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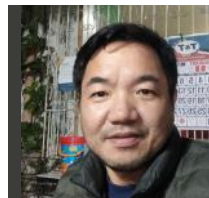


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COCKFIGHTING LEGEND: CONGRESSMAN SONNY LAGON'S IMPACT BEYOND THE ARENAS

In the lively world of Philippine cockfighting, Congressman Sonny Lagon is recognized as a champion in the cockpit, a legendary figure in gamefowl breeding, and a committed public servant. His impact goes beyond the arenas, touching the lives of both large-scale and backyard breeders. Outside of politics, he is a family-oriented individual and a prosperous entrepreneur.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



UNVEILING THE WINGS OF LEGACY: A PUBLISHER'S NOTE

As I sit down to pen this note for our cherished community, I find myself enveloped in a tapestry woven with feathers, heritage, and the resounding echoes of passionate clucks and crows. Purebred Warrior Magazine has grown into more than a publication; it's a chronicle of devotion, a celebration of legacy, and a testament to the collective heartbeat of our gamefowl community.

This magazine, which began as a modest endeavor, has flourished into a global haven for gamefowl enthusiasts, breeders, and aficionados. It's a testament to the shared love that binds us—a love for these extraordinary creatures who, through the ages, have been our companions, competitors, and co-conspirators in the intricate dance of breeding.

As the steward of this publication, I find immense joy in curating a space where stories unfold like feathers—each one unique, carrying the weight of history, and contributing to the vibrant mosaic of our community. Purebred Warrior is not merely ink on paper or pixels on a screen; it's a living, breathing entity fueled by the passion and commitment of every breeder, reader, and contributor who graces its pages.

In this edition, we embark on a journey that transcends the ordinary. We explore the nuanced dance of genetics in selective breeding, shine a spotlight on ethical practices, and delve into the guardianship of heritage breeds—a task shouldered by the brave few who stand as sentinels of avian history.

Our pages also unravel the mythical feathers of gamefowl in cultural narratives, showcasing how these birds transcend the physical realm to become symbols of courage, wisdom, and the indomitable spirit. Moreover, we peer into the future, examining the

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revolutionary strides in artificial insemination that are reshaping the landscape of gamefowl genetics.

I extend my deepest gratitude to the passionate contributors, tireless readers, and unwavering supporters who have been the pillars of Purebred Warrior. Your stories, experiences, and insights breathe life into every issue, creating a sanctuary where knowledge is shared, traditions honored, and the legacy of gamefowl celebrated.

As we turn the pages of this edition, let's renew our commitment to the welfare of our feathered companions and the preservation of the noble lineage they represent. Let Purebred Warrior be a compass guiding us through the ever-evolving landscape of gamefowl breeding, a beacon that illuminates the path toward a future where our legacy takes flight on wings of passion and reverence.

With gratitude and feathers,

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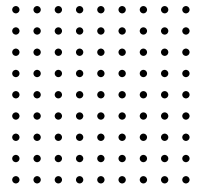


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UNIPROM INC. STAGES 2ND WORLD SLASHER CUP IN SMART ARANETA COLISEUM

Uniprom, Inc. successfully organized the 2nd World Slasher Cup, a globally recognized cockfighting event with 142 participants. Governed by the Games and Amusements Board (GAB), the event's licensing process highlighted its international stature.

Uniprom, Inc. a leisure and entertainment management company, recently staged its 2nd World Slasher Cup at the Smart Araneta Coliseum with a total of 142 entries participating in the occasion. Being an international derby, the event was sanctioned by the Games and Amusements Board (GAB), an agency of the government in charge of regulating all forms of professional sports in the country.

Under Executive Order No. 149, Series of 1993, specific powers and functions of the defunct Philippine Gamefowl Commission (PGC) were devolved to GAB, especially in relation to the supervision and regulation of international derbies, comprising primarily of issuance of licenses and permitting of the event. During the first two days of the event, licensing of participants, i.e., gaffers, as part of the World Slasher Cup was conducted by GAB Personnel.

The World Slasher Cup 2, an invitational 9-cock derby was actually the second of the series of cockfighting events staged by Uniprom, Inc. for this year, the first being held last January. This second edition of World Slasher Cup was made possible through solid support from Thunderbird, Emperador, Petron, Tempo, and Filipino Mirror. Sabong Experts



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consider World Slasher Cup as one of the most prestigious cockfighting events in the world.

This year's initiatives for the derby were also made possible through strong collaboration from Derby Office Head and Smart Araneta Coliseum's Cockpit Manager Dong Lamoste, Uniprom Inc. Chief Operating Officer (COO), Irene Jose, Binibining Pilipinas International 2023, Angelica Lopez and Binibining Pilipinas Globe 2023 Anna Lakrini.

Pablito Gregore's 22GF/Ormoc Joe entry and Joseph Panganiban's

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3 World Slasher Cup 2, at its finest in Smart Araneta, with cockfighting aficionados betting for win.



In the photo are GAB personnel, with the agency's information technology and medical personnel conducting licensing of gaffers.

This alternative betting scheme was set up by Uniprom to minimize the spread of COVID-19 as the latter's transmission has still been a seeming possibility for everyone.

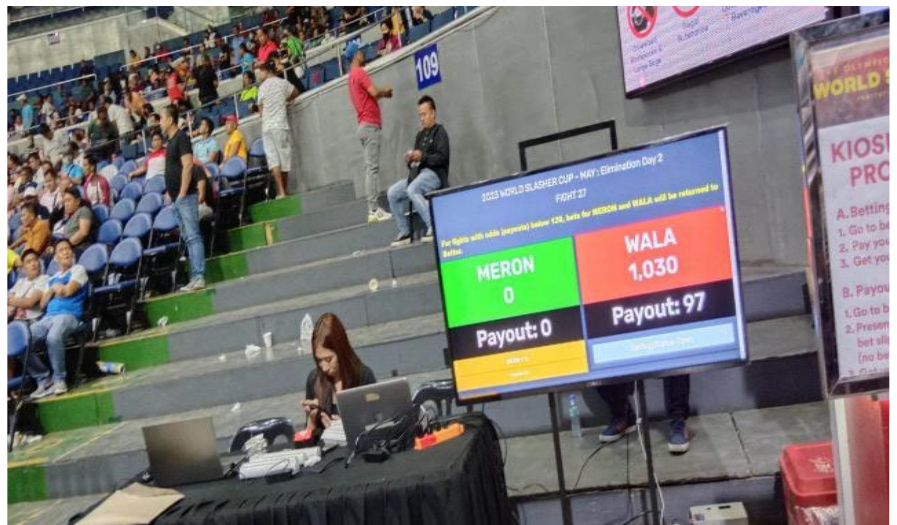
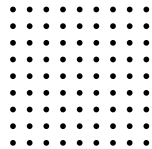


Photo shows onsite electronic betting Inside the Smart Araneta Coliseum, during the Worlds Slasher Cup-2 event.



Infiniti Gold 6-Cock Derby June 21 Manila Arena-2, shared the coveted World Slasher Cup (WSC) distinction garnering a score of 7.5 points in the 6-day derby matches.

Likewise, as part of Uniprom's innovation/s, electronic betting machines were installed inside the cockpit arena for bettors who opted to bet through machines rather than through actual bookmaking. This alternative betting scheme was set up by Uniprom to minimize the spread

of COVID-19 as the latter's transmission has still been a seeming possibility for everyone. Betting though was made only exclusively inside the cockpit (onsite) with no leakage or online streaming in compliance with the Executive Order 09 (Directing The Continued Suspension Of Electronic Sabong Operations Nationwide)

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Robie Yu Panis, holding one of the Firebird Gamefarm's Ace bloodline, White Kelso.

THE REIGNING QUEEN OF BLADES

Robie Yu Panis

of Firebird Gamefarm

In the world of gamefowl, precision and mastery are everything. And when it comes to attaching the small knives or gaffs on the spurs of fighting cocks, the gaffer holds the key to victory in the arena. The official gaffer of Firebird Farms, Robie Yu Panis, has earned her title as the reigning queen of blade through years of dedication and a true passion for the sport.

What sets Robie apart from the rest is her unique blend of old-school techniques and new tactical ideas on blademastery. Her craft has been honed through careful



gamefowl farm. With her years of experience and expertise, she ensures that Firebird's stags are properly equipped and ready to take on any opponent, without fear of dull blades or even poison.

At Firebird Farms, the focus is on breeding and training PROVEN bloodlines of fighting gamefowl, and their system for success is openly shared by owner Sir Biboy Enriquez. With the upcoming derbies and tournament on the horizon, Robie and her pambatong champion fighters are ready to take on any challenge, armed with her precise

observation of Firebird's brood of fighters and performance of the blades she uses to help them win. Her preference for semi-slashers and custom-made blades using DM05 steel are a testament to her expertise and attention to detail.

But it's not just about the blades themselves. Robie's precise knife placement tactics, tying and setting her blades at the 1 o'clock position for maximum damage, and positioning them at an angle to the side, ensures that her birds emerge victorious in both air and ground fights. It's this level of mastery that has led Firebird Farms to consistently win top placings in major cockfight derbies around the country, and even reaching the semifinals in the World Slasher tournament.

Robie's dedication to the craft goes beyond just winning, however. She's seen the dangers that come with big money derbies, including unscrupulous competitors resorting to shenanigans to win it all. That's why having an in-house gaffer like Robie is crucial for any serious

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Another prestigious events of Robie scoring 5 points on a cocks derby at Santa Monica cockpit last March this year.



Entry name Tanay bringing home the champion scoring six points on Palito 7-cock derby at Sta. Cruz.

For me, there's no such thing as a good gaffer. However, honesty, good bloodline roosters, an ace handler, and quality knives are important.

blade mastery and dedication to the craft.

Ladies and gentlemen, I'm happy to share this short interview with the reigning queen of blades in the world of cockfighting. Her name is Robie Panis, and she is the first lady gaffer in the Philippines. She has made a name for herself in this male-dominated sport and has become a role model for women who aspire to become gaffers. We are honored to have her here with us today to share her story and insights. Welcome, Robie!

FIRST OF ALL, PLEASE INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO OUR READERS AND FOLLOWERS.

Hi, I'm Robie Panis. I used to be the only female



Robie proudly shows off her feathered friend, strutting her stuff with her beloved rooster by her side

gaffer in the Philippines, known as the "Princess of Philippine Cockfighting." I co-host Tukaan, and was the official lady gaffer for Firebird for a decade. I am an endorser of Excellence Poultry and Livestock Specialist, Supremo Infinity feeds, and Prime Feather.

TELL US YOUR STORY ON HOW YOU STARTED BEING A GAFFER.

It all started in Araneta Coliseum, during the World Slasher Cup II in May 2007. We hired a gaffer for our entry, but unfortunately, we lost our first fight because the knife/tari used on our bird had a slight defect/damage. Mr. Enriquez then decided to try me on our second fight, even though I wasn't fully confident. It was a week after my tari workshop in Cavite. The second fight was in San Juan Coliseum, and I was very nervous. But when



our rooster won, it gave me the confidence I needed.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD GAFFER?

For me, there's no such thing as a good gaffer. However, honesty, good bloodline roosters, an ace handler, and quality knives are important.

WHAT MAKES YOU STAND OUT FROM THE REST?

Perhaps because I am a female in a male-dominated sport.

WHAT IS YOUR MOST NOTABLE EXPERIENCE IN THIS FIELD, AND WHAT PREPARATION HAVE YOU DONE?

My most notable experience was winning the First Matira Matibay, 12 cock in WPC.

BEING TAGGED AS THE TARI QUEEN OR REYNA NG TARI, WHAT IS YOUR SECRET SAUCE BEHIND YOUR SUCCESS?

Hard work, dedication, and passion for the sport.

WHAT'S YOUR PREFERENCE WHEN IT COMES TO GAFF?

For stags, my tari is 2.0mm in thickness, and for cocks, it's 2.5mm. Mostly 3.7-3.8 in length, semi-slasher, and the sight is at one o'clock.

HOW HANDS-ON ARE YOU WITH YOUR WEAPON?

I am 101% hands-on.

WHAT TIPS CAN YOU GIVE TO YOUR FOLLOWERS?

Thank you so much for all the support. I truly appreciate it.

WHAT'S YOUR MESSAGE TO THOSE ASPIRING TO BE LIKE YOU AS ONE OF THE BEST GAFFERS IN THE LAND?

Simple! Love your job. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful. Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. **PW**



"With her years of experience and expertise, she ensures that Firebird's stags are properly equipped and ready to take on any opponent, without fear of dull blades or even poison."





A GLIMPSE INTO RICKY CRUZADO'S SABRINA GAME FARM

By Mhar Delaben

Explore gamefowl breeding with Ricky Cruzado, the visionary behind Sabrina Game Farm in Tanay, Rizal. With 550 to 600 heads of meticulously bred gamefowl, Ricky shares insights, challenges, and the joy of this captivating pursuit. Uncover the dedication and care behind raising champion gamefowl, gaining valuable advice for aspiring breeders.

“ Ricky’s journey into the world of gamefowl breeding was sparked by the bravery and gallantry he witnessed in these majestic birds ”

At the heart of Tanay, Rizal, lies the vibrant Sabrina Game Farm, a testament to the dedication and passion of Ricky Cruzado, a 50-year-old breeder. With meticulous care and a commitment to excellence, Ricky’s farm stands as a living canvas for his remarkable stock, boasting

bloodlines that include Yellow Leg Hatch, McLean Hatch, Dan Gray Round Head, Sweaters, and Kelsos. Ricky’s journey into the world of gamefowl breeding was sparked by the bravery and gallantry he witnessed in these majestic birds. Inspired by the achievements of prominent breeders, he embarked on his path with a generous gift of



2 trios—one from his uncle and another from a friend. Focused on McLean Hatch and Yellow Leg Hatch breeds, Ricky's passion soon evolved into a thriving commitment to the art and science of breeding. Daily care includes feeding, changing water, weekly vitamin supplements, monthly deworming, and occasional delousing.

Cruzado selects breeding stock based on winning percentages, appearance, body conformation, and alertness to surroundings.

Breeding challenges, from brooding to ranging, involve maintaining proper conditions, preventing predators, and addressing health issues. Detailed record-keeping, including wing and leg bands, helps

track lineage and breeding records.

The rewarding aspects for Cruzado include the satisfaction of well-conditioned and winning gamefowl. Health maintenance involves good nutrition, regular vaccination, and addressing respiratory diseases.

Challenges faced as a breeder include chicken



viruses, managed through regular vaccination and farm cleanliness. Preparing for shows involves conditioning through deworming, delousing, vitamins, and exercise. Cruzado advises new breeders to have passion, dedication, and recognize the time-consuming nature of gamefowl breeding.

Balancing ethical considerations involves setting target chick numbers, responsible cockfighting practices, and prioritizing family welfare. Cruzado sees potential benefits in Purebred Warrior Magazine, especially if it reaches the Philippines, given the country's status as the cockfighting capital of the world. The magazine could be a valuable source of knowledge for those entering the breeding field.

We got a chance to talk to this good rooster-man, Ricky, and would love to share it you our dear reader.

Firsly, tell us about yourself and your gamefarm?

I'm Ricky Cruzado 50yrs old from Tanay, Rizal Philippines. I am the breeder and owner of Sabrina Game Farm, it is located also in Tanay, it has a cording, breeding, conditioning and ranging area. As of now our



stocks ranges from 550 to 600 heads. Our blood lines consist of Yellow leg hatch, McLean hatch, Dan Gray round head, Sweaters and Kelsos...

What inspired you to start breeding gamefowl, and how did you get started?

I was inspired when I saw how brave and gallant the game fowl is. And also to what I saw with the big breeder. How they produced beautiful and healthy chicken. I started with 2 trios, one was given to me by my uncle and the other one was given to me by my friend. I started with McLean hatch and Yellow leg hatch.

How do you care for your gamefowl daily, and what are some common challenges you face?

We feed them twice a day and we change their water twice a day also. We give them vitamins

weekly, deworm them monthly and delouse them once a month...

What are some of the most important factors you consider when selecting your breeding stock?

I personally select through their winning percentage how they win and where they won. Its much better if the breeding stocks you will choose has won in the Big time derby. Second is their appearance, they have to be balance in anyway and beautiful in your eyes. Third is their body comformation, I want a brood stocks with heavy bones and broad shoulders and bright red eyes. Lastly is how they react to their surroundings they must be alert and act smart.

“ Ricky’s journey into the world of gamefowl breeding was sparked by the bravery and gallantry he witnessed in these majestic birds ”



one month in the brood pen we transfer them to the ranging area were they are let loose. That’s the time we will watch them from predetors like wild cats, dogs, snakes, owl, eagle, monitor lizard and other.

How do you keep track of your breeding records and lineage, and what tools or resources do you use?

Record keeping is a must when your on to breeding. Every breeding season we record the old and new breeding stocks. We put wing band and leg band in our brood cocks and brood hens and write it down their blood lines, their parents and other remarks in our record book.

What are some of the most rewarding aspects of breeding gamefowl, and why do you enjoy it?

The time you will tie them in crod. That they look healthy and beautiful and smart. I enjoy it when they are consistently wining in the derbies and bring champion to our farm...

How do you ensure the health and well-being of your birds, and what are some common health issues you have encountered?

Feeding them good, giving them fresh water every day. Giving vitamins, deworming and delousing. Respiratory disease is a common problem. We treat them accordingly.

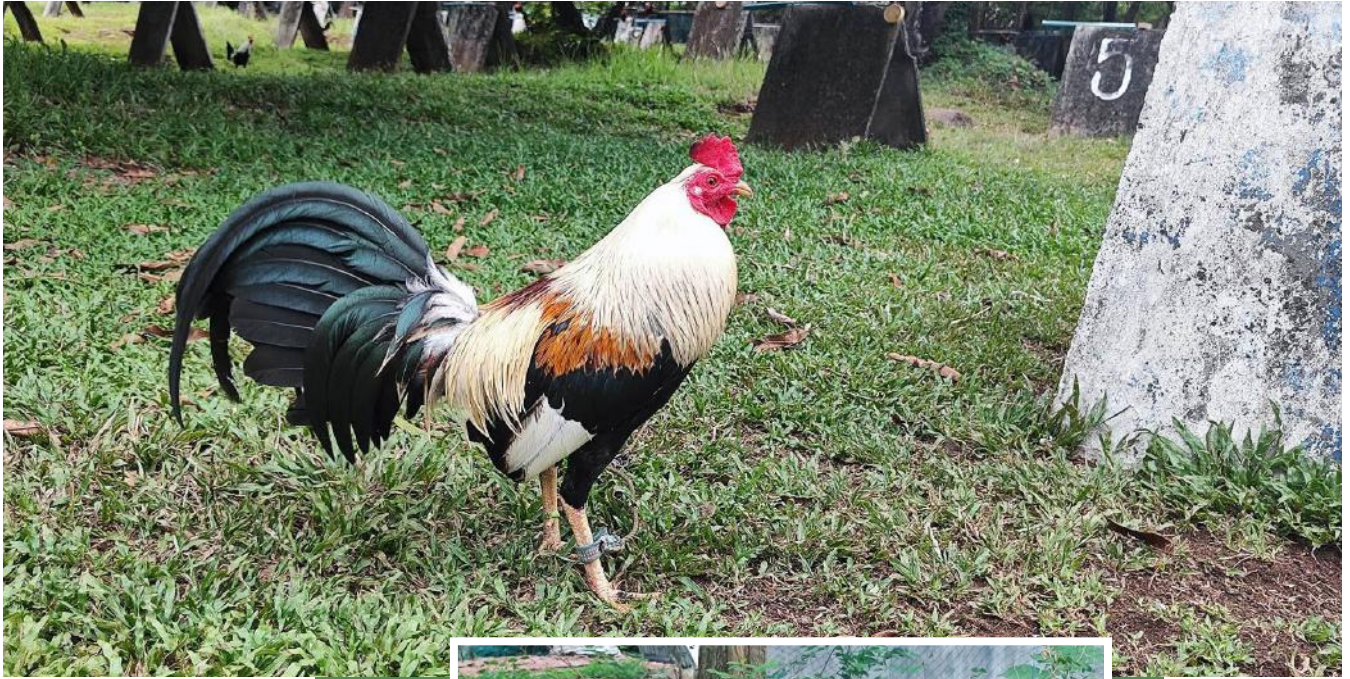
What are some of the biggest challenges you have faced as a backyard gamefowl breeder, and how have you overcome them?

Chicken virus. We vaccinate regularly and keep our chicken healthy whole



What are some of the most challenging aspects of breeding gamefowl, and how do you overcome them?

Challenging aspect in my breeding of game fowl is from brooding to ranging. From the moment they are hatched we see to it that the brood pen was disinfected it has the right amount of heat and lights the space should be appropriate to the number of chicks hatched, the bedding is fresh and clean. We give antibiotics for their first 5 days and after that we give probiotics. Vaccination is a must in our breeding program. The challenges of ranging are the predetors. After



“At Sabrina Game Farm, Ricky Cruzado paints success with meticulous care, setting the standard for gamefowl breeding excellence.”



year round. Cleanliness in our game farm is a must.

How do you prepare your gamefowl for shows or exhibitions, if you participate in them?

We start the conditioning by deworming delousing and giving vitamins. We put in flying pens, scratch pens and spar them twice a week. We put them under the light in a scratch pens and tease them.

What advice would you give to someone who is just starting as a backyard gamefowl breeder?

They should have a passion and dedicated time for

game fowl breeding. Breeding game fowl is a very time consuming hobby.

How do you balance the ethical considerations of breeding and cockfighting, and what steps do you take to ensure the welfare of your birds?

You have set a target number of chicks every season. Breeding game fowl is a money consuming hobby. For cockfighting you only bet what you can loose. Always remember you have a family to feed. And family always comes first.

What is your thought about this Purebred Warrior Magazine, and how can this be beneficial to you as a gamefowl breeder?

This is the first time I heard about this magazine. I think it's better if your magazine we reach the Philippines, because for what I know our country is the cockfighting capital of the world. And it will be another good source of knowledge and idea for those who are planning to go on to breeding. **PW**



Ricky's holding one of his signature line.


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HOW TO KEEP YOUR GAMEFOWL HEALTHY

By Mhar Delaben

Gamefowl are beautiful and majestic birds, but they are also susceptible to a variety of diseases. This article provides a guide to preventing and treating disease in gamefowl, so that you can keep your birds healthy and happy.

Gamefowl are not only beautiful and majestic birds, but they are also susceptible to various diseases. It is crucial for gamefowl owners to be vigilant about common ailments and take proactive measures to prevent and address them.

Disease Prevention

Maintaining a clean and sanitary environment is paramount in preventing diseases in gamefowl. This involves providing fresh water, clean food, and regular cleaning and disinfection of the coop and run. Gamefowl should be kept away from other animals to minimize the risk of disease transmission.

Clean and Sanitary

Environment: Regularly clean and disinfect the coop and run, and change water and food daily to prevent disease.

Vaccinations: Essential for disease prevention, vaccines safeguard gamefowl from diseases like Newcastle disease, avian influenza, and Marek's disease.

Quarantine: New gamefowl should undergo a 30-day quarantine before joining the flock to prevent introducing new diseases.

Good Hygiene: Owners should practice good hygiene, washing their hands thoroughly before and after handling gamefowl to prevent disease spread.

Vaccinations

Vaccines play a crucial role in preventing various diseases:

Newcastle Disease: Highly contagious and fatal, vaccination is the best defense.

Avian Influenza: Another highly contagious and potentially fatal disease preventable through vaccination.

Marek's Disease: Known for causing tumors in gamefowl, vaccination is key for protection.

Diagnosis

Prompt veterinary care is crucial if a gamefowl shows signs of illness. Look for:

- Loss of appetite
- Weight loss
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Coughing
- Sneezing
- Lethargy
- Shivering
- Fever
- Swollen joints
- Discharge from the eyes or nose
- Skin lesions

Diagnostic tools include blood tests, X-rays, and swab tests to identify diseases.

Treatment

Treatment varies depending on the disease and may involve antibiotics,

“Cleanliness and vaccinations are vital for preventing diseases in gamefowl. Swift care, early diagnosis, and preventing the spread of illness are crucial for their well-being.”



antiparasitics, fluids for dehydration, or even surgery for specific conditions.

Preventing the Spread of Disease

Prevent disease spread with these measures:

Isolate Sick Birds: Quarantine sick birds to prevent contagion.

Disinfect the Coop and Run: Thoroughly disinfect after a bird has been ill.

Hand Hygiene: Owners must wash hands before and after handling gamefowl.

Avoid Contact with Other Birds: Gamefowl should not be exposed to other birds, particularly sick ones.



Conclusion

Effective gamefowl health management is vital for raising healthy and productive birds. Following these guidelines, along with providing a balanced diet, fresh water, and regular monitoring, ensures the well-being of your gamefowl. Contact your veterinarian promptly if any signs of illness arise. By adhering to these practices, you contribute to the longevity and happiness of your gamefowl for years to come. PW



A GUIDE TO PREVENTING AND TREATING DISEASE

Gamefowl owners should prioritize their birds' health through consistent monitoring of weight, maintaining a balanced diet, and consulting experts for dietary changes. Essential accessories like sparring muffs and supplements contribute to optimal health. Disease prevention and treatment involve options such as medication, vaccination, and isolation. By following these guidelines, owners ensure their gamefowl live a long and happy life.

Gamefowl, also known as fighting cocks, are a beloved and respected breed of poultry. But, like any animal, they can be susceptible to disease and illness. As a gamefowl owner, it's important to take proactive measures to maintain your birds' health and wellbeing. In this article, we'll cover the basics of gamefowl health management, including preventative measures, common illnesses, and treatment options.

Preventative Measures

The best way to keep your gamefowl healthy is to take preventative measures. Here are some tips for maintaining good gamefowl health:

Monitor Weight and Health Regularly

Regular monitoring of your gamefowl's weight and overall health is essential. Weigh your birds regularly and keep a record of their weight over time. This will help you identify any sudden weight loss or gain, which can be a sign of illness. Additionally, keep an eye on your birds' overall health. Are they active and alert? Do they have healthy-looking feathers? These are all important indicators of good health.

Consistent Feeding Practices

Consistency in feeding practices is key to maintaining good gamefowl health. Feed your birds a balanced diet that includes a mix of grains, protein, and vegetables. Avoid overfeeding or underfeeding,



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“Gamefowl health management is essential for raising healthy and productive birds. By following these tips, you can help to keep your gamefowl healthy and free of disease.”

as both can cause health problems. Additionally, make sure your birds have access to clean, fresh water at all times.

Balanced Diet and Nutritional Supplements

A balanced diet is essential for gamefowl health. Consider adding nutritional supplements to your birds' diet, such as vitamins and minerals. These supplements can help keep your birds healthy and prevent illness.

Clean Living Environment

A clean living environment is essential for preventing disease in gamefowl. Keep your birds' living area clean and well-ventilated. Remove any debris or

Prevention is always better than cure. By taking steps to prevent disease, you can save yourself time, money, and heartache.”



waste regularly and disinfect the area periodically.

Consult with a Veterinarian or Animal Nutrition Expert

Consulting with a veterinarian or animal nutrition expert can provide valuable insight into maintaining good gamefowl health. These professionals can provide advice on feeding practices, supplements, and preventative measures.

Common Illnesses

Despite your best efforts, your gamefowl may still become ill. Here are some common illnesses and their symptoms:

Coccidiosis

Coccidiosis is a parasitic disease that affects the intestines. Symptoms include diarrhea, loss of appetite, and weight loss. Treatment options include medication and improved sanitation practices.

Fowlpox

Fowlpox is a viral disease that affects the skin and respiratory system. Symptoms include lesions

on the skin and respiratory problems. Treatment options include medication and vaccination.

Marek's Disease

Marek's Disease is a viral disease that affects the nervous system. Symptoms include paralysis and loss of coordination. Treatment options include medication and vaccination.

Newcastle Disease

Newcastle Disease is a viral disease that affects the respiratory system. Symptoms include respiratory problems and diarrhea. Treatment options include medication and vaccination.

Treatment Options

If your gamefowl becomes ill, it's important to seek treatment immediately. Here are some treatment options:

Medication

Many illnesses can be treated with medication, such as antibiotics or antiviral drugs. Consult with a veterinarian to determine the appropriate medication and dosage for your birds.

Vaccination

Vaccination is an effective preventative measure for many diseases. Consult with a veterinarian to determine which vaccines are appropriate for your birds.

Isolation

Isolating sick birds can prevent the spread of disease to other birds. Keep sick birds separate from healthy birds and provide them with appropriate care and treatment.

Conclusion

Maintaining good gamefowl health is essential for the health and wellbeing of your birds. Take preventative measures, monitor your birds' health regularly, and seek treatment immediately if they become ill. By following these guidelines, you can help ensure a long and healthy life for your gamefowl. **PW**

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MASTERING THE ART OF STAG DERBY: A BLUEPRINT FOR VICTORY

By Mhar Delaben

In the pulsating world of stag derby, where fortunes are won and legends are forged, success is not a stroke of luck; it's a meticulous craft. As annual competitions beckon under the banners of esteemed associations like GFBAN, NGBA, digmaan, and bakbakan, a comprehensive guide to preparation becomes paramount. Unveil the secrets of stag conditioning, strategic selection, and the symbiotic dance between handler and gaffer—the essential components that transform a contender into a champion in the thrilling arena of stag derby.

Stag derby, a highly lucrative and popular event in the Philippines, promises substantial rewards for those who emerge victorious. Annual competitions organized by esteemed game fowl breeder associations such as GFBAN, NGBA, digmaan, and bakbakan draw participants from across the country. To navigate the path to success in the stag derby arena, careful preparation is essential.

Membership and Early Preparations

Becoming a member of an accredited game fowl breeder association is the initial step, involving tasks such as banding your stag in advance and paying necessary membership fees. Early investments in breeding materials, feeds, vaccinations, and vitamins are crucial. Finding a skilled handler and gaffer adds another layer

of preparation, as stags demand meticulous attention in terms of nutrition, training, and overall care.

Nutrition and Conditioning

Feeding stags with quality supplements, such as BMEG stag developer and daily vitamin B12 tablets, sets the foundation for their health. Injecting them with Bexan XP every 15 days aids in pre-conditioning, a belief that a healthy stag has a higher chance of triumph in the pit.

Selection and Style

Selecting the right stag is paramount, considering factors like health, station, posture, and fighting style. A well-chosen handler takes charge of feeding programs and exercises, implementing conditioning methods crucial for success.

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RAFAEL NENE ABELLO

Stag Conditioning Techniques

Scratching: Utilize materials like banana leaves and corn husks for scratching activities to build stamina.

Light and Noise: Familiarize stags with pit conditions through walking routines and exposure to loud sounds.

Tailing and Breaking:

Warm up stags with tailing and walking exercises to enhance stamina.

Sparring: Engage stags in sparring sessions against opponents with different fighting styles and colors.

Catch Cock: Practice striking on air and ground using an asil cock before feeding.

Rotation: Rotate stags in flying pens and chord areas for varied conditioning.

The Gaffer's Crucial Role

The gaffer, an experienced guide, plays a pivotal role. Their understanding of your stag's fighting style is invaluable during training and sparring sessions. The gaffer ensures that the stag is well-prepared for the challenges of the derby, contributing to a higher chance of victory in the pit. **PW**

COCKFIGHTING LEGEND: CONGRESSMAN SONNY LAGON'S IMPACT BEYOND THE ARENAS

By Mhar Delaben

In the lively world of Philippine cockfighting, Congressman Sonny Lagon is recognized as a champion in the cockpit, a legendary figure in gamefowl breeding, and a committed public servant. His impact goes beyond the arenas, touching the lives of both large-scale and backyard breeders. Outside of politics, he is a family-oriented individual and a prosperous entrepreneur.

Congressman Sonny Lagon's journey in the realm of cockfighting began not as a mere enthusiast but as a passionate devotee, driven by an unyielding love for these magnificent birds. His prowess in the cockpit quickly set him apart, earning him the title of a champion. His roosters, renowned for their exceptional qualities, have left an indelible mark on the sport.

Mastery in Gamefowl Breeding:

Beyond the adrenaline-filled arenas, Sonny Lagon is a maestro in the art and science of gamefowl breeding. What started as a personal fascination evolved into a lifelong devotion, earning him accolades and respect among both big-time breeders and backyard aficionados. His keen understanding of gamefowl genetics propels him into the upper echelons of the industry, where his fowl continue to grace countless arenas, showcasing excellence in every fight.

“In the world of gamefowl, Congressman Sonny Lagon’s legacy isn’t just about winning in the cockpit; it’s about camaraderie, excellence, and a commitment to both his constituents and the thriving community of breeders.”



Public Servant Par Excellence:

Sonny Lagon’s commitment to service extends far beyond the cockpit. Serving as a Congressman, he dedicates himself to the welfare of his constituents. The same passion and dedication that define his approach to gamefowl breeding permeate his political career. Integrity, fairness, and genuine concern for the well-being of those he serves mark his leadership in the legislative halls.

Friend to All Breeders:

What distinguishes Congressman Sonny Lagon is not just his success in the cockpit or legislative halls; it’s his role as a friend and mentor to the vast community of breeders. Whether one is a seasoned big-time breeder or a humble backyard enthusiast, Sonny Lagon extends his hand in camaraderie. His willingness to share knowledge, insights, and the joy of being part of the gamefowl family sets him apart.

Dedicated Family Man:

Beyond the public eye, Congressman Sonny



Lagon is a dedicated family man. His commitment to his family echoes the same devotion he exhibits in the cockpit and legislative duties. It’s this balance between public service and personal life that paints a comprehensive picture of a man deeply rooted in his values.

Successful Entrepreneur:

Aside from his political and gamefowl pursuits, Sonny Lagon is a successful

entrepreneur. His business acumen complements his dedication to public service and gamefowl breeding, showcasing a multifaceted individual whose impact reverberates across various facets of Philippine society.

In His Own Words:

In reflecting on his journey, Congressman Sonny Lagon remarks, “In the world of gamefowl, it’s not just about winning fights; it’s about building a

“Congressman Sonny Lagon’s legacy echoes not just in the raucous pits of cockfighting but in the quiet moments of mentorship, the halls of legislation, the warmth of family, and the shrewdness of business. He is a living testament to the depth and breadth of a life well-lived.”

“Congressman Sonny Lagon, his legacy stands as a testament to the harmonious coexistence of passion, integrity, and a deep love for the gamefowl culture.”

community, fostering camaraderie, and leaving a legacy of excellence. My commitment to public service, love for family, and success in business are all intertwined with this overarching philosophy.”

Legacy of Excellence:

As we celebrate the living legend that is Congressman Sonny Lagon, his legacy stands as a testament to the harmonious coexistence of passion, integrity, and a deep love for the gamefowl culture. His story transcends arenas, legislative halls, and business ventures, leaving an enduring impact on the hearts and minds of those fortunate enough to witness the remarkable journey of a man who has mastered the cockpit, pioneered gamefowl breeding, served his constituents with dedication, and excelled in the realms of family and business. **PW**





CONGRESSMAN SONNY LAGON: A COCKFIGHTING CHAMPION, GAMEFOWL LEGEND, AND DEVOTED PUBLIC SERVANT

By Mhar Delaben



Cong Sonny holding one of his warrior in his farm.

Sonny Lagon, an ECE by profession, proudly traces his roots to Capiz Mambusao, raised by dignified farmers—his grandparents. Despite current fame, Sonny emphasizes hard work as the bedrock of his success. Principles weathered through life’s experiences balance his competitive spirit in Sabong with devotion to family, cherished by his entire clan.

The name “Blue Blade” carries historical

significance—it was Sonny’s call sign during the radio communications era. Inspired by the blue flame used to forge knives, the name evolved into the now-famous “Blue Blade Gamefarm.”

Sonny’s main bloodlines boast a diverse and successful lineage. Sweater, acquired from Bruce Barnett, is renowned for cutting ability, gameness, and stunning features. Machine Kelso, a gift from John Bishop, produced the renowned “Machine Kelso.” Joe Goode

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THE MACHINE KELSO

Originating from John Bishop, this Kelso Line is designed to fight using short knives when I 1st got them. I have bred them towards my existing Kelso lines which are the Cecil Davis and some of my Cardinal Kelso; the very 1st offsprings we fought in the 1st NFGB Short Knife derby, which we became champions, and later on, we fought them in the 2016 World Slasher Cup and almost become a Double Champion with a record of 15w 1L. The Machine Kelso Lines are ferocious and relentless; hence I named them “Machine.”



Grey, from Bob Sabio in California, excels in short and long knife fights. Swhite, introduced by Sonny from Alabama, proved to be a game-changer, contributing to victories in prestigious derbies. Foundation lines like Gilmores, radios, and YLH play crucial roles in setting the cutting standard on Sonny’s farm.

Spanning 52 hectares in San Pablo City, Laguna, Sonny’s farm benefits from ideal sandy loam soil. Additionally, he operates a conditioning farm and Cockpit Gallera De Mandaue in Cebu.

Sonny urges aspiring breeders to start right by acquiring materials from trusted sources and investing in quality gamefowls. Despite being synonymous with Sabong in the Philippines, Sonny doesn’t associate negativity with his journey, emphasizing the fame and friendships from diverse backgrounds.

Supervising his farm hands, Sonny emphasizes strict recording, markings, wingbands, and leg bands to maintain bloodline vigor. Every three years, he infuses 1/4 blood of a new line to enhance competitiveness.

Sonny lists components—luck, a well-cutting bloodline, and mastery of the sport—as crucial for aspiring champions. Actively financing and engaging in fights with his team, Sonny’s farm isn’t primarily

The Joe Goode

Greys are phenomenal for their fighting styles; I remember I was about to become the LAGBA Triple Crown, and that moment was immortalized by the Joe a Goode Grey's sensational performance and afforded me to become The Breeder of the Year, Stag Fighter of the Year, Cocker of the year.



centered on selling gamefowls, but he shares breeding materials of the highest quality.

From capitalizing on the Sweater fever to foreseeing saturation and exploring new bloodlines, Sonny's career reflects the sweet science and unforgiving nature of Sabong.

Bruce Barnett, Sonny's idol, played a pivotal role in his success. In this exclusive interview, Sonny Lagon opens up about his journey, challenges, and aspirations, offering a glimpse into the multi-faceted world of a Sabong icon and public servant.

Who is Sonny Lagon?

I am Engr. Sonny Lagon an ECE by profession, I grew up in Capiz Mambusao town in the Island of Panay, raised by Grandparents who were dignified farmers. Many would say that Sonny Lagon today is famous and widely known by everyone but back then I had work hard to achieve what I am and what I do share to everyone today. The Sonny Lagon of younger years believe it or not took on Job in a fast food

chain while I was still studying. All this life lesson took me where I am today, my principles in life were weathered thru life's perfect teacher; "experience".

Sabong is my passion and it is where I do showcase my competitive spirit. As a family man I always make sure that my family comes 1st and my entire clan is in full support as they are very happy to see me in Billboards, magazines and TV commercials.

Someday I will get old and one of few things that I would want to leave is the legacy of my name that I was honorable, of good reputation. One thing that I like is someday I would sit in a corner of an arena and see my sons fighting together as one in the pit and that I will tell you will surely make me cry.

Blue Blade Gamefarm name history?

Blue Blade is actually my call sign during those days when radio

communications was the norm, The Blue flame which burns the hottest is the one they used to forged knives (tare) and so that's where I got the Name Blue Blade that later on became the famous "Blue Blade Gamefarm"

Can you tell us about your Main bloodlines?

My main Bloodline is the

Sweater: Which came from Bruce Barnett, Bruce's sweaters comes pea comb, yellow leg, high station, pumpkin color, dazzling red eyes with signature white streamer. This line has premium cutting ability, exemplar gameness and above all this Sweaters are fast killers.



Machine Kelso: The Bloodline stems back to Mr. John Bishop who gave me 1 out of the 8 remaining Brood Stag left in his yard couple with 2 hens, John uphold his promise even when I chose his favorite and said the one I chose was his favorite & that had some keen eye in choosing. This particular line I bred to my existing Kelsos and produced arguably the winningest Kelso in Sabong to date "Machine Kelso".

This line received a baptism of fire when we decided to fight them in NFGB's 1st Short Knife Derby held in Arcontica Coliseum Cavite Philippines. Our newest arsenal was young back then but exceeding expectations the full show Kelso Stags surged into next level superseding the competition as the best amongst the best. That day we saw their aggression and their relentless drive to win pounding their

opponent relentlessly like a "machine" and so I named them "Machine Kelso".

Joe Goode Grey: The origin of this Bloodline came from Bob Sabio which is my close friend in California. This lines were winning in the US where they fight short and long knife. I have blended this line with my Sweaters and Kelsos which helped me bag the 2016 Intl. 8 Cock World Slasher Cup tallying 15w 1L out of 2 entries and almost became double champion.



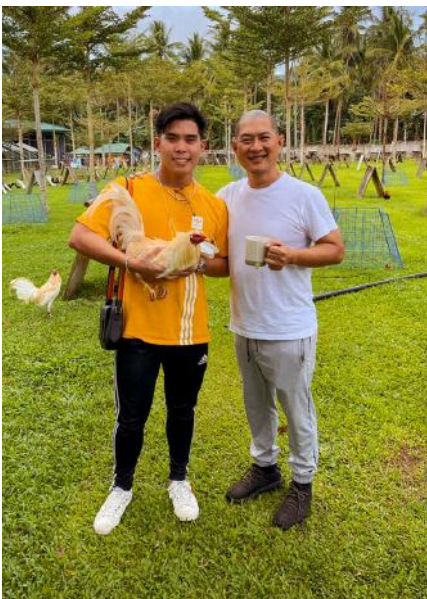
The Swhites

Its discovery was accidental then, and I was looking to breed some offcolors to prevent my stags "Gire" in stag derbies. I just bought them from a backyard breeder in the States. I have 1st bred them with my Sweaters and produced 16 straight wins, a draw, and after that, it made another sensational 6-winning streak. Eventually, I developed them as a strain named the Swhites. The Swhites are naturally shifty and agile, with exceptional footwork that they invariably use to catch their opponent of guarded most of the time. I would say that I have bred them with enough gameness that they are deceitfully game today, given that most White fowls are considered light fowls.

Swhite: I started this off colors since I see my rooster doesn't want to fight with this colors. I took this line in Alabama for a mere 50\$ and

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bred them with my Sweater Kelsos. On the 1st year I was amazed with the result, we fought 22 straight wins with 1 draw 1L followed by consecutive 16 wins so that's when I started to realize how special they are. Recently we took the 2018 World Pitmaster Cup 9 Stag derby and Solo & 7 Stag solo champion and this Sw Whites played a big role together with all my other blood lines.

I also have the Gilmores which is my foundation hatch ever since together with my radios, YLH and this are the lines I use to set the cutting standard in my farm.

How big is your farm?

The farm is actually 52 hectares in the wilderness of San Pablo City, Laguna where sandy loam soil is very ideal. I also have a conditioning farm and a Cockpit Gallera De Mandaue in Cebu.

Message to those who are starting?

My advice is to start it right, get the right materials from trusted breeders and don't hesitate to invest with good Gamefowls.

Is there any negative side being a gamefowl breeder?

Sabong in the Philippines or as a whole can almost be synonymous to my name, it brought me fame and



breeding stocks every year and I gave them a program to follow that ever since had work well for us. Maintaining Bloodlines is really difficult but throughout the years we have devised programs from markings, wingbands leg bands and strict recording. The way we maintain our Bloodlines vigor and competitiveness is that every 3 years we make it a point we infuse ¼ Blood of a new line and then eventually bred them back to our long time staples.

What advice would you give to those who aspire to become a champion?

Sabong has a list of components that you should at least possess to become a champion since Luck only comes after you made sure that No.1 above all your Bloodline cuts really well, like a hot knife through butter.

Is it true that you are the one financing your farm?

I do finance my own farm and fight them myself together with my team. Honestly my farm is not centered in selling Gamefowls as we do compete in the big leagues but to quench the clamor of our fans we do share breeding materials only of highest quality.



most of all friendship from different walks of life thus I would not say that it brought negativity in my life.

In terms of keeping and recording of your Gamefowl, can you share the way how you do it?

I personally supervised my farm hands in setting our

What are the Challenges in your career as a Sabong icon?

From the dawn of early 2000's the Sweater fever descended in Philippines that ushered in a new era in Sabong and I was one of those who capitalized from this phenomenal Bloodline. My



career came in hot and the conquest was swift as we were winning derbies after derbies and I would say most of them, if not all were truly “Big events”. Foreseeing the Sweater saturation I have seek Bloodlines like our very well accomplished Machine Kelso, Joe Goode Grey, Swhites and these lines I have proven capable of not only winning today but dominant in the coming years. The sport I may say is a

sweet science but truly unforgiving.

Is there a particular mentor behind all of your successes? Tell us more about him?

I would say Bruce Barnette is my only Idol, I believe we had a father & son relationship that lasted until his departure. Our partnership brought us exponential fame and hundreds of trophies. I will be forever thankful to Bruce as once upon a time there was “Bruce and Sonny” D’ duo who took Philippine Sabong by Storm.

Future plans?

On numerous occasions we had the chance to qualify in the finals of Bakbakan National Stag derby which is the country’s grandest or should I say D’ biggest in the



world but the most we had was a runner-up. I have always been competitive and I staunchly believe that winning a Bakbakan crown is not matter of how but just a matter of when.

On the Public service side I have decided to run for the congress representing #92 Ako Bisaya Party List. As I have shared I was born poor and had work my way up in the most honorable way I could, Today I have shared more than I can spent in my lifetime and this I would want to take to the level exponentially but leaving behind all dirty politics side. **PW**



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CRAFTING CHAMPIONS IN GAMEFOWL FARMS

By Mhar Delaben

Delve into the intricate world of selective breeding, where gamefowl breeders masterfully blend science and artistry to cultivate champions. Uncover the secrets behind the meticulous process that produces birds with unparalleled strength, agility, and intelligence

Selective breeding stands as the bedrock of gamefowl farms committed to achieving excellence. Over the course of generations, astute breeders have engaged in the delicate art of pairing, a meticulous process aimed at amplifying desirable traits within their flocks. The goal extends beyond producing birds solely proficient in the cockpit; it involves crafting specimens that embody a superior genetic legacy for the entire breed.

This article embarks on a journey into the intricate realm where genetics and human ingenuity converge—the art of selective breeding. Every pairing is a strategic maneuver, a careful consideration of each bird’s strengths and

weaknesses. Whether it’s refining instincts for strategic maneuvers or enhancing endurance for prolonged bouts, the breeder’s craft involves a nuanced dance with the birds’ genetic code.

The beauty of selective breeding lies not just in the end result—a formidable and finely tuned gamefowl—but also in the perpetuation of certain characteristics that define the breed. Beyond the arena, these birds become living testaments to the careful stewardship of their human counterparts. It’s a process that requires patience, foresight, and an acute understanding of avian genetics.

In this dance of heredity, breeders play the roles of sculptors, shaping not only the physical attributes of the fowl but also the very essence of their spirit. The synergy between the breeder’s expertise and the natural variations present in the gene pool creates a dynamic interplay that has produced some of the most revered and legendary gamefowl.

As we navigate the labyrinth of selective breeding, we uncover the stories etched in the feathers of these birds, tales of triumphs, challenges, and the unwavering dedication of breeders who understand that each pairing contributes not only to the present glory but also paves the way for the future of the gamefowl breed. **PW**

“IN THE ALCHEMY OF GENETICS, BREEDERS SCULPT MORE THAN CHAMPIONS; THEY SHAPE THE VERY ESSENCE OF THE GAMEFOWL SPIRIT.” -

[BREEDING MAESTRO], CRAFTING EXCELLENCE FEATHER BY FEATHER



BILLY RAY COLLINS

PRESERVING HERITAGE BREEDS

By Mhar Delaben

Embark on a journey to uncover the tales woven into the feathers of heritage gamefowl breeds. Explore the dedicated efforts of breeders committed to preserving these avian heirlooms, safeguarding genetic diversity and cultural significance.

In the fast-paced world of gamefowl breeding, where trends come and go, a dedicated group of breeders stands as guardians of the past. This article delves into the fascinating realm of preserving heritage breeds, where the focus is not on the latest innovations but on the timeless stories embedded in the feathers of these avian treasures.

Amid the clamor for new and exciting breeds, some breeders find inspiration in the old. Rare color variations and historic bloodlines take center stage as these custodians of tradition navigate the unique challenges and relish the triumphs of preserving heritage breeds. It's a journey that requires a keen understanding of history, genetics, and a profound commitment to ensuring that the legacy of these breeds endures.

As the article unfolds, readers will discover the intricate dance between breeders and their feathered charges. The breeders, often viewed as storytellers, meticulously weave the tales of each heritage breed, emphasizing not only their

“Preserving heritage breeds is not just about the past; it’s about weaving a richer tapestry for the future—a living testament to the enduring spirit of the gamefowl.”

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distinctive physical characteristics but also the historical significance that sets them apart.

The challenges in preserving heritage breeds are manifold, from the complexities of maintaining pure bloodlines to navigating the delicate balance between conservation and adaptation. Yet, for these breeders, the rewards are immeasurable. Each successfully preserved heritage breed represents a living testament to their dedication—a piece of living history that enriches the broader tapestry of the gamefowl world.

Join us on a journey into the heart of the past, where feathers tell tales, and each heritage breed is a living heirloom. Discover the passion, commitment, and unwavering spirit of the breeders who, against the currents of change, ensure that the legacy of these gamefowl heirlooms continues to thrive.



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GOLDENBOY SWEATER**



HARMONY IN FEATHERS: UNVEILING THE DNA BLUES SAGA

Darell N Ashlie

Once upon a time, in the enchanting tapestry of our DNA Hobby Farm, a magical family of fowls known as the DNA Blues came to life. Let me weave the tale of Darell and Ashlie, the brilliant minds behind this feathered legacy. Darell, with roots deeply embedded in the Philippines, and Ashlie, a soul from the hills of West Virginia, embarked on a journey of love and devotion to the art of gamefowl breeding. Their story unfolds in the vibrant hues of cultural fusion, echoing in every cluck and rustle of feathers. As husband and wife, they became architects of a family lineage that transcends borders. The DNA Blues, a living testament to unity, resilience, and a shared dream nurtured over years. Each plume tells a story, a chapter in the book of their unwavering dedication. The attached photos offer a glimpse into this extraordinary saga—a journey that spans continents, binds diverse cultures, and showcases the harmony of love and farm life. Dear community, join us in applauding Darell and Ashlie's passion project—the DNA Blues. Your support adds melody to the symphony of their farm life, resonating with the joy found in every crow and wingbeat. Stay enchanted, stay tuned, for this is just the beginning of the DNA Hobby Farm saga.



GAMEFOWL WELFARE AND ETHICAL BREEDING PRACTICES

By Mhar Delaben

Shift the focus from combat to compassion as we explore the evolving landscape of gamefowl breeding, emphasizing animal welfare and ethical practices. Discover how breeders are redefining their roles as stewards of these magnificent birds, prioritizing their well-being beyond the arena.

In the evolving landscape of gamefowl breeding, a paradigm shift is underway—one that extends beyond the confines of the cockpit and embraces a profound commitment to the welfare of these magnificent birds. Gamefowl breeders, attuned to the changing tides of ethical consciousness, are ushering in a new era marked by humane practices and thoughtful stewardship.

Gone are the days when breeding success was measured solely by victories in the cockpit. Today, breeders are recognizing the significance of creating an environment that prioritizes the overall well-being of their fowl. This paradigm shift encompasses various facets, starting with reimagined living conditions. Spacious, enriched

enclosures have become the norm, providing ample room for natural behaviors and promoting the birds' mental and physical health.

Holistic healthcare has emerged as a cornerstone of ethical breeding practices. Breeders are increasingly turning to preventive measures, emphasizing nutrition, vaccinations, and disease management. This holistic approach not only ensures the longevity of the birds but also challenges the age-old perception that success in the cockpit must come at the expense of the fowl's health.

This article delves into the progressive approaches that breeders are adopting to strike a balance between tradition and responsibility. It explores the ethical considerations that are reshaping the narrative of gamefowl breeding, showcasing a community that acknowledges its role as stewards of these avian athletes. The conversations around ethical breeding practices are not just a trend; they represent a collective acknowledgment that the welfare of the birds is integral to the legacy of the breed.

As the gamefowl breeding community embraces this broader perspective, it navigates uncharted territory, proving that a commitment to ethical practices not only enhances the lives of the fowl but also contributes to the sustainability and resilience of the entire breed.

“In the heart of ethical breeding lies the commitment to honor and respect the lives entrusted to our care, reshaping the ethos of gamefowl stewardship.”

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THE INSPIRATIONAL JOURNEY OF A PROFESSIONAL BOXER AND HIS GAME BIRDS

In the world of professional boxing, every athlete draws inspiration from unique sources. For this dedicated boxer, his game birds not only represent a fierce mentality in the ring but also serve as a grounding force amidst life's storms. Join us on a journey through the chicken yard, where strength, family, and the spirit of competition come together.

Growing up as a youth athlete, I was immersed in the world of sports, participating in various disciplines like track and soccer. However, it was boxing that truly captured my passion. As an amateur boxer, I approached each match with the mindset of a game bird – striking first, fast, and with unyielding strength. Little did I know that this mentality would continue to shape my life, even as I transitioned into the realm of professional boxing.

In the professional arena, I carry the spirit of those purebred game birds with me. They serve as my constant inspiration, driving me to work harder and push myself to the limits of my physical and mental capabilities. The lessons learned from the ring are seamlessly integrated into the fabric of my daily life, influencing not just how I train but also

how I face the storms that life inevitably brings.

Amidst the chaos and challenges, I find solace and joy in the haven of our chicken yard, surrounded by my family. It's more than just a space for our feathered companions; it's a place where we come together to build, laugh, play, and engage in discussions about our cherished chickens. Beyond the clucks and flaps, the chicken yard has become a classroom, teaching my children the intrinsic value of hard work, responsibility, and the circle of life.

Each departure for a rigorous training camp is met with a bittersweet farewell to the chicken yard. As I walk through the familiar space, I witness the game birds confidently traversing the rope pole, flirting, flapping their wings, and proudly crowing. Their energy becomes a source of motivation, reminding me of the unwavering strength and spirit that defines a true boxer.

In those moments, surrounded by the lively atmosphere of



our chicken yard, I absorb the essence of these game birds. Their resilience, their fearless nature, and their unapologetic crowing serve as a powerful metaphor for the challenges I face in the ring. It's a ritual that grounds me, aligns my focus, and mentally prepares me to step into the spotlight as a true boxer, ready to face whatever challenges lie ahead.

As I continue this journey, the bond between the ring and the roost remains unbroken – a testament to the interconnectedness of passion, family, and the pursuit of excellence. **PW**



“In the chicken yard, amidst clucks, I find the strength to face the storms of life and prepare myself for the ring. These game birds are not just birds; they are my mentors and my source of inspiration.”

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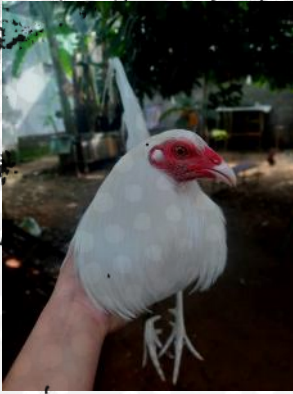
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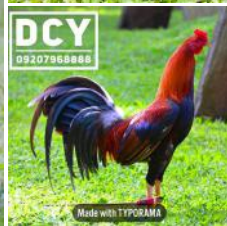
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