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Virulent Newcastle Disease Outbreak

The California Department of Food and Agriculture reports that the total number of cases of virulent Newcastle Disease is now 150. Cases have been confirmed in San Bernardino, Los Angeles, Riverside and Ventura Counties.

You will note in the information found within the links below, that restriction on movement has been imposed in several areas. ***The AU reminds members in these areas to seek alternate race courses and to comply with all quarantine and regulation mandates. Please review this information to determine if you are within the restricted areas.***

https://www.cdffa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/pdfs/V_N_D_SB_Riverside_Area_Quarantine.pdf

https://www.cdffa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/Newcastle_Disease_Info.html

It is important that members not allow comingling of pigeons and poultry. We also encourage members to follow recommended bio-security measures.

The AU is in contact with USDA officials and will continue to monitor the situation and advocate for pigeon fanciers.

AU Bio-Security Recommendations

Basic bio-security measures should always be used. It is more important than ever to make sure you are cleaning your loft regularly, washing hands going in and out of the loft, monitoring or perhaps restricting others from going in and out of your loft and placing new birds in a quarantine section before integrating them with your other birds. AU Bio-Security Recommendations are found at

<http://www.pigeon.org/loftcertificationpolicy.htm>