

I.F. HELP-A-BEGINNER APPLICATION

Beginner's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Telephone: (____) _____

Work:(____) _____

Email Address: _____

Years in the sport of racing pigeons: _____

Do you belong to an I.F. Affiliated Club? Yes No

Were you an IF member last year? Yes No

Have you flown one YB or OB season? Yes No

Member of which Racing Pigeon Club: _____

Name of Club President: _____

President's Phone number: (____) _____

Name of Club Race Secretary: _____

Secretary's Phone number: (____) _____

I am seeking help with:

YB Breeders General Information

I feel I qualify and warrant help from this program because: _____

I certify that I meet all the qualifications for the Help-A-Beginner program and I agree to accept the responsibility of the expense for shipping any birds to me. I also agree to keep the breeder updated of all successes obtained as a result of his/her help as well as sending final results in to the IF HAB Chairman at the end of the season.

Signature of Beginner: _____

We certify that the above named applicant is a member of our club in good standing and has flown at least one race season, but not more than one young or old bird season. The applicant has a loft, which is not detrimental to the image of the sport and maintains the loft in a clean and healthy fashion.

Signature of Club President: _____

Signature of Club Secretary: _____

RETURN THIS APPLICATION AND TWO STAMPED ENVELOPES to Mr. Sam L. Pixley,
15258 Lodge Terrace, Woodbridge, VA 22191
Phone: 703-690-7651

Dear Beginner:

Welcome to the Help-A-Beginner program! The program is kicking into gear for 2005 and this letter is to inform you of the expected time frame of events that will occur. Save this letter and use it as a guideline for the year.

January-February

Some of America's best flyers/breeders are being asked if they will volunteer to be part of the 2005 Help-A-Beginner program and how many beginners they would be willing to help.

Late February-March

A letter will be sent to all beginners and breeders/mentors assigning beginners to mentors. The beginners will first call or write their assigned mentors to work out all the details, this will entail sending \$60.00 to the mentor to cover the cost of shipping birds. This cost will include, but is not limited to the purchase of proper shipping containers. It is important to remember that you will be working around the mentor's schedule and not the other way around. The mentor should receive your utmost respect.

March-July

Beginners will begin receiving birds from their mentors. It is important that you follow-up with your mentor letting him know that you received the birds and how you like them, and how you plan on settling them. Be sure to mention if you plan on flying them on your young bird team, etc. Remember your mentor will be sending you good birds and wants to know that the birds arrived safely. This is also the time to ask questions pertaining to your breeding and old bird season. May-June I will be checking with all the beginners and mentors to see how everything is progressing.

June

You should be in continued communication with your mentor and keep him updated on your progress. I can't emphasize enough the importance of keeping the lines of communication open with your mentor.

Late July-August

Most everyone is beginning to train his or her young birds. Now is a good time to get some tips on how to handle the training to prevent losses. Be sure to ask about medication, feeding, etc.

September-November

Young bird race season will probably be in full swing and a regular call to your mentor will help avoid mistakes and help improve your results.