

**Product:** DIFTERIN-G  
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Active immunization of healthy pigeons

**Composition:** Vaccine contains attenuated Pox virus, pigeon strain, multiplied on tissue culture. Vaccine is lyophilized.

**Action:** Active immunisation against diphtheria and pigeon pox.

**Indications:** Active immunization of healthy pigeons (in the 8th week of life) against diphtheria and pigeon pox. The earliest vaccination of pigeons can be in the 3rd week of life, but in that case they have to be revaccinated in the 8th week of life. Vaccine is recommended for vaccination in the areas where the virus appears regularly. It is necessary to vaccinate all pigeons in a flock at once.

**Contra-indications:** It is contraindicated to vaccinate sick, cahectic pigeons and pigeons suffering from parasitic infestation.

**Side effects:** In the area where the vaccine was rubbed in, after 6 to 8 days a distinctive local reaction appears in the form of swollen floccules, with the appearance of erythemas and oedematous skin infiltration. After a few days these changes disappear. The reaction may fail to take place in infected or immune pigeons. If there is no reaction, revaccination is necessary. In the case the reaction fails to take place again, the pigeons are considered to be immune.

**Application and dosage:** Immediately before vaccination, the lyophilized vaccine is reconstructed in the supplied dissolvent. Ten to 15 feathers are plucked from the front side of the leg, and the reconstructed vaccine is rubbed into floccules using the supplied brush. While plucking out feathers be careful not to cause bleeding, because it can lead to a strong local and sometimes generalized reaction. The rubbing in of the vaccine is applied until the appearance of redness (erythema).

**Immunity:** Immunity develops 7 to 8 days after the local reaction, and it is fully developed after 3 weeks and lasts about one year.

**Precaution:** Reconstructed vaccine must be used within two hours. Unused vaccine and its container should be safely disposed of by incineration.

**Karenca:** None.

**Storage instructions:** Store in a dark area, at a temperature from +4 to +8°C.

**Expiry date:** One year

**Availability:** On prescription only.

**Packaging:** Vials containing 20 doses of vaccine, with appropriate amount of dissolvent and a brush for the rubbing in of vaccine.

**Producer:** Veterinary Medicine Institute Inc. Zemun