



## PRESS RELEASE AND MEDIA ADVISORY

**2011 NPA Grand National Pigeon Show, Town & Country Grand Exhibit Hall, Jan. 6-8, 2011**  
500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego. Show times: 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Thur/Fri; 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat.

### Media Advisory

- 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Show ó the largest and most widely known pigeon show in the United States, presented by the National Pigeon Association (NPA), and hosted by the San Diego Metro Pigeon Club (SDMPC). The last Grand National Show in San Diego dates back to 1978
- Approximately 6,500 pedigreed pigeons entered and exhibited by nearly 400 exhibitors throughout United States and Canada
- Over 150 breeds represented each with a standard of perfection recognized by the NPA for judging purposes. Pigeons are the most diverse, genetically rich bird species on the planet
- The pigeon hobby is widely popular throughout the U.S. and world. There will be several dozen specialty clubs represented, many international visitors, and judges from several states/countries

### Press Release

We invite you to attend the 2011 NPA Grand National Pigeon Show and share your experience of this very unique event with the public. Held in San Diego for the first time in 33 years, the Grand National Pigeon Show is the crown jewel of pigeon shows in the United States, supported by several dozen specialty pigeon breed clubs and has been attended by thousands of pigeon fanciers over the years.

The approximately 6,500 pigeons exhibited at this show are competing against their own type and evaluated by an appointed judge selected by its specialty club or the NPA. Pigeons will be awarded champion, best of show and other awards. Many of the breeds are performing pigeons, such as Rollers, Tumblers and Racing Homers, and a demonstration may be scheduled within the building or outside.

The pigeon fancy was a very popular hobby throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> century and especially popular in California because of its great weather, rural/open spaces and 4-H-supported school programs. Although this show will be attended by õjunior fanciersö (under age 18), exhibitors are of all age ranges and gender, including long-time õmaster breedersö that achieved a lifetime of knowledge and mastery of their breed. SDMPC sponsors the pigeon show at the annual San Diego County Fair in Del Mar.

Exhibitors will check in Wednesday, Jan. 5 and early Thursday, Jan. 6. Judging is conducted Thursday-Saturday, with Saturday being the peak portion of the show. There will be auctions, meetings, raffles and a banquet. It is free to the public. Attendance expected to be up to 1,000 at peak. Parking is \$4 an hour/\$12 a day maximum.

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