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# *A word from the editor.....*

Dear reader,

Nowadays, by means of the Internet, we can share everything with everybody, regardless of geographical barriers. For seven years, Aviculture Europe's digital magazine has succeeded in creating a platform where citizens of the world can learn about the most beautiful poultry and pigeon breeds, in all their splendid varieties.



So whenever you feel like having a view of the poultry in an Australian show or admiring the top quality pigeons at a South-African show, or want to see with your own eyes how a fancy breeder somewhere in Europe selects his birds for the breeding pen and looks after his animals..... then [www.Aviculture-Europe.nl](http://www.Aviculture-Europe.nl) is the Place to Be on the Internet! A unique website, as all interviews, articles on breeds and show reports are exclusively made for or by Aviculture Europe and are nowhere else to be found on the Internet.

All articles we have published over the past seven years, are still available in our digital archives. (button left on the homepage.) Did you know you can easily and quickly search the archives by using the search engine? First open the archives, and then click the button 'Search'. A new browser window will open where you can enter a search term.

We always try to publish some articles related to the season, like tips on breeding in the spring, on the moult in autumn, or on specific care in winter time. Because by now you are able to find a lot of information in the archives, we do not have to repeat ourselves unnecessarily and can always bring something new.

We wish you pleasant reading and if you have anything to tell us, please contact the chief editor at [redactie@aviculture-europe.nl](mailto:redactie@aviculture-europe.nl)

With thanks to all contributors, sponsors and advertisers,  
On behalf of the team of Aviculture Europe,  
Nico van Benten

# FREE DOWNLOAD OF JOE QUINN'S "PIGEON BREEDERS NOTEBOOK"

By: Ron Huntley - USA

Mrs. Mary Quinn has given me permission to put her late husband's "Pigeon Breeders Notebook: An Introduction to Pigeon Science" up on my web site <http://www.angelfire.com/ga/huntleyloft>. With the help of Paul Hollander, who did all of the hard work by developing the pdf file of Joe Quinn's book, I now have a link on my site where you can download Joe's book as a pdf file.



You can read Joe's notebook here

[http://www.angelfire.com/ga/huntleyloft/Joe\\_Quinn.html](http://www.angelfire.com/ga/huntleyloft/Joe_Quinn.html)

or you can save it to our hard drive for later use. [Take note that there is an underscore between Joe and Quinn in the link but it is hidden by the underline of the overall link.]

Please pass the word around, so that all who have been seeking to obtain this book may now have access to it for free. It is a free service and will remain so until my site comes to an end. All things do so save a copy of Joe's work and pass it around. If any of you other guys have a site feel free to link to it also.

Photo: AE



## RTZV Rote Erde



8 September 2012 in Unna (Germany) the "Westphalian Fancy Pigeon Day" was held for the 18e time Over 300 fancy pigeons could be admired here.

Marc Brinkwirth, PR man of the Rote Erde Association, provided us with a link to the website with beautiful photos:  
<http://www.rtzv-roteerde.de> (first click the club logo, a new page will open, next click 'Rassentaubentag' )

On the same website the Show Schedule of the 'Revierschau' 5 & 6 January 2013, is available.





The Limerick Tumbler Club Show will be held on Saturday  
27th October 2012 at the Irish Flying and Fancy Pigeon Society Show

**Venue:** The Killmurry Lodge Hotel  
Co. Limerick  
Ireland

Our Club AGM will also be held on the same day at 3.30pm

[www.thelimericktumblerclub.com](http://www.thelimericktumblerclub.com)



*The Irish Flying  
& Fancy Pigeon Society*

**Annual Show**

Saturday 27th October 2012 at The Killmurry Lodge Hotel,  
Co. Limerick, Ireland.

Show schedules will be posted to all exhibitors who exhibited  
last year. To Recieve a show schedule and entry form please contact:

**John Fitzgerald** (Show Secretary)

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Show held under INFPA rules



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**Symfonielaan 1, 3438 EW Nieuwegein**  
**The Netherlands**  
[www.championshow.nl](http://www.championshow.nl)





**CHAMPION SHOW**  
**17, 18, 19 JANUARY 2013**  
[www.championshow.nl](http://www.championshow.nl)

**Press Release September 20, 2012**

Compared to previous years in 2013 several changes will take place in the structure of the show and the layout of the show floor of the Home Boxx Center.

### **Catering**

The implementation is in the hands of a new caterer. Downstairs is a restaurant with a large terrace with plenty of seating. Also on the second floor is now a terrace. This way we hope to provide the exhibitors and visitors with a nice meeting place near their favourite species.

### **Trade stands and layout**

With the currently layout slightly more space is achieved on the ground floor to accommodate the rabbits. Just like previous years, the fancy pigeons, poultry, guinea pigs, small rodents and the 'Mirror of the Fancy' will be housed on the 2nd floor.

Downstairs space is reserved for the PR stands of principal (main) sponsors, Aviornis, the National Poultry Union KLN and National Fancy Pigeon Union NBS, and the Foundation for Rare Breeds Pets plus some commercial stands. On the second floor is ample space equipped for commercial and non-commercial trade stands that prefer a place in the pigeon and poultry hall.

### **New to the 2013 Champion Show:**

District show of the Serama.

From this year, Domesticated Waterfowl - except for the Call Ducks – will be judged inside the cages and not taken out by the judges.

In the pigeon corner we hope to present some decorative aviaries with Colour Carrier pigeons.

Further information obtainable from: Toon Goossens, Secretary Champion Show,  
email [secretaris@championshow.nl](mailto:secretaris@championshow.nl) Check the website [www.championshow.nl](http://www.championshow.nl) for news and updates.

# BLUE SHUMEN FOWL, BULGARIA



Photos: Dr. Hristo Lukanov





Dr. Hristo Lukanov from Bulgaria sent us these photos of his Shumen chickens in the new colour variety 'blue'. Shumen Fowl are recognised in the Black colour and are one of the two native chicken breeds of Bulgaria.

Because there is not much known about poultry breeds in the Balkan countries, Dr. Lukanov has done extensive research into the poultry in these countries. This research was started two years ago by his friend and poultry expert from the Czech Republic Miroslav Prochazka, who unfortunately passed away too early.

The Balkans are often referred to as the Balkan Peninsula, and recently also as "Southeast Europe", although none of the three are fully covering the same area. Many of us probably don't know exactly where 'The Balkans' begin or end. But that doesn't make the subject less interesting!

Dr. Lukanov collected his information in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Greece, Kosovo, Macedonia and Montenegro. But according to his research, also a large part of the territory of Serbia (73%), Croatia (49%) and Slovenia (27%) are located within the Balkan Peninsula.

We are pleased and honoured that Dr. Lukanov intends to make his research available to readers of Aviculture Europe. We will publish it in our next issue, December 2012.

Don't miss it!

# PAINT SILKIES

By: Sigrid van Dort

Pigment holes... Pink spots on the skin of paint coloured Silkies, pigment holes in the iris of paint Silkies.

Silkies have black skin and dark eyes. But... what if the feather colour has extra effects?

Actually it's the same discussion as about the cuckoo/barred Silkies, with one difference, it is not known what 'paint' is.

How finite is the wisdom of breeders and poultry authorities?

A closing argument with solid underpinnings, as you may expect from me.



Click here <http://www.tuinvee.nl/Pigmentgaten%20Platenbont.pdf> and scroll down till article: "NO witch-hunt for pigment holes in paint Silkies" for more information on this particular colour pattern and its effects on the Silkies.

# Martinishow 2012

15 en 16  
december

Grote  
Kleindiertentoonstelling

Open  
Show



Met het Provinciaal Kampioenschap  
Sierduiven van de NBS



# Martiniplaza

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Of telefonisch aanvragen op 06-52470905 (J.W.Hondelink)

**MARTINI SHOW 2012**  
**15 & 16 December**  
**Martini Plaza,**  
**Leonard Springerlaan 2**  
**9727 KB Groningen (NL)**

The Martini Show is the largest and oldest small animal show in Groningen.

The spacious hall provides for a perfect presentation of the animals. Regardless of the December weather conditions, the Martini Plaza Hall will be warm and cosy with a friendly café where you can meet your friends in the fancy.

The show is held in combination with the Martini December Fair. The Hall is easy to reach via highway A-7 and A-28. There is ample parking space.

Opening hours:  
Saturday and Sunday from 10.00  
to 16.00 o'clock.

You are welcome to visit the  
Martini Show!  
Show schedule will be available  
mid-September on the website  
[www.martinishow.nl](http://www.martinishow.nl)

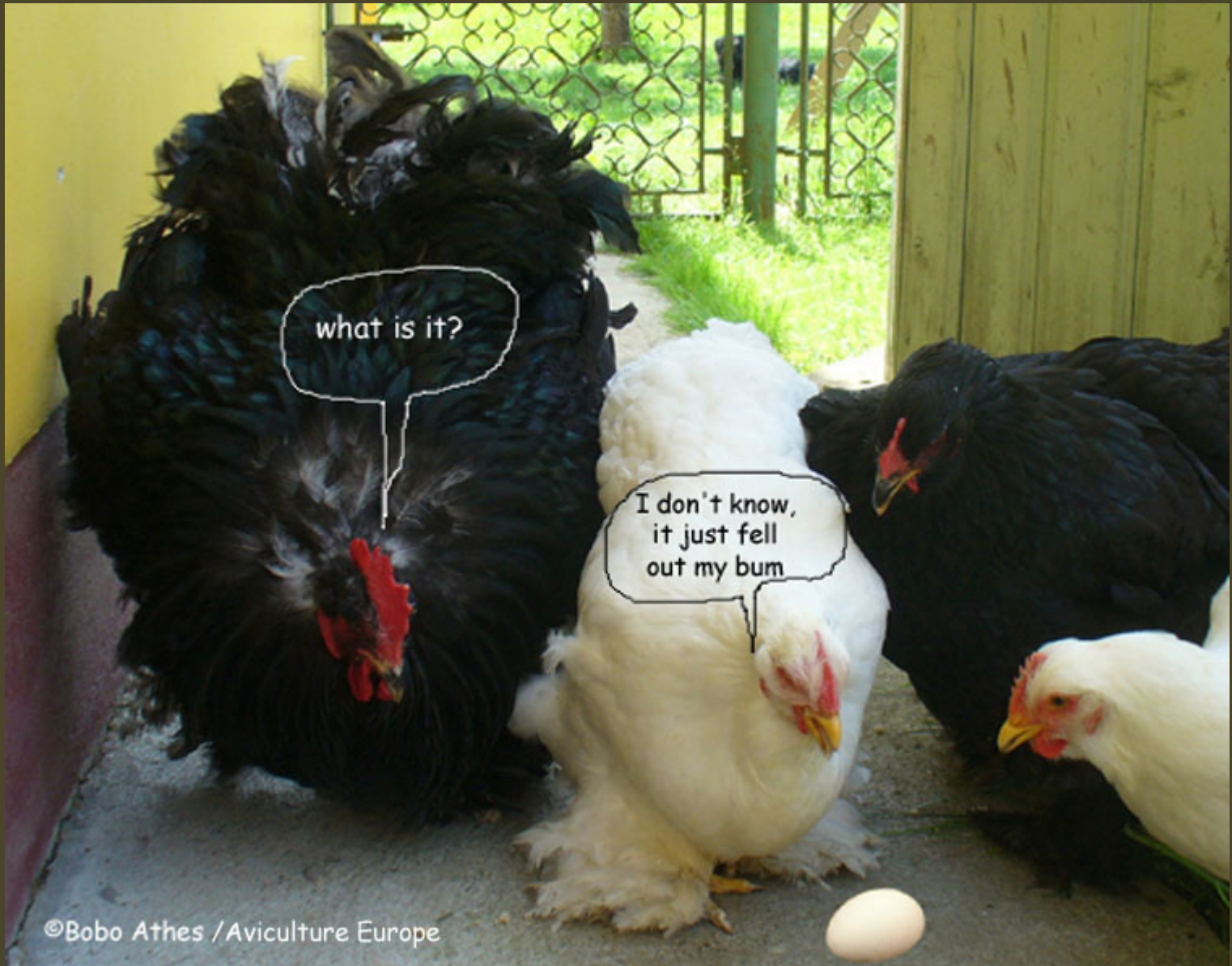
# MUD BALLS

*By Greg Davies (Australia)  
Photo: Nico van Wijk (NL)*



Mud balls on the toe nails or ends of the toes or can cause the toes to constrict and actually drop off. It is not advisable to leave them on for any amount of time. I use a small pair of pliers with which to remove them. Under no circumstances just try to pull the balls off. You will succeed in ripping the toenail off as well. Carefully use the pliers to squeeze the offending matter and gently ease it off the toe. Make sure you only squeeze the mud ball at the end of the toenail because you don't want to crush the toe itself. After a little practice, you will work out the right pressure to use and it will be an easy task.

If your birds are getting mud balls often, then the ground must be wet and sour. Keep your shed and pen as dry and clean as possible.



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