

RACING PIGEONS

PEST or PERFECT flying specimen?

There is much to be said about the humble Racing Homer Pigeon. In some countries and cultures this special bird has become an important symbol of their heritage, and internationally, pigeon racing receives levels of exposure rarely seen by other animal sports.



In the UK, you might know its poor relative - the Rock Dove - loitering about towns and cities, unkempt, scrawny, scavenging off scraps - but before shooing them away, spare a thought for this amazing bird and its lesser known cousin. A bird that is capable of out-performing the sleekest of raptors (the Peregrine Falcon) with a perfect frame for long distance flying and exceptional stamina. It uses its own internal satnav to find its way home over unfamiliar terrain spanning hundreds of miles, and all at

an average ground speed of 50 miles per hour. And let's not forget its amazing contribution during two world wars, delivering vital messages across enemy lines to the resistance movement!



Most, but not all, pigeons are able to evade their natural predators (as the video below will show you), but that doesn't mean that the odd one or two birds don't become a meal for hungry predators.



Looking for some fast food. . .

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So, when a wonderful Racing Homer Pigeon literally crash-landed outside of Windar's home, you can hardly blame him for wanting to bring back to life this amazing specimen.

PIG3-0N is the ideal surveillance tool for a modern metropolis like London. It's no wonder that scientists across the globe are already trying to tap into this natural phenomenon through painful surgical experimentation. Who knows what else can be learned from these wonderful creatures? What we do know about PIG30N, however, is that she will stop at nothing to help Spikez and Windar achieve their aims - even if it means paying with her life.



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