrowded lofts
- Low worm treatment (2 per year needed)
- Too much antibiotics (sour crop)

**The general recommendations for your birds Health and Performance are :**

1. Vitamins, Minerals, Teas and Supplements
2. Electrolytes
3. Minerals
4. Herbal Teas
5. Vaccinations (if needed + Antibiotics)
6. Probiotics

All products are available in the market, but....

Many brands have 15 different products that cover each one specific problem the pigeon faces. These products are made by scientists and none of them besides Dr Frode Brakstad have been thinking of making 1 or 2 products that will cover the whole disease list.

We are pigeon fanciers and our goal is to help the pigeon fanciers to spend a bit less money in products while keeping the birds an even better condition, instead get better clocking system or invest in their loft with the savings made.

The approach of Pigeon Vitality is genuine, we patent protected our discovery years ago and made it available immediatly with fast results.

The traditional way of doing things in Norway is to share knowledge fairly without gettingt advantage of it.

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