

# Hygiene, Cleaning, Disinfection, Prevention

## Medpet RT14

**This article serves as a brief introduction to the Medpet RT14 product.**

Every pigeon owner would tell you that keeping their birds healthy is about a lot more than just the nutrition they're taking in. Good health also means that you have to look after the hygiene of your birds which can get complicated when you consider the many different areas where micro organisms can grow. Medpet RT14 was developed to prevent the spread of harmful organisms by cleaning and decontaminating all areas where there is potential risk of contamination.



### Some useful tips on bio security for your pigeons:

- You can have the world's best disinfectant at your fingertips, but by not taking reasonable measures to ensure that your birds remain healthy; you will run the risk of outbreaks and diseases.
- When your birds are sick, or if there is an outbreak, try to avoid contact between them and other birds, and prevent them from being handled unnecessarily.
- Keep your lofts clean of any rodents and remember that domestic pets also carry diseases even when they're healthy. Domestic pets can carry the agents of avian diseases in their mouths and on their fur. (If treating for rodents, please consider an eco-friendly option. Medpet favours the well-being of *all* animals; a number of common rodent poisons will also kill owls, or other animals, that prey on a poisoned rodent. There are a few eco-friendly poisons available, so please ... be responsible and check.)
- If there are any dead birds, dispose of them as soon as possible to prevent the spread of disease.
- Many fungal organisms grow on dirty food and water bowls; make sure you clean and disinfect these at regular intervals.

If you follow the above tips in conjunction with Medpet RT14, you will greatly reduce the health-risk your pigeons run when it comes to diseases.

### What is Medpet RT14?

**Medpet RT14** is a **safe** biocide with multiple applications. It has a residual killing effect of 14 days which has been verified by the SABS. This will give you piece of mind that RT14 is still busy killing organisms – even when you are not around – for fourteen days after you last used it. This, however, does not mean that you only need to clean every fourteen days and the standard cleaning procedures still apply. In addition to the user-friendliness of the product it is also highly biodegradable and pH-neutral.

This makes it safe to the environment and safe to all your equipment as it is non corrosive. The active ingredient is a new-age **patented** biocide with a unique composition and superior killing ability. Microbial resistance is one of the great challenges that is faced by disinfectants. **There is no known microbial resistance to the active ingredient in Medpet RT14.**

Fanciers will note the SABS-required warning "Poisonous" on the label of Medpet RT14. This is simply precautionary because it is a concentrated product; even household cleaners that are consumed in undiluted form in sufficient quantity would be poisonous. Used correctly, RT14 is very safe; simply remember to follow the dilution instructions.

### Procedure for Cleaning and Disinfecting

- These are general guidelines only and the label should always carry preference when diluting Medpet RT14.
- When all the pigeons are out of the loft, go in and clean thoroughly, using a general purpose cleaner then rinse well with water. Disinfect spray with the RT14 (See label for dilutions); leave to dry.
- Food dishes, water dishes, drip nipples etc. are all to be flushed and washed with Medpet RT14 (see label dilution). The same for transport-baskets.
- Water disinfection during outbreaks can be done by adding RT14 to the drinking water at a dilution of 1:2000. This keeps the gullet and mouth hygienic and clean.
- While your birds are out on races, and once you have sanitized the loft, it may be a good idea to routinely treat the drinking water – at least for the initial drink on the birds' return (diluted at the rate in the point above). This is particularly important when your birds have had prolonged or overnight contact with the other birds in the basket. This is in addition to the fact that the hard work of a race would have lowered the birds' immunity.
- Nesting birds which do not leave the loft can be cleaned in the normal way and can be misted with RT14 at a dilution of 1:4000. Misting operation must not be done more than once a week.

By using Medpet RT14 you are taking the first step in taking proper care of your pigeons. You will be using a world-renowned disinfectant using superior technology to clean and decontaminate potential risk areas. By reading this article you have already taken your pigeons' health into consideration; the way in which you take care of their health is now in your hands!

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