

<u>User's Guide for OvoControl[®] P</u>

OvoControl P is easy to use. For safe and effective use and the best results, the applicator should follow a simple set of guidelines. Please review the easy to follow "Six **Step Program**" and ensure that you are familiar with directions, cautions and restrictions for OvoControl.

1. READ THE LABEL

- OvoControl is registered as a pesticide. As with all pesticides, users are required to read and follow the label. If you have not done so, please review a copy of the OvoControl label either on the website, on the bag, or included with your automatic feeder order.
- Make sure that you are familiar with label directions to ensure that you comply with all State and Federal Laws as per the APVMA permit.

2. EVALUATE THE SITE

- Take time to evaluate site characteristics movement of the flock(s), bird habits, feeding routines, bird numbers, non-target species, etc. This information will help you design the most appropriate baiting program for your specific project.
- Flat rooftops make ideal baiting sites. If a flat rooftop is not available, identify a suitable flat, paved, or concrete surface appropriate for the application of OvoControl. Choose secured areas with limited public access. OvoControl is not suitable for indoor use.
- Install an automatic feeder(s) to deliver the required quantity of bait each morning. Ensure the feeder is secured effectively to ensure wind or storm conditions do not affect or cause damage to the feeder. Automatic feeders are ideal for ensuring that the flock receives the prescribed quantity of bait every morning, 365 days a year.

3. PRE-CONDITION THE PIGEONS

- OvoControl consists of a daily baiting regimen. The pigeons must be conditioned to arrive at the selected baiting site each morning for a dose of OvoControl. Birds are conditioned to the baiting routine with pre-bait such as cracked corn or grain.
- The pre-baiting process can last anywhere from 1 to 7 weeks. Birds are considered conditioned when they arrive at the feeder each morning in anticipation of a "free meal".
- Begin pre-baiting with cracked corn. Set the automatic feeder to trigger shortly after sunrise and deliver approximately 0.5 kilograms/80 birds. Four (4) seconds on the clock delivers approximately 0.5 kilograms of bait.
- See Calibrate an Automatic Feeder to ensure your feeder is delivering the appropriate quantity of corn or OvoControl.
- Once the birds are feeding regularly, count the number of pigeons and ensure that no other birds are eating the bait. Use a digital camera or automatic trail camera if necessary to record and evaluate activity.



4. INTRODUCE OVOCONTROL P

- Observe the personal protection precautions outlined on the label and safety data sheet when handling OvoControl eye protection, long sleeved shirt, long pants, and safety foot ware should be worn.
- Begin the transition from pre-bait by mixing OvoControl bait into the cracked corn or grain. The transition process can take a few days to a few weeks depending on the behaviour of the pigeons at your site.
- Confirm that pigeons are consuming both the pre-bait as well as the OvoControl kibbles. Clean up any accumulated or leftover bait per label instructions.
- Continue to feed 0.5 kilograms of bait/80 birds. Gradually increase the proportion of OvoControl until completely converted from the pre-bait.

5. OPTIMISE THE PROGRAM AND MONITOR AND RECORD RESULTS

- Periodically monitor the baiting site to ensure pigeons are present and non-target birds are not consuming the bait.
- Pigeon numbers decline over time, therefore, periodically monitor the population, and make the necessary adjustment on the feeder and amount of OvoControl applied each morning.
- Evi-EYE which is AI technology for identifying and counting the pigeons daily weekly and monthly can be accessed for a monthly fee via the Evicom website. This is a convenient way to track bird numbers on a weekly and monthly basis and obtain reports.
- Pigeon Tracker Log can be downloaded from the Evicom website. This is a simple and convenient spreadsheet to track bird numbers manually on a weekly and monthly basis. Use this spreadsheet to keep track of bait and bird numbers.

6. MAINTENANCE

- Periodically spray feeder motor shaft with WD-40 or similar oil to help prevent corrosion.
- Check feeder legs are secured effectively to the ground or roof to prevent damage from wind or storm conditions
- If installed check camera frame and camera for damage and check mounting frame is secure to prevent damage from wind or storm conditions.

• Check the main barrel and lid of the feeder for damage and ensure the feeder lid is locking into a secure position.

For more information, see the website <u>www.evicom.com.au</u> or call Evicom on 0407 232 172.