

Press comments on the 28th International PigeonMarket Kassel 2017 •

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Traditionally, we have visited the International PigeonMarket for years, this time with 5 persons. We started on Friday, 27 October, in the morning. From Kraków we drove further on a way near Gliwice and collected the fellow passenger at Krapków. A short stop in front of the border, and then further through Germany. Entirely without any problems, except for the lot of construction sites on the highways.

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We arrived at Kassel at a reasonable hour. In front of a guest house we met our colleague Eugeniusz and talked about pigeons and miscellaneous matters. Then the surprise in front of the entry: Crowds of people waited at the entry; there were more people than last year; we met friends from Poland in front of the entry. Once the gates were opened, the crowd flew into the centre, and the people were moving continuously. Everyone tried to find his way.

Saturday, 28 October 2017

In the morning we went into the exhibition halls where I met people. And we had a contact in the restaurant hall. In this hall the auctions of pigeons and the meetings of sporting friends take place. Here, the marching band led by the pigeon queen and an international train with the flags of the participating countries came in. The official opening of the 28th International PigeonMarket took place on the stage. Again and again, I met friends from Germany and foreign countries. In this year obviously visitors from the Czech Republic, but more spectators from Slovakia, obviously from Hungary, Austria, Italy and even from Africa and remote Botswana. No US-American friends. You could see five to six Arabic groups who bought articles and other accessories. At the end of the day this large group was standing in front of the **Benzing** stand.

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The "**Expo Silesia**" stand was visible where the ladies performed a lot of tasks, encouraging the visitors to come to the exhibitions with numerous exhibitors. They provided information material and answered different inquiries. The small stand adjacent to "**Polmark**" was a surprise when it presented a transport container with four baskets which could be attached to the tow-bar on the rear side of the car. I think it was very nice, great interest. (...) There was a disadvantage I was not content with: the price which might be too high for one or the other. Apparently, these transport cabins will surely be introduced during the Polish premiere. (...) What **Polmark** showed was that world class Polish companies appear more and more from year to year, and the food sector becomes increasingly better to compete in quality and price with Western manufacturers. There were other companies with accessories, and there are more and more. (...)

Traditionally, most of the foreign guests were from Poland. Saturday is the main festival and the most prominent day. There were other plans for Saturday evening, but as it is in life, they changed and instead of going to a friend a friend came to us.

Sunday, 29 October 2017

(...) On Sunday we experienced much more visitors than one year ago. On Sunday, there is a calm atmosphere and there are fewer people and everything can be visited quietly. The only disadvantage was that some had no longer goods and their stands were empty. I state that increasingly fewer known breeders are there with offers, and there are lots of other unknown participants. My colleague confirmed that many of them only aimed at offering for sale, which itself showed not results.

In hall 3 there was a small animal show. With a slightly changed assortment as compared with the other years. I like most the dia-



mond doves. There were chicken, exotic birds and other animals. The offered results were not the highest flights, but the prices were low. We minded our own business and left Kassel earlier. It is a pity that there is no organizer for the future Pigeon-Olympiade at Kassel, no FCI representation, no visualization at the Kassel fair and the organizer of the Poznan fair.

The hurricane made our way back difficult. We had to pay attention to fallen trees or the entire forest. We returned back home safely.

Summary

I think that the International PigeonMarket in this year was a success. I met a lot of different friends and relatives from Germany and foreign countries. The International Kassel PigeonMarket is an opportunity for meeting, talking, praising one's pigeons and the flight results. Also, it is an opportunity for shopping, seeing different products, touching them all and being within the centre of the European sports. You have to be there personally. You will see what is not shown in a movie or can be related to you by others. (...) Such items were offered: Pigeons, cabins-express, food products, additives, lofts/loft areas and other accessories; clip rings, electronics, simply everything. You only need come here and see everything. You may see known breeders from the cover pages of the newspapers or catalogues. There, we are sitting together and talk, drinking beer or coffee. Whenever I go to Kassel, I plan where I can see WHAT. However, it is a surprise for me that what I expected cannot be found sometimes, but I always get THAT. That another company offers new products of interest. (...) I returned with a hen/female pigeon of grand parentage. My colleagues bought more.

See you next year on
27 and 28 October 2018
at the 29th International PigeonMarket.

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