

ON A VISIT TO A FRIEND

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Thomas Hellmann, a very well know and well travelled Pigeon Photographer, lives in Mannheim. On a visit last May to deliver (and pick-up) some Fancy Pigeons we visited the Kleintierzuchtverein (Small Animal Breeders Club) Ketsch, on the Outskirts of Mannheim, where Thomas keeps his Pigeons.

This Club is old and well established with approx' 80 members and operates an excellent 'Co-operative' Club Grounds, that includes 18 Lofts/Aviaries, a VERY impressive Club House with Bar and possibility of excellent Meals to be had.



I do know that similar 'Club' facilities operate in Denmark (and a few in Holland), but in the UK and America, this concept of Pigeon, or Small Animal Keeping (Poultry, Rabbits, Ornamental Fowl (Cage Birds etc.) is unknown, so a further visit is planned for more detailed description and pictures.

These Co-operative Clubs are fairly well spread out over all of Germany, sometimes called 'Geflügelhofs' (that covers anything with 'Wings') or the more expansive 'Kleintierzuchtverein' (Small Animal Breeders Club).

Above: The Club 'House', very impressive, also the meals come very well recommended.

Left: The aviaries at the side and behind Thomas' Loft.

The Plots of Ground and facilities do vary but most include a very comfortable Club House, often with very well laid out Grounds with impressive Lofts and Flights/Aviaries. The whole concept is very much a 'Social' structure and ideal for those without the possibility of keeping animals in their own Home/Garden.

Membership is pretty strict, you MUST keep your animals to a required Standard of Management and also Help with the General running of the Place, dependent on your time and means (income) off-course. The Benefits are great though for this extra effort involved.

So, enjoy the few 'Snaps' I took on this rather rushed visit!

Right: An aviary with Barbary Doves (Ring Neck Doves) and Partridges. Below left: Dove aviaries.

Below right: Grey Peacock Pheasant with 2 chicks, the usual number for this Species (now on their 4th brood!)





Below: Outside the Club House, nice and comfortable !

Two more Aviaries, again Doves , like European Turtle Doves, Senegal Doves (some Peak Crested) and Barbary / Ringneck or Collared Doves.



I will get a full inventory next visit! Promise!





31^e Nationale Tentoonstelling & 6^e Jeugdshow PRINS BERNARDHOEVE TE ZUIDLAREN



OPENINGSTIJDEN:

7 januari: 09.00 tot 22.00 uur
8 januari: 09.00 tot 22.00 uur
9 januari: 09.00 tot 16.00 uur



The Noordshow was founded in 1976 from 70 small livestock associations, situated in the three northern provinces of the Netherlands.

The show is held annually in the Prins Bernhardhoeve in Zuidlaren. The show has become the biggest small livestock exhibition in the Netherlands, because every year hundreds of volunteers work tirelessly to make the show a success.

Nearly all standardised breeds of large fowl poultry, bantams, ornamental and waterfowl, rabbits, cavies and pigeons can be admired here. The Noordshow is a national exhibition with international participation. Exhibitors come from all over the Netherlands, but also from Germany and Belgium.

The National Poultry Show of the KLN will be hosted by the Noordshow again this season, from 7 to 9 January 2010.

A special Junior Show is part of the Noordshow.

There are many clubstands where the public can obtain information on their chosen breed or animals in general. In common with most shows, there is a great variety of commercial stands as well.

About 15.000 visitors come to the Noordshow.

www.noordshow.nl/

EXHIBITION CALENDAR 2009/2010

THE NETHERLANDS

<http://www.sierduif.nl/rooster.htm>

BELGIUM

<http://www.neerhofdieren.be/VIV/index.htm>

* tentoonstellingen Vlaanderen

<http://www.neerhofdieren.be/AIW/index.htm>

* calendrier des expositions en Wallonië

SWITZERLAND

<http://www.kleintiere-schweiz.ch/index.cfm?Nav=110>

FRANKCE - poultry

<http://perso.orange.fr/volaillepoultry/expositions.html#expoF>

FRANCE – pigeons

<http://www.pigeons-france.com/rubriques/evenement/>

GERMANY - pigeons

<http://www.vdt-online.de/main/index.html>

* termine

GERMANY – poultry

<http://www.bdrdg.de/termine.shtml>

GREAT BRITAIN– pigeons

<http://www.nationalpigeonassociation.co.uk/#/championshipshows/4527485075>

GREAT BRITAIN – poultry

<http://www.poultryclub.org/SHStructure.htm>



EUROPEAN STANDARD FOR THE SERAMA

Approved by the European Standard Committee in Polheim, March 2009.

The Serama has been developing itself as a pure breed for 20 years. Many characteristics have been bred in, such as the small size, the typical proud and regal bearing and their confident nature, when selected for that. Seramas can be bred in various colours and today over 20 true breeding colour varieties are known in the Serama.



The Entente Européenne now has approved the Serama Standard, meaning that each European country that wants the Serama as a recognized breed, has to conform to THAT specific standard description, being the same as the 'World' standard description. Sigrid van Dort - the 'mother' of the Seramas in the Netherlands - at the time founded the WSF World Serama Federation, together with the American Serama breeders in order to plea for a world standard.

The newly approved standard is the same as is used in the US and also as Sigrid used at the judging for the Dutch Serama Club.

Belgium will probably be the first country to enter the Serama for recognition by the Belgian Poultry Union. Denmark and Italy are likely to follow.

As soon as 3 countries have the Serama recognized in their Poultry Standard, the Dutch Allround Poultry judges will automatically be qualified to judge the Serama.



Would this mean that the Serama will be devaluated to an ordinary penned bird? That sure would be a pity for this special little chicken, being so attractive because of its tameness and pride; see our earlier reports of the Serama judging, i.e in our issue of October 2007.

The Standard can be read on <http://www.entente-ee.com/englisch/sparten/Gefl%FCgel/Dateien/2009/Serama%20EE%20english.pdf>

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INTERNATIONAL SHOW of STRUCTURE PIGEONS and TRUMPETER PIGEONS

After a few years of silence, this show season another International Structure and Trumpeter Pigeon Show will be organised. This time not as an individual Show, but housed at the IJssel show in Gorsel (NL). The Show will be hold 20, 21 and 22 November 2009.

History of the Show:

The first occasion to hold this International Structure- en Trumpeter Pigeon Show was in connection with the 50 year's Anniversary of the Jacobin Club in 1986. Having close contacts with the fanciers of the Old Dutch Capuchine Club, they decided to organise a combined Show for their Structure Pigeon Breeds. This co-operation turned out very successful and soon the idea for an International Show was born.

Thus in 1991 the first Structure Pigeon Show took place, also celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Capuchine Club. Over 1000 Structure Pigeons- and Trumpeters were entered, amongst them also some 80 Schmalkaldener Moorheads; a number that we never have seen since.

In 1996 the Show was held for the second time; this time on occasion of the 40 year's Jubilee of the KSTC. In 2001 the third edition of the international Show took place. Now the name was changed to International Structure- and Trumpeter Show.

Structuur en Trommel duivenshow

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