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Our problems with Paramyxo

Ineffective vaccines are used by some.

- Use **registered**, preferably **Pigeon Paramyxo**, otherwise a registered ND vaccine.
- **Cold chain** is **broken** during transit. A vaccine that gets **warm** will **not work**. By the same token a vaccine that is **frozen** will **also not work**.
- The vaccine was not shaken but any **shaking** **must be gentle**.
- **Expired** vaccines were used.
- **Incorrect doses** were given.

Incorrect vaccine programme was followed.

Give **1st** vaccination at **3 weeks** followed by **booster** which is **ABSOLUTELY essential** at **7 weeks** and a **3rd** vaccination a **month** or so **before the race** season.

Older race birds and stock birds are done at this stage. This means that before the first race, yearlings would have had 3 vaccinations. Booster vaccinations are often given halfway through the race season.

Despite following the correct protocol,
we still can get cases of Paramyxo...

Why?

- The birds **already had** Paramyxo when they were vaccinated. It takes the vaccine up to **8 weeks** after the second injection to give the birds a **strong immunity**. In other words, we can still get new cases up to 8 weeks after vaccination.
- If they had underlying **Young Bird Disease** when they were vaccinated the vaccine probably would not give maximum protection.