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A word from the editors.....



Dear reader,

Before the real summer season starts and many people will enjoy a well deserved vacation, we first have an extra large issue for you.

In summer, people spend less time on the computer. They use their mobile phone to connect with Internet for contacting friends and collating easily-accessible information. However, a phone is not very suitable for reading an extensive article. Wouldn't you rather read a good book in the shade of a big parasol? That is why we selected 3 books for you, something for everyone, from cheap to expensive, and highly recommended. You can find the reviews further down in 'Various'.

Don't worry, of course there will also be an August issue online in due time, for the rainy days. For now, we wish you pleasant reading in our June issue!

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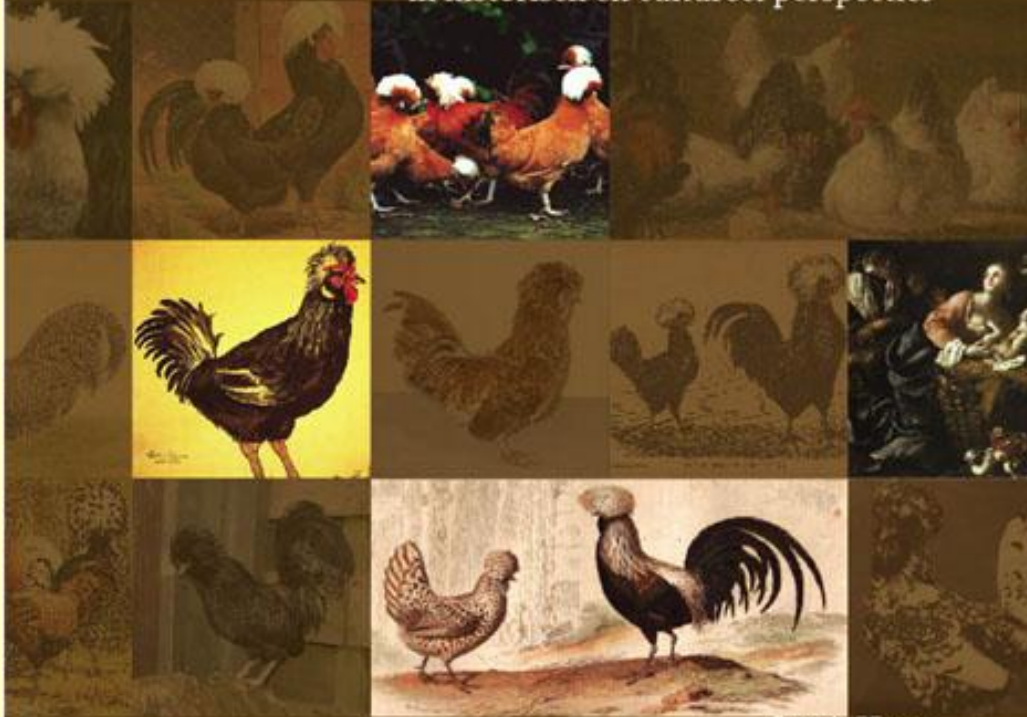
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On behalf of the team of Aviculture Europe,

Nico van Benten

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De Nederlandse kuif- en baardkuifhoenders
in historisch en cultureel perspectief



Luuk Hans

CRESTED

Some time ago I finished a book on Polands. I had long dreamt about writing a book on my favourite breed, the Polands. I wanted to write a book which would describe the long history of the breed and also the various cultural aspects of this breed. The subtitle of the book is: **"The Polish breed in historical and cultural perspective"**.

I intended not to write just a common poultry book, but to take the peculiarities of our favourite breed - and the breeders! - into account. Whether I succeeded is up to the readers.

The history

The origin of the crested poultry dates back to Roman times. Sculptures were found of the Roman time in England and the first statues - in the Vatican museum - date back to between the I and IV century AD.

More is known from the 16th and 17th century when artists painted crested birds, clearly the first Polands. Dutch painters like Jan Steen and Melchior d'Hondecoeter were famous for their poultry paintings.

Interesting is a painting of d'Hondecoeter, Fight between Turkey and Cock, which is said to represent the religious fight between the old Turkish empire and Christianity at the end of the 17th century. (See photo next page)

And what to think of The Birth of Christ in Bethlehem; you probably know of the ox and the donkey. But did you know that poultry was present; even crested ones?!

Polands have always been a royal breed, in that sense that these birds were given as a presents among European royalty. The Spanish king (in the 17th century to noble friends), the German emperor (to Russia in 18th century) and others. No wonder that several countries claim the origin of the breed!

The same, for different reasons, can be said of the bantams.

Present

Nowadays the Poland is a rare breed worldwide, with only a few breeders in every country.

That has always been the case! For centuries breeders complain about the lack of enthusiasm for the Polish breed. Fortunately there is more cooperation at the present time.

Varieties

The Polands exist in various colours. We know of the present standardized colours, but creating new colours has always happened. It is interesting to see that the colour millefleur did already exist at the end of the 19th century.

All varieties are described in the book, including pictures of all colours.



Polands have always been seen as artistic birds; no wonder that many paintings and pictures, and even poems, have been made about this magnificent breed.

It is all in my book! It is 144 pages and has more than 200 colour photo's and 100 other illustrations. The last books are now on sale for € 30,00 (excluding postage costs) and can be ordered at luuk.hans@planet.nl

If you cannot read Dutch, I will provide you with an English summary!

Luuk Hans, author.



**Painting by
Nellestein (2005)
based on Jan
Steen (1660).
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MARCEL BOXEBELD TAKES OVER 'BAKKER AVIARY BUILDING'

Marcel Boxebeld from Mariënheem (NL) takes over 'Bakker Volière Bouw' in Buurse. With the takeover Boxebeld is expanding his activities as a bird specialist. He runs the successful webshop www.Birdsupply.nl and has been breaking new ground with his 'bird guest house and hotel'. By acquiring Bakker, Boxebeld will now also position himself as a manufacturer of various kinds of cages and aviaries.

Bakker Aviary Building is a successful business, but the owner wanted to stop it because it does not fit within his other activities. Boxebeld was a customer at Bakker and after some discussions the deal was quickly settled.

The acquisition involves not only the name but also the machinery, inventory and customer base. The production will be transferred to Mariënheem where Boxebeld plans to start after the summer holidays.

Because he can produce by himself now, the entrepreneur hopes to further elaborate his longstanding ideas. These may include specific customization and for instance cages with LED lighting, especially for breeding cages. Also, according to him there is room for more variety in roosts and pedestals. Boxebeld: "You have to see what happens in the market. I follow social media actively, this helps knowing what's going on, what people are looking for and where the opportunities lie".



Right: Marcel Boxebeld.

With the acquisition of Bakker Aviary Building Marcel Boxebeld broadens its activities. He started eight years ago with a webshop and started a bird guest house / hotel where people can accommodate their bird for shorter or longer periods.

Especially the name 'bird guest house' attracted a lot of attention and from around the country people came to see how it looked there. "People were often really amazed and it immediately brought customers to my shop", says Boxebeld. It is very busy especially during the holidays and on average he provides housing for three weeks.

Particularly in the recent years, the webshop has grown and last year Boxebeld decided to turn his hobby into his profession, together with his wife Jeanet. The webshop has been completely renewed and this year there will be more articles for sale, Boxebeld has promised. Under the button 'Encyclopedia' much information can be found that is interesting for all bird keepers. This year the site will become even more attractive with videos and such.

See: www.birdsupply.nl and www.vogelpension.nl



WATERER

**Seen at Rik van Lent's, Belgium:
This simple but effective waterer.**

**"Drinking tyre" Rik says . "It's a cut in two car tyre that endures years of weather and ice and frost ... and costs nothing, and as you can see, the chicks can safely drink!
It's also easy to keep clean. I have been using this kind of waterer for my chickens (almost) all my life".
By the way, these chicks are the first generation of Campines in Belgium for decades.**

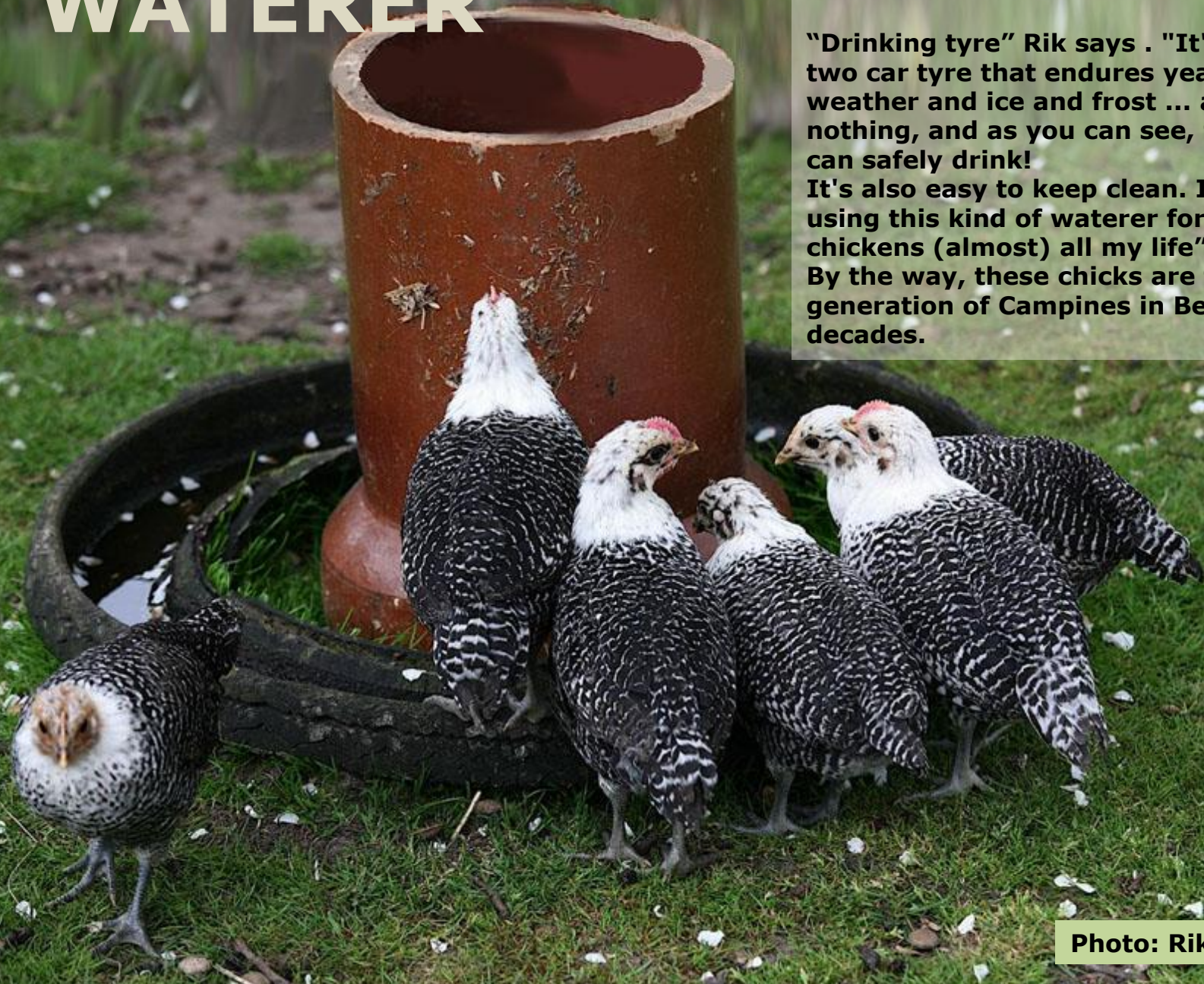


Photo: Rik van Lent.

These Campine chicks are 5 weeks and are the first generation since decades to be re-bred in the lowlands. They are the result of a rooster from Denmark and three hens from England. The first attempts to bring back the Campines to the Kempen were undertaken in 2012. And since this year dozens of newly bred chicks are around and interested parties can buy eggs or chickens.

These chicks are at Rik van Lent's. The hatching eggs came from Jef Geypen in Root (B), who purchased his chickens from Maarten Jacobs, who wrote an article on the Campines in the 2014 December issue of Aviculture Europe.

More info on www.campines.be

Photo:
Rik van Lent.



PIGEON AMBASSADORS

There has been a Pigeon Presentation/NPA Florida Representative event by Bill Burnside of Pigeon Ambassadors at the Military Museum in Largo on Memorial Day. Photos are on Pigeon Ambassadors Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/PigeonAmbassadors>

