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MARANS LF CHOSEN 'BEST OF SHOW'

By the editors

The Marans chickens, known for their very dark brown eggs, are hardly ever chosen Best of Show. The pullet in the photo, a Black-Copper neck, was bred by Freddy Bettink, a Dutch breeder who devoted himself to this French breed for many years. Unfortunately, the Marans are not frequently entered at Dutch Shows, thus Judges have little to compare the birds with and often hesitate in awarding the Marans the highest prize. However, this pullet, entered at the Club Show of PEKLO in Lochem (NL) in November 2011, radiated so many genuine breed characteristics and so much perfection that Judge Wim Voskamp, with conviction and pleasure, awarded her the highest prize. Our congratulations to the breeder, who finally has his efforts and perseverance recompensed.



Photo:
Daniël ter Haar

BREEDER'S GUIDE

By: Jim Mullan (UK)

Many years ago I put together a breeder's ready reckoner to help breeders workout the date that their pigeons eggs would hatch. And as I am no Mathematician, it was easier if I could have a few laminated charts in the loft to help. So I put the breeders guide together. I listed all the three months 28, 30, and 31; first column was the date of the first egg and the second column was the date 20 days later.

In this way I did not need to take my shoes and socks off to count up to twenty; I just needed to know if it was a 31 day month, so I could look to the date of the first egg - say it was 14th - so looking across to the next column within the 31 day month, instantly I could see it was due to hatch on the 2nd of the following month.

It is that simple and at a glance, especially if you use feeders to bring up your youngsters and want to give them a double helping of soft food in their early days in the nest. I enclose a copy of this ready reckoner for you to photocopy at will and laminate it. So you have in your loft by the nest boxes and by the calendar and you can see instantly the information in front of you.
Have fun.

Photo: Ad van Bente

Click [here](#) for a download
of the printable
Breeder's Guide



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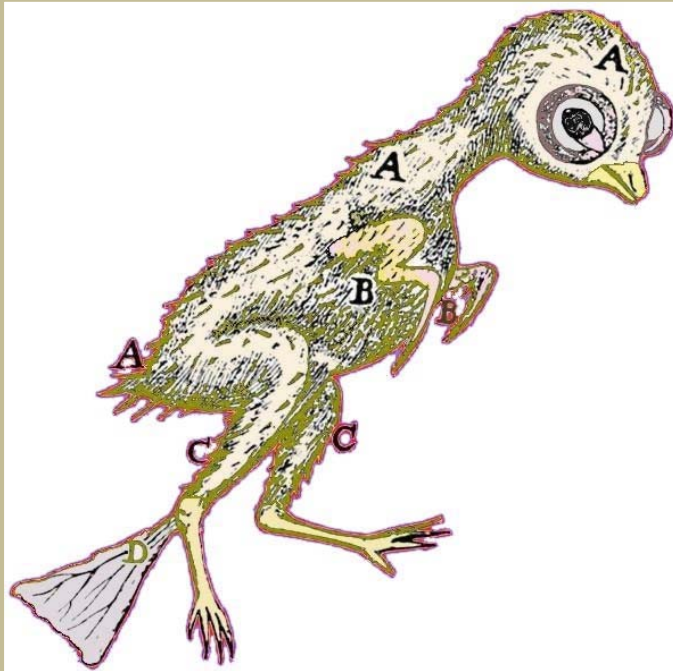


Marcello Malpighi

De formatione pulli in ovo

The formation of the chick in the egg

February 1672



The first chick of Marcello Malpighi

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*The formation of the chick in the egg

*Appendix on the incubated egg

digital English version

After granting us the publication of the digital English translation of the chapters on chickens from the famous books by Aldrovandi and Gessner, we now proudly announce another great task fulfilled by Dr. Elio Corti: the English translation of the 2 books by Marcello Malpighi 'De formatione pulli in ovo' (The formation of the chick in the egg) and Appendix De ovo incubato (Appendix on the incubated egg) from 1672.

In the last chapters you will find many original drawings of the formation of the chick in the egg made by Malpighi, with use of the first microscope.

Dr. Corti is devoted to chickens. At his website www.summagallicana.it you will discover an extensive treatise on Chicken Genetics, partly translated in English.

You will find both books by Malpighi on our webpage 'Books' (click the button left on our homepage www.aviculture-europe.nl).

Downloading will take some time, as the files are rather large (4 and 7 MB).

MITTELHAUSER PIGEON

By: Mick Bassett

This is the Mittelhauser Pigeon (*Werkschaffttaube*), 'Made in the DDR' so behind the Iron Curtain in East Germany in the early 1950's - as a Commercial Breed but also for exhibition. (Real 'Dual Purpose')

The Old Standard of the breed comes complete with minimum Production Ages and weights; 12 young 'finished' at 12 weeks was the Norm.

The breeder of these Mittelhauser Pigeon still has 'Pure' Blood and is proud of it; his birds can still produce and win at shows and – importantly – they have NO King Blood!



Black are allowed and of decent quality, but as befits a 'meat' breed never popular. It does however have a place in helping to prevent 'yellowing' of the feathers in the Whites (nothing to do with dirty birds!)

I know that King Breeders here will recourse to a Mealy (Rotfahl) Cross in the Whites to the same end. (Mealy, because that colour can be obtained in the Best Type quality for that purpose.)

Attempts by some breeders to widen the Colour Range in the Mittelhauser has been greeted with very little enthusiasm by the dedicated breeders of these pigeons and non have gotten past the 'presentation' stage and certainly do not seem to be encouraged by the Breed Club.

EUROPEAN BREED SPECIFIC EXHIBITION FOR BRAHMA IN 2011



28-29 and October 30, 2011 (Next year!) the Dutch Brahma Club will organize the European breed specific exhibition for Brahma. We will celebrate our 25th anniversary as an independent Brahma Club, together with the Brahma breeders in Europe. As a location we have chosen for the village of Meijel near Venlo and close to the Ruhr. (35 minutes from the German border.) The date is well chosen, as in this weekend there are no national shows in the Netherlands, Belgium or Germany.

We will house our European show at the show of the local breeders association 'Onder Ons Helden e.o.', which are celebrating their 50th anniversary, in Location D'n Binger (www.dnbinger.nl), which is located in the village centre, with ample free parking. For accommodations, you can go to a nearby small hotel or a motel in Asten (e3) or Sevenum (e3). For a cheap form of accommodation, we have an option to take the lodging of a school in Horst. Options for parking a caravan or motorhome can be arranged.

We expect about 500 Brahmas, coming from Belgium, France, Denmark and Italy. We must also not exclude the British, Swedish, Swiss and Austrian breeders coming, with or without animals. During the exhibition we want to organise a Fanciers Evening on Saturday evening. This can also be arranged in D'n Binger.

We are also working on a day program for breeders that plan on visiting a few days extra. This can be a chicken tour, as several Brahma breeders are nearby, but also a brisk walk in the park 'De Groote Peel' is possible. A women's program is also a possibility.

'Onder Ons Helden e.o.' is a small association, but with a national reputation with breeds such as Sabelpoot Bantams, Dutch Bantams, Braekel, turkeys and pheasants.

All contributors and board members of the various Brahma clubs in Europe are invited to our Fanciers Evening. Mark the date and plan a number of free days on 28, 29 and October 30, 2011.

We will see you at our show!

Martin Linskens, President of the Brahmaclub Nederland. <http://www.brahmaclub.nl/>

AGENDA 2012

After some discussion over the certainty of 'Where' the 61st VDT Show would be held, it has now been confirmed:



61st VDT Deutschen Rasetauben Show, 14th to 16th December 2012, at the Nürnberg Messe GmbH Messezentrum, 90471 Nürnberg.

The above conformation is important if you are planning on visiting Germany for the 'Europa Show' in Leipzig 2012 : 116. **LIPSIA-Schau, Nationale / Europashow, 7th to 9th December 2012.**



<http://teamdigital24.de/lipsia/pages/default/welcome.php>

As you can see, the two shows will be just one week apart, 7th to 9th & 14th to 16th December.

So a chance to visit in 10 days, what may possibly be the two of the biggest events in Pigeon History.

For those with Poultry/Pigeon/Waterfowl etc. the Lipsia is one of the Most well known and oldest Poultry/ Pigeon/ Waterfowl Shows in Germany and is always held in Leipzig, when possible 'teamed' with the VDT Show (when that is held in Leipzig), or as here, the Europa Show.

For those in my age group, Start Saving and keep Breathing!
Mick Bassett.