

Avian influenza – now also affecting pigeon and bird breeders

The obligation of keeping poultry indoors, which has been installed in several countries because of the avian flu, was a big blow – especially for our animals! And now we hear that in some countries even pigeon and bird shows are forbidden.

Since these decrees are issued by individual authorities in each country and sometimes even by regional authorities, the EE does not have the opportunity to intervene in this matter.

It is very important that contacts with local and regional authorities are maintained and that information is quickly passed on to our breeders.

And even more important is that we don't let this horrible situation for us and for our animals get us down. Better times will come again and therefore we cannot bury our head in the sand. We'd much rather put some extra energy in taking care of our birds that need to be kept indoors and be happy for our fellow rabbit breeders that at least they are allowed to put their animal on shows as far as they are vaccinated.

Almost all of our sections had a hard year full of losses but the situation will improve again, of this I am convinced! So keep your head high and look forward to the future!

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