



THE AUSTRALIAN PIGEON CENTRE

“Where Passion takes Flight”

What racing pigeons have set world records for Auction Sales in the World?

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There have been several racing pigeons that have set world records for auction sales. Please note that the pigeon racing industry is dynamic and ever-changing, and new records may have been set since. Here are a few notable examples:



This pigeon sold for €2.7 Million (\$4.48 Million AUD) in China

The Following Pigeons were sold Via the PIPA Auction Site

1. **Armando:** Armando, a Belgian racing pigeon, gained international fame when it was sold at auction for a record-breaking price of €1.25 million (\$1.4 million AUD) in 2019. The bird was considered one of the best long-distance racing pigeons ever, and its sale generated significant media attention.
2. **New Kim:** In November 2020, another Belgian pigeon named New Kim was sold for €1.6 million (\$1.89 million AUD) in an online auction. New Kim became the most expensive pigeon ever sold, surpassing the previous record set by Armando.
3. **Golden Prince:** Golden Prince, a racing pigeon from China, was sold for a record price of €3.2 million (\$475,000 AUD) in 2019. The bird gained attention for its exceptional racing performance and was highly sought after by Chinese fanciers.
4. **Nadine:** Nadine, a racing pigeon from Germany, set a record when it was sold for €600,000 (\$667,000 AUD) in 2017. The bird was known for its outstanding racing abilities and attracted substantial interest from bidders.

It's worth mentioning that the prices mentioned above are exceptional cases and do not represent the typical value of racing pigeons. The auction sales for these pigeons were driven by their exceptional racing performance and the reputation of their breeders.

What is the typical price for a Racing Pigeon in Australia?

The price for a racing pigeon in Australia can vary significantly depending on various factors such as lineage, performance, age, breed, and reputation of the breeder. Generally, the prices for racing pigeons in Australia can range from a few hundred dollars to several thousand dollars per bird. Online Auctions have seen prices growing into the Thousands of dollars per pigeon on a regular basis.

At the lower end of the price spectrum, you may find young or unproven pigeons with less prestigious bloodlines. These pigeons could be available for a few hundred dollars. As you move up the price range, pigeons with notable racing records, champion bloodlines, or exceptional performance potential can command higher prices. Such birds may be priced in the range of several thousand dollars or more.

It's important to note that exceptional racing pigeons with remarkable pedigrees, successful racing history, or those with particular genetic traits can be highly sought after, and their prices can surpass the typical range mentioned above. Additionally, auction sales or special events can also influence the price of racing pigeons, with certain exceptional birds fetching premium prices.

Greg Hamilton's "Good As Gold" sold at an Auction in Adelaide, South Australia in June 2018, the grand sum of \$21,000 Australian Dollars.

A PIPA Auction was held in Sydney around 2021/22 and 40 pigeons sold for over AUD\$540,000.00 it is believed one of these pigeon now holds the Australian record.

If you are interested in purchasing a racing pigeon in Australia, it is advisable to connect with local pigeon racing clubs, breeders, or specialised pigeon auctions to explore the available options and obtain specific pricing information based on your preferences. Also do not fall for "Hype" generated around so called Strains etc., always do your homework and as the pedigree of a particular pigeon is "only as good as the person writing it" and there are no guarantees.

How many pigeon fanciers around the World?

It is difficult to provide precise numbers on the total count of pigeon fanciers in each region, as the hobby of pigeon racing varies in popularity and participation across different countries and regions. However, I can give you a general overview:

1. Europe: Pigeon racing has a long history and strong tradition in Europe, with a significant number of pigeon fanciers. Countries like Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, France, and the United Kingdom have vibrant pigeon racing communities. The total count of pigeon fanciers in Europe is estimated to be in the tens of thousands.
2. Asia: Pigeon racing is immensely popular in many Asian countries. China has a particularly large and active pigeon racing community, with millions of participants. Taiwan, South Korea, Japan, Malaysia, and the Philippines also have significant numbers of pigeon fanciers. The total count of pigeon fanciers in Asia is likely in the millions.
3. USA: Pigeon racing has a dedicated following in the United States, with strong communities in various states. While the exact number of pigeon fanciers in the USA is not readily available, it is estimated that there are thousands of participants across the country.
4. Australia: Australia has a notable pigeon racing scene, with several racing clubs and enthusiasts. The exact count of pigeon fanciers in Australia is not easily accessible, but the

hobby enjoys moderate popularity across different states with fanciers numbering in the Thousands.

5. Middle East: Pigeon racing has a rich heritage in the Middle East, particularly in countries like Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, and the United Arab Emirates. The exact count of pigeon fanciers in the Middle East is challenging to ascertain, but it is considered a popular and cherished activity in these regions.

The Descheemaecker Pigeon Center

<https://www.pigeoncenter.be/en/>

The Descheemaecker Pigeon Center is a renowned and well-established company based in Belgium that specialises in the breeding, racing, and trading of racing pigeons. The centre has gained international recognition for its expertise in the pigeon racing industry.

They are proud of the fact that the Descheemaecker Pigeon Center is the oldest and largest breeding station of racing pigeons in the world.

The Descheemaecker Pigeon Center offers a wide range of services related to racing pigeons. They have a breeding program where they carefully select and breed pigeons with exceptional racing abilities and desirable genetic traits. The centre also provides training and conditioning services to prepare pigeons for competitions.

In addition to breeding and training, the Descheemaecker Pigeon Center operates a trading business, allowing enthusiasts to purchase pigeons from their carefully curated collection. They have a comprehensive online platform where customers can explore and select pigeons based on various criteria such as lineage, performance, and age.

The centre has a strong presence in the pigeon racing community and participates in major racing events and auctions. They have established a reputation for providing high-quality pigeons and professional services to fanciers worldwide.

PIPA Pigeon Paradise

<https://www.pipa.be/en>

PIPA (Pigeon Paradise) is a prominent online platform that focuses on the trading and auctioning of racing pigeons. It serves as a global marketplace for pigeon fanciers, breeders, and enthusiasts.

PIPA provides a user-friendly website where users can explore a vast catalogue of racing pigeons from various renowned breeders and lofts around the world. The platform offers detailed profiles of pigeons, including information on their pedigrees, racing records, and performance statistics.

One of the key features of PIPA is its auction system. The platform organises regular online auctions, where top-quality racing pigeons are made available for bidding. These auctions attract global attention and are highly anticipated by the pigeon racing community.

PIPA also serves as a hub for news and information related to pigeon racing. They provide updates on racing results, interviews with breeders, articles on pigeon care and training, and other relevant content to keep enthusiasts informed and engaged.

The platform has gained significant popularity and is widely recognised as a reputable source for acquiring and trading racing pigeons. It has facilitated numerous high-profile sales and has a strong presence in the international pigeon racing community.