

# Newsletter

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## White and **Yellow** spots in the pigeon's throat

- Over the years we have received many queries on the **appearance of these spots** in the throat.
- It is important to **distinguish** between the **white and yellow spots**.
- In the **palate** (curtain) of the pigeon's throat there are **salivary glands** and **tonsils** or **tonsillar tissue**.

### White Spots

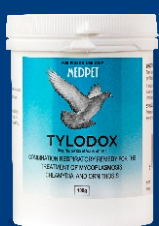
- These are seen as small white or grey spots on the "curtain". There are usually a few clumped closely together.
- These are formed as a result of crystallization of the saliva in the salivary glands. What you are seeing is saliva that has "dried up" and formed crystals (crystalized).
- It is generally accepted that they are normally formed if the bird has at some stage become dehydrated.
- There is no ring of inflammation around them. No treatment will be effective in removing them. Some will disappear with time.
- They do not affect race performance.

### Yellow spots

- These spots are also seen on the "curtain".
- They are micro abscesses of the tonsil tissue generally associated with an underlying respiratory condition.
- In some cases they are associated with a respiratory condition in the whole loft or it may appear only in a few birds in the loft.
- They are yellow, larger than the grey/white spots discussed earlier, have a fine red ring of inflammation around them and are spaced further apart than the white spots.
- Treatment is aimed at treating the underlying cause which is usually a respiratory infection.

## The Medpet products that can be used are...

TYLODOX



**Tylobiotic** or **Doxybiotic** could also be used

DOXYBIOTIC



AVIVET



MEDIPRIM



**Mediprim** either alone or combined with **Medicox**

MEDICOX



AVISOL



**These yellow spots respond to treatment.**