

# Loft Report

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**When did you start in Pigeons and how were you introduced?**

When I was 5 years old I went to a market with my grandmother in Mexico, which is when I got my 1st birds.

**Strains of Birds Held: Brief about each Strain: e.g. Breeding, Performance, Distance, Sprint or Showing**

Wolverine, I bought 3 pairs of them Gaby pigeons, 1 pair said "In Spun Silver", "Untamed Desert" and "Little Miss Nikki" along with one pair of grizzles from Belgium and one pair of Smoulders Janssen's.

I keep 9 Pairs of Stock Birds

## Feeding:

**Breeding Season:**

I feed them as much as they want I put goat milk powder on my feed with oil.

## Training:

**Loft Flying: How Often, How Long?**

Road training is the best way, but it depends on the age of the bird. I would say 15 to 20 miles

**First 5 Tosses:** About a mile

**How many tosses before the first race and what distance?**

I Trained 5 days a week probably for 2 months before the 1st race

**Once Racing:**

**How Far:** Forty to sixty miles

**How Often:** 3 to 4 times a week depending on how far the races, I do not Single Toss my birds

**Do you toss alone?** Y/N No

**Why?** I believe it's a waste of time because birds fly in a flock, if you have birds that are well trained and are ahead of the group the other birds will follow them.

**Middle Distance Training** yes

**Distance Training** yes

**Do you prefer to race OB or YB?**

I like flying both I really don't have a preference, there is no difference in my training for YB and OB's.

**What training do you use for the OB**

The same as I do in young birds, but the older birds I can use the widowhood system.

**Do you prefer to race Hens or Cocks?** Cocks, If I'm flying Widowhood System I usually fly the cocks, Widowhood is the best system for motivation.

**How do you select a bird for a coming event?** I pay attention to what I'm feeding them I don't just select one bird. I expect all of mine to perform.

**Do you train differently for special events?** On the last final race and if I want to win it I will give him a toss in the evening to shake them up.

***Please list your best Racing/Show Performances over the past current years.***

I had 2 birds that were 1st or 2nd and I won champion bird, champion loft with very few pigeons

### **Medications:**

**Breeding Season:** I use medication for respiratory, canker & worms

**Racing Season:** The same as breeding season

I do not use any natural remedies

**Please briefly explain your loft design and layout.**

I have 2 big sections and one little section I have 18 breeder boxes in the 2 bigger sections combined. The smaller section I have individual breeding boxes for one's I want to inbreed or select breeding.

**What are the weather conditions in your area?**

Colorado has crazy weather Conditions windy, hot and cold

**What other conditions effect your racing e.g. mountains, Lakes - water etc.**

There's lots of mountains here where I'm at so it's very important to train hard if you want results.

### **Breeding:**

**Do you use any system: *Line-breeding – Inbreeding***

I believe in inbreeding and line breeding I feel it's important if you want to sustain A-line of pigeons.

**Briefly explain your system:**

I always buy quality Family of birds and I sustain the line that I buy

**What has been your most successful breeding pair?**

I had an '02 hen that I acquired from my mentor, Her youngsters were the 1st to my loft for a young bird season

**What time of year do you breed?** Thanksgiving Day (November), I put the birds together.

**How many rounds?** It depends on the pair my Gaby pigeons, I let them raise 10 Squeakers. Most of the birds that I have are from birds I have are related to birds that have won South Africa which is the Million Dollar Pigeon Race OLR.

***Do you have any suggestions for the Novice?***

I would say medicate and keep your bird's healthy, train very hard if you want to be successful and always buy quality pigeons. Having pigeons is a 365 day job, you don't worry about them, only when it's pretty easy then you pay attention to them every day, you must handle your Pigeons. Always talk to 5 or more fanciers that are on top of the sport, ask them questions.

***What do you perceive as the Biggest challenges for the Sport/Fancy in the past 5 years?***

There is not enough mentors that want to teach people how to fly, everybody thinks they have a secret which is BS.

***Any ideas for the betterment of the Sport of Pigeon racing/Showing?***

Always tell people the truth of what you're doing with your birds, be a mentor to others.

To be good at the sport, 3 things that people need to remember is health, condition and motivation

I thank Luis for his time to inform us about his pigeons.







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