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Pigeon Vitality – Moulting Period Programme

The moulting period is a very important time for racing pigeons. The formation of new feathers calls for extra **protein, essential amino acids, vitamins, minerals, silicates and essential fatty acids**.

A good moulting programme should help the new feathers develop optimally, while also supporting gut function, the immune system and general health. The most intensive part of the main moult normally takes place in September–October (Europe). This is the period when large amounts of covert and body feathers are replaced, while new flight feathers are developing.

The following Pigeon Vitality products are especially well suited to this period. Below we describe the key functions of the products included in the «moulting pack».

- Omega-3™
- Moulting and Breeding™
- MultiViTra™
- Natural Dewormer™
- ProGut Forte™

Omega-3™

Purpose:

Omega-3™ supplies essential Omega-3 fatty acids and natural Vitamin E, and contributes to:

- Good feather quality
- Supple feathers
- Healthy skin
- Immune support
- General vitality

Omega-3 is also very well suited for moistening the feed before the powder products are mixed in.

Dosage during the moulting period:

10-15 ml (1-1.5 tablespoons) per kg of feed.

Omega-3 is used whenever the other powder products are given on the feed, to help them stick to the grain.

Moulting and Breeding™

Purpose:

Moulting and Breeding™ is developed specifically for the breeding and moulting period.

The product supplies important nutrients and essential amino acids, including **methionine and lysine** (grain contains too little of these two important amino acids), which are especially important for the formation of new feathers.

The aim is to support the development of **strong, silky feathers** throughout the whole moulting period.

Dosage during the moulting period:

Give 10 grams (1 tablespoon) per kg of feed about three days a week – increase to daily (together with Natural Dewormer) during the intensive part of the moult.

The feed is moistened with Pigeon Vitality Omega-3 before the powder is mixed in.

MultiViTra™



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Purpose:

MultiViTra™ is a broad-spectrum vitamin, mineral and trace-element supplement. It contains as many as 28 of the most important vitamins, minerals and trace elements.

During moulting, the need for a range of micronutrients increases because the pigeon has to produce large amounts of new feather material in a relatively short time.

MultiViTra helps meet this increased need and supports:

- Feather formation
- Metabolism
- Immune support
- General health and vitality

Dosage during the moulting period:

Approx. 10 grams (1 tablespoon) per kg of feed, 2 times a week is sufficient.

The feed is moistened with Omega-3 before MultiViTra is mixed in.

Natural Dewormer™

Natural Dewormer™ is especially valuable during moulting.

Natural Dewormer contains silicates, which makes the product especially interesting during the formation of the new flight feathers. The product also supports a healthy gut environment.

Silicates and feather quality

The silicates contribute to the development of:

- **Strong flight feathers**
- **Supple flight feathers**
- Good feather structure
- Good quality of the new plumage

This is especially important right when the large flight feathers are growing at their strongest.

The most intensive part of the moult normally takes place over 3-4 weeks in September–October.

By giving Natural Dewormer (together with Omega-3 and Moulting and Breeding) **daily for the three-to-four consecutive weeks when the moult is at its worst**, two important benefits are achieved at the same time:

1. Support for a healthy gut

Natural Dewormer contributes to a healthy gut environment and good gut function.

2. Extra support for feather quality

The silicates are supplied precisely during the period when the pigeon has the greatest need for building blocks for the development of new, strong and supple flight feathers.

This makes Natural Dewormer™ a highly valuable product during the most intensive part of the moulting period.

Dosage during the moulting period:

Mix 1 heaped tablespoon – a total of approx. 15 grams – per kg of feed. Given three days a week

The feed is first moistened with Omega-3, then Natural Dewormer is mixed in thoroughly.

In the three-to-four weeks when the moult is at its worst, in September–October:



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- Give the moulting products as directed – but increase to a daily dose of Natural Dewormer (15 grams per kg of feed)
- Always moisten the feed with Omega-3 before Natural Dewormer and the other products are mixed in (the whole mix can be prepared the day before so the oil soaks into the feed and dries).

Natural Dewormer is therefore valuable for more than gut health. Its silicate content makes the product especially valuable during the heaviest moulting, because the silicates contribute to the formation of strong, supple flight feathers.

Natural Dewormer is given every day for three to four consecutive weeks during the worst part of the moulting period in September–October, when the moulting of the flight feathers is at its most intensive. Outside these three-to-four weeks, Natural Dewormer is given three days a week (e.g. Monday, Thursday and Saturday) during the moulting period.

In this way, support for a healthy gut is combined with the positive effect the silicates have on the development of strong, supple new flight feathers.

ProGut Forte™

Purpose:

ProGut Forte™ supports a healthy gut flora and good digestion. Well-functioning gut health is especially important during moulting, because the pigeon needs to make optimal use of protein, amino acids, vitamins, minerals and other nutrients.

ProGut Forte contributes to:

- Stable gut flora
- Good digestion
- Better utilisation of nutrients
- Immune support
- Good droppings quality

Dosage during the moulting period:

0.5 grams – approx. ¼ of the enclosed white 2 ml measuring scoop – per 5 litres of drinking water.

Can advantageously be given daily during the most intensive moulting period (3-4 weeks), especially in cases of stress, loose droppings, after medication, or when the gut flora needs extra support. Outside this, 2 days a week is fine for firm, normal droppings – increasing to daily if droppings are loose.

Make fresh drinking water every day.

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Omega-3, Natural Dewormer and Moulting and Breeding are added daily to the grain during the period of the most intensive moult (normally September–October). During this period, ProGut Forte is recommended daily in the drinking water

Day	On the grain	In the water	Note
Monday	Omega-3 + Moulting and Breeding + MultiViTra + Natural Dewormer*	ProGut Forte/clean water**	ProGut can be given 2–7 days per week**
Tuesday		ProGut Forte/clean water**	
Wednesday		ProGut Forte/clean water**	
Thursday	Omega-3 + Moulting and Breeding + MultiViTra + Natural Dewormer*	ProGut Forte/clean water**	
Friday		ProGut Forte/clean water**	
Saturday	Omega-3 + Moulting and Breeding + Natural Dewormer*	ProGut Forte/clean water**	
Sunday		ProGut Forte/clean water**	

Dosage

Product	Dosage	Use	Frequency
Omega-3	approx. 10-15 ml per kg of feed	On the grain	Monday, Thursday, Saturday*
Moulting and Breeding	approx. 10 g (1 tablespoon) per kg of feed	On the grain	Monday, Thursday, Saturday*
MultiViTra	approx. 10 g (1 tablespoon) per kg of feed	On the grain	Monday and Thursday
Natural Dewormer	approx. 15 g (1 heaped tablespoon) per kg of feed	On the grain	Monday, Thursday, Saturday*
ProGut Forte	0.5 g (¼ of the 2 ml scoop) per 5 litres of water	In the water	2–7 days per week

* Natural Dewormer, Moulting and Breeding and Omega-3 are given daily in the weeks when the moult is most intensive.

** ProGut Forte is given 2-7 days a week. If droppings are firm, choose 2 days a week (e.g. Tuesday and Friday) – if loose, give daily.

Daily dosing of ProGut Forte is also recommended during the most intensive moulting period.