



# THE AUSTRALIAN PIGEON CENTRE

*"Where Passion takes Flight" ®*



## Found a Pigeon and Wondering what to do??

Firstly, there are many types of pigeons, Racing, Homing, Show, Performing and Feral. There are many different groups and clubs with members who may have some or all of these types of pigeons (except the Feral pigeons are the ones that live on the streets).

Understanding why a pigeon has come to roost at your property is a start. Pigeons are domesticated birds and have been with humans for thousands of years. Used to carry messages and participated in saving many lives during war time. Pigeons are kept for a variety of reasons, racing, showing, food and for happiness.

There can be a number of reasons why a pigeon may show up at your property, these can be because they are lost, scared, tired, injured or just disorientated. If you find a pigeon, you can give it water or at least make sure water is available and they can access it safely. I suggest just water for a start, as if you feed the pigeon it may decide your home is now his. In need, if you want to ensure you are looking after the pigeon, you can give it some seed in case it's hungry (parrot or bird seed is fine, split peas used in soup mix, or even some uncooked rice, you can also try some bread).

Now the way to identify who owns the pigeon is from the ring on its leg, these are called life rings and usually contact a club/owner prefix, year, identifying number and hopefully a phone number.

Some pigeons in the showing or performing types may not have any rings with these numbers, it makes it very hard to track down the owners. In this case may be good to try and google clubs or people who may have pigeons in your area and see if they could help out.

## *Life Rings*



Life rings are put on baby pigeons when they are around 7 days old. They stay on the pigeon for life.

### *Example from above:*

Life rings usually have a Prefix	APC	= Australian Pigeon Centre
Year	2022	= Year the pigeon was born
Identity Number	141	= The number which becomes the birds personal number
Phone Number	0452538115	= phone number for APC

***All these details are needed when trying to track down an owner of the pigeon.***

You can call the number on the ring and speak to someone who can help you get the bird back to its owner.

If the number is disconnected please try to contact someone locally via Facebook or a web search, if still unsuccessful, do not hesitate to contact the Australian Pigeon Centre on 0452538115 and we will endeavour to assist where we can try to locate someone who can help you.