# The Ultimate Practical Dove Keeping Complete Guide: Everything You Need to Know!



Are you interested in keeping doves as pets or for a hobby? Look no further! This comprehensive guide will provide you with all the information you need to know about practical dove keeping. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced dove enthusiast, this guide will be your go-to resource for successful dove keeping.

#### **Chapter 1: The Benefits of Dove Keeping**

Dove keeping offers numerous benefits for both the hobbyist and the pet lover. From their peaceful cooing to their beautiful appearance, doves are captivating creatures that can bring joy and serenity into your life. In this chapter, we'll explore the various benefits of keeping doves and why they make fantastic pets for all ages and backgrounds.



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#### **Chapter 2: Choosing the Right Dove Species for You**

With over 300 species of doves worldwide, it can be overwhelming to choose the right one for your needs. In this chapter, we'll provide an in-depth look at some of the most popular dove species, their characteristics, and what to consider when selecting the perfect dove for your aviary or home.

#### **Chapter 3: Setting Up the Perfect Dove Habitat**

Creating a comfortable and safe environment for your doves is crucial for their well-being. In this chapter, we will guide you through the process of setting up a suitable dove habitat, including selecting the right cage or aviary, providing proper food and water, and ensuring a peaceful atmosphere for your doves to thrive.

### **Chapter 4: Feeding and Nutrition for Healthy Doves**

Proper nutrition is essential for maintaining the health of your doves. In this chapter, we'll delve into the specific dietary requirements of doves, including the types of seeds, fruits, and vegetables that will keep them happy and healthy. We'll also discuss common health issues and how to prevent and treat them through nutrition.

#### **Chapter 5: Breeding and Caring for Dove Chicks**

If you're interested in breeding doves or want to learn how to care for dove chicks, this chapter is for you. We will cover important topics such as breeding seasons, creating a conducive environment for nesting and hatching, proper chick care, and how to ensure the health and survival of the dove chicks.

#### **Chapter 6: Training and Bonding with Your Doves**

Doves are intelligent creatures that can be trained and even form strong bonds with their owners. In this chapter, we'll provide tips and techniques for training your doves, teaching them tricks, and establishing a deeper connection with these beautiful birds. Discover the joys of interacting with your doves on a whole new level.

#### **Chapter 7: Doves as Therapy Animals**

Did you know that doves have been used as therapy animals for centuries? In this chapter, we'll explore the healing benefits of doves, their calming effects, and how they can bring a sense of peace and comfort to people of all ages. Learn how you can integrate these gentle creatures into therapy programs or simply enjoy their therapeutic presence in your daily life.

By now, you should have a comprehensive understanding of practical dove keeping. Whether you're considering keeping doves as pets, starting a dove breeding program, or simply want to learn more about these incredible birds, this guide has provided you with the necessary information to embark on a successful dove-keeping journey. Remember to always prioritize the well-being and care of your doves, and enjoy the rewarding experience they bring to your life.

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My first involvement with pigeons was in the early fifties and I kept them for many years before leaving home to join the military. My involvement with doves is more recent and I have been keeping them since early 2013. At first I jumped in with both feet and expended a lot of time, money and effort, before arriving at what I consider to be the perfect method of dove keeping. "Perfect for me that is!"

In the opinion of my dear wife I am an 'enigma.' Whilst I am a bit of a perfectionist, (I like things to be aesthetically appealing and will work hard to maintain that standard), it appears that I also have a 'lazy gene' and will go out of my way to find an easy way of doing things. After much experimentation my dove

keeping is now as hassle free and as easy as I can get it, albeit it is perhaps just a little bit unconventional.

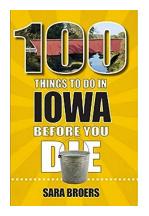
Although my book will tell you most, if not all of what you need to know about keeping doves it is not a reference book. It is essentially my story based on my own dove keeping experiences.

Although not intended as a reference book; i.e. it is not cross indexed to death, it is nevertheless a comprehensive guide on all aspects of dove keeping; including: Why keep doves? - Types of dove. - Anatomy of a dove. - Are doves a nuisance? - Is it a dove or a pigeon? - Advice for buying / obtaining doves. - My top ten tips for new dove keepers. - Advantages and disadvantages of the various types of habitation. - Guarding against predators. - Location of the dovecote. - Tips for buying a dovecote. - Erecting a dovecote. - Roosting areas. - From the cradle to the grave. - Hand rearing young chicks. - Hand taming your doves. - Sexing young doves. - Homing doves. - Providing care. - Ailments and medication. - Limiting flight numbers. - Catching doves. - Humane despatch or culling. - To ring or not to ring? - Record keeping. - Regular cleaning and maintenance. Dealing with droppings at the base of the dovecote. - Replacing a dovecote or removing for maintenance. - Building your own dovecote. - Disconnected jottings. - Useful links. - and much more.



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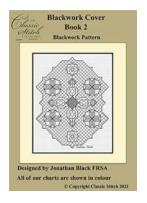
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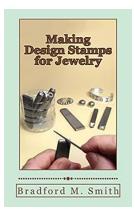
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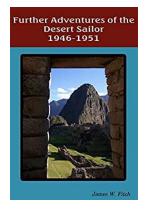
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