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Use of the La Sota Vaccine in Pigeons

You have been supplied with a 500ml bottle of inactivated La Sota vaccine. The suggested dosage regime to immunise pigeons against PMV1 is two doses of 0.5ml given 4 weeks apart. This dose is given by subcutaneous injection. The vaccination process is easier and more efficient if one person holds the pigeon while a second person administers the injection. The vaccine should be stored between 2-8C i.e. in the fridge (Not the freezer). The manufacturers recommendation is that once opened the entire contents should be used within 24 hours.

Vaccination Technique

1. The pigeon should be restrained as shown in the photo. Extend the neck and fold several feathers at the base of the neck the 'wrong' way to expose a line of skin.
2. If using a needle and syringe most fanciers find it easiest to use a 3ml syringe and a 21G needle. Alternatively a vaccination 'gun' can be used. Here a 21G needle should also be used. The vaccine will need to be transferred from the 500ml container across to a smaller container that is supplied with the gun.
3. Insert the end of the needle 2-5mm superficially under the skin and inject as shown in the photo. It is not uncommon to see a white flare develop under the skin as the vaccine is injected.
4. Remove the needle. A small amount of bleeding is not unusual.



Please note that this is an 'off label' use of this product. The DPI has suggested the above protocol and has also advised that the vaccine be used this way under veterinary supervision.

If you have any problems please give us a call – 03 9764 9000

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