

Common Sense and Pigeons goes hand and hand. Forty years ago when I was a 10 year old just starting out we would visit local fanciers. I was a sponge for every drop of information but always asked "Why?" Many times the old champ could not give me a reason why. I hated not knowing why. At a young age I realized that if they do not know why then maybe I should find my own answer. I used much common sense, observation as well as trial and error. If someone does not know why they do something I would certainly question applying it.

Much of the problems we have with pigeons could be prevented with just a touch of common sense. This is easier said than done. One old friend John 'Papa' Orsie in 1974 had a handmade sign with the word 'Think' over the entrance to his loft. When exiting the loft he posted another sign which read 'Don't Forget'. These two words made no sense to me 40 years ago but I understand them perfectly today.

Below are a few quotes that apply to pigeon racing. I hope they are as helpful as "Think" and "Don't Forget".

If a lot of people think something is right, and so that thing becomes right.”

— [Paulo Coelho](#),

“Success is more a function of consistent common sense than it is of genius.”

— [An Wang](#)

“Common sense is not so common.”

— [Voltaire](#),

“Common sense is seeing things as they are; and doing things as they ought to be.”

— [Harriet Beecher Stowe](#)