



# Vets For City Pigeons

an animal-friendly solution for pigeon control problems







## About us

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Vets For City Pigeons has developed a **sustainable and animal-friendly** pigeon control policy for towns, cities and companies. We provide a total solution with a clear **long-term vision** and measurable results.

The Vets For City Pigeons control policy is built around **birth control**. We use a non-hormonal contraceptive for this: R-12. The effect of this medicine is simple, reversible and **safe** for humans and animals.

The project is fully supervised by an experienced vet.

Local authorities and company directors can really benefit from pigeon pest control with Vets For City Pigeons. It invites open communication and sends out a positive message. A great investment in the future for any town, city or organisation.

**“These are very encouraging results”**

Michel Vandenbosch - President of GAIA



# Why Vets For City Pigeons

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Nuisance from pigeons is a recurring problem in many towns and cities. But a lot of solutions to this problem are controversial. In 2018, the Flemish Animal Welfare Council issued an advisory report for managing pigeon populations in urban environments. It consists of a five-part action plan for efficient population control. One of these action points is **birth control**.

## The power of Vets For City Pigeons

Alongside birth control, Vets For City Pigeons also supports the four other action points provided by the Flemish Animal Welfare Council. We offer professional advice to authorities and can monitor the situation closely with periodic counts and constant evaluation. With this **integrated approach**, we distinguish ourselves from other control strategies on the market.

*Contraception keeps pigeon populations under control in an effective, animal-friendly and ethically responsible way. This is the only way to achieve a balanced, healthy pigeon population.*



# How it works

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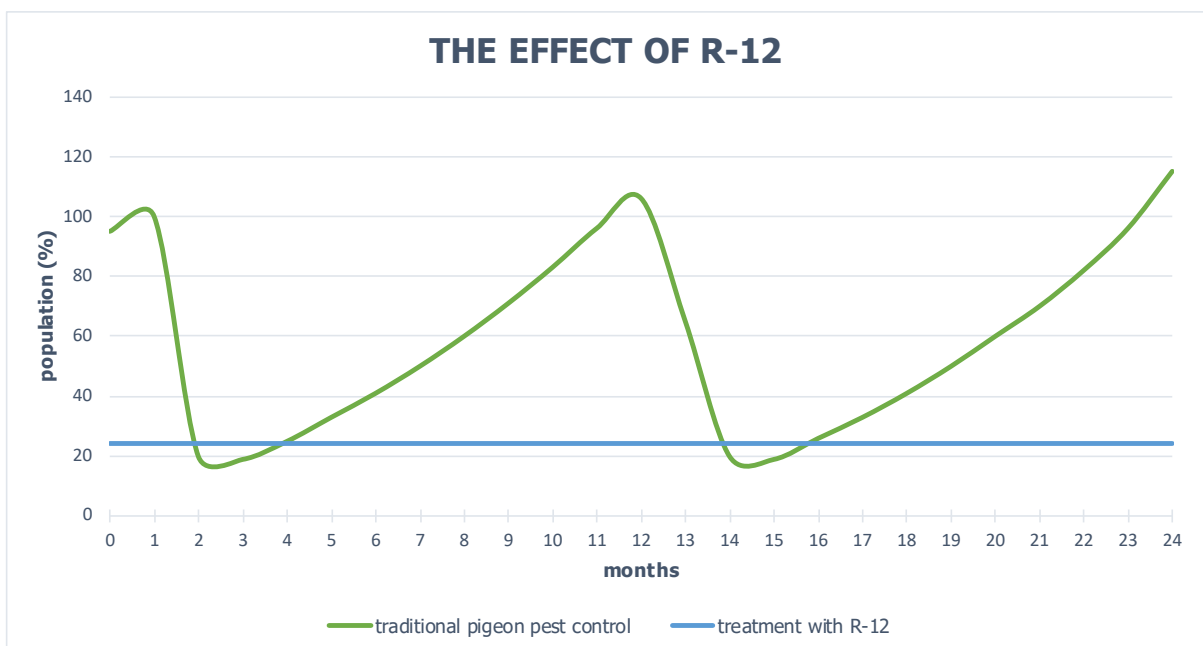
## “Vets For City Pigeons tackles pigeon pest problems at the core.”

### To measure is to know

The Vets For City Pigeons project is fully supervised by an experienced vet, who launches, monitors and evaluates the project. We guarantee **measurable and reliable results** thanks to this effective approach and constant monitoring.

### A unique approach

While traditional methods only offer a temporary or local solution, we resolve the problem **permanently**. To tackle the heart of the problem, we focus on a specific target group within a pigeon colony. It's an effective and reliable method that produces results **quickly** and guarantees **long-term success**.

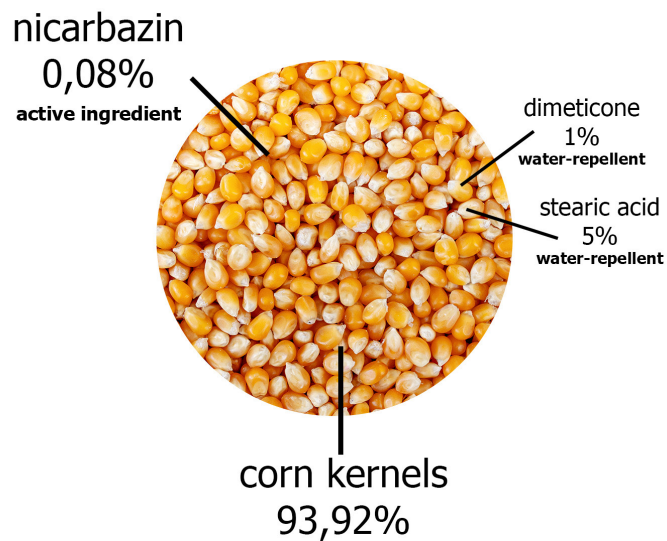


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## 1. THE CONTRACEPTIVE

R-12 is a veterinary medicine in the form of a **corn kernel** coated with a small dose of nicarbazin.



Nicarbazin is used in poultry farming in prevention programmes for coccidiosis, an intestinal parasite in birds. It has a side effect that damages the membrane between the yolk and the egg white, which prevents embryonic development.

The side effect is **fully reversible** and disappears 4-6 days after the last administration, after which the animal can reproduce again. It does not endanger the health of the animal.






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## 2. THE APPROACH

Contraception alone is not enough. Vets For City Pigeons attributes its success mainly to its **targeted, unique approach**.

AN AVERAGE PIGEON POPULATION

DOMINANT ANIMALS	SUB-DOMINANT ANIMALS	YOUNG ANIMALS
Reproduce quickly	Sometimes reproduce	Do not reproduce
Low mortality	Average mortality	High mortality
Dominant eaters	Peripheral eaters	Scavengers
		
15%	55%	30%

The pigeon is a social animal with a clear hierarchy within colonies, especially when eating. Dominant animals make up 15% of the group, get the most food, and reproduce quickly. These are the animals targeted by Vets For City Pigeons.

Tackling these birds mean you indirectly reach the entire population. Administering R-12 in the **mating season** ensures the dominant group automatically receives the correct portion of the active product, which leads to fewer chicks being born.



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## 3. THE STEP-BY-STEP PLAN

### 1. Diagnosis

Our vets come on site and survey the issue. The colonies are observed and the pigeons counted. After a thorough analysis of these figures, the feeding places, dosages and time schedule are determined.

### 2. Start of the treatment

The pigeons are first conditioned with untreated corn kernels at the feeding places for two weeks. Then the course of treatment with R-12 begins. The kernels can either be administered by an automatic dispenser or sprinkled by hand.

### 3. Supervision

Our vets perform periodic monitoring and evaluation. This way we can ensure the medicine is administered correctly, follow the feeding places and adapt the dosis if necessary.

### 4. Final count

We finish the project with a final count. The numbers are evaluated and compared to the numbers from the initial count.

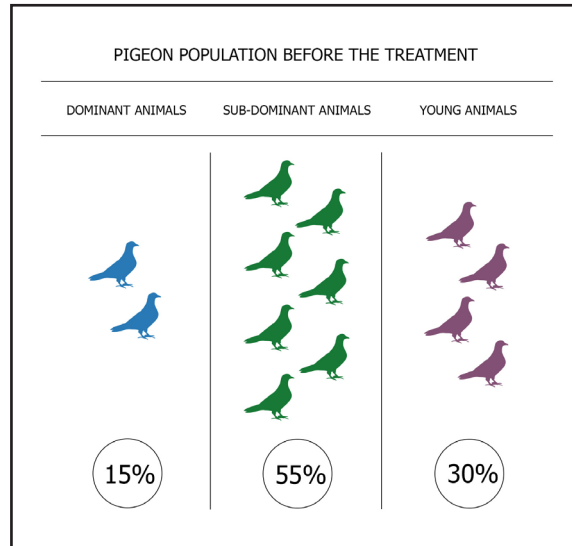
### 5. Long-term vision

The entire process can be repeated and adapted yearly. A new initial count is conducted at the start of each year.



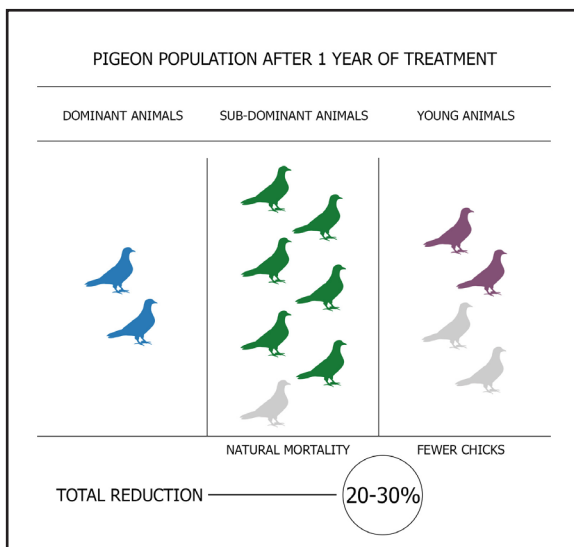


# Results



You notice results quickly with R-12. The population decreases by 20-30% in the first year, and by up to 80% over 4-5 years. The population will also shrink organically through natural mortality during this time.

For optimal results, the kernels need to be administered 5 days per week, with an average of 8-10 grams per pigeon.





# Safety

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## People

A person would have to eat 750 kg per day for there to be any health risk.

## Pigeons

R-12 does not cause any long-term consequences or lasting injuries to pigeons. It has a positive effect on their health and protects them against coccidiosis, a fatal disease.

## Birds of prey

A bird of prey that eats a pigeon that's been treated with R-12 does not become infertile or sick.

## Other birds

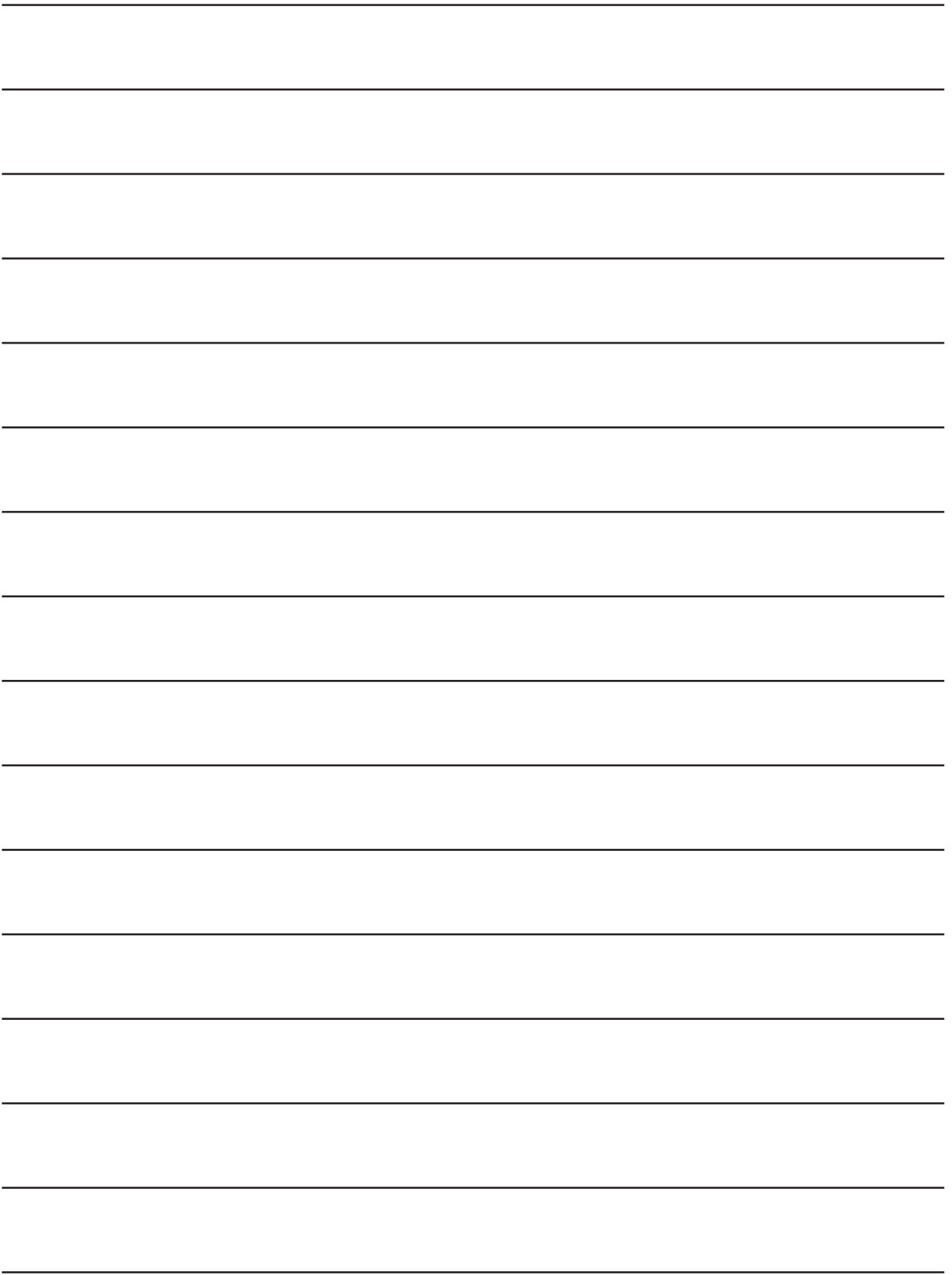
Other birds and pigeons that might want to eat the food are rarely given the chance by the dominant urban pigeons. Also, other birds are often smaller and cannot ingest the corn kernels.

## The environment

This contraceptive **does not contain any hormones**, so no harmful substances are deposited in the soil or surface water.

The amount of nicarbazin that could be released into the environment during treatment is at least 100 times lower than the EEC directive for environmental risk assessment.

*R-12 is harmless for humans, animals and the environment.*





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