

Hi Garry,

Here is a copy of an email I sent out today. Would you please email it out to the VHA members on your list.

Thanks & Regards

Stephen Kearsey

President

Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2011 2:46 PM

Subject: Fw: Paramyxo Vaccine

Hi All,

Here is the latest information sent to me in response to a request for an update in regard to the release of the vaccine.

The situation here in Victoria is getting worse with feral pigeons dying all over Melbourne and lofts in lock down succumbing to the disease .(It would appear that doves may be the carriers as they can carry the disease but don't get ill.)Lofts are starting to home squeakers some with disastrous consequences.

Unless the vaccine is made available there will be no racing at all in Victoria next year and to get the vaccine we need the support of the other States DPI's which has not been forthcoming to this point. Would all interstate recipients of this email encourage your Club/Federation to approach your DPI to support the release of the vaccine.

If we all don't all work together the pigeon sport (both showing and racing) will be brought to its knees and participation will decrease by at least 25% to 50% at a guess. This disease WILL spread Australia wide within a couple of years, maybe sooner rather than later and vaccination is the ONLY survival mechanism for the birds and for us as fanciers.

Regards

Stephen Kearsey

President VHA