

PRO-PIGEON PROPAGANDA



Everything you didn't know you owed them.



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 Flying Rats & Other Misnomers at
 Alcea Gallery Benefiting Great Lakes
 Pigeon Rescue
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"There isn't anything the United States can do too much for this bird."
 - General Pershing on Cher Ami, 1918

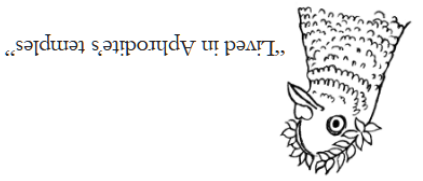
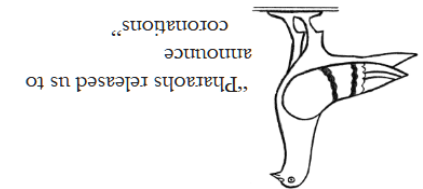
THE BEGINNING

Rock doves were chilling on Mediterranean cliffs when humans started farming. Grain everywhere. They moved in. We didn't mind.



Mesopotamian tablets mention pigeon-keeping around 3000 BCE.

WE WERE SACRED



These birds meant something real to people across every major religion for thousands of years.

"Holy Spirit descends as a dove. Noah's dove brings back the olive branch. You know the image."

WE WERE WAR HEROES

CHER AMI SECTION:



Shot through the chest. One eye gone. Leg hanging by a tendon. Delivered coordinates that saved 194 soldiers. France gave him the Croix de Guerre. His body's at the Smithsonian now.

G.T. JOE SECTION:



Flew 20 miles in 20 minutes to stop a bombing raid on friendly troops. Over a thousand soldiers lived because this bird was fast enough.

32 pigeons received the Dickin Medal for bravery. More than dogs. More than horses.

DO SOMETHING



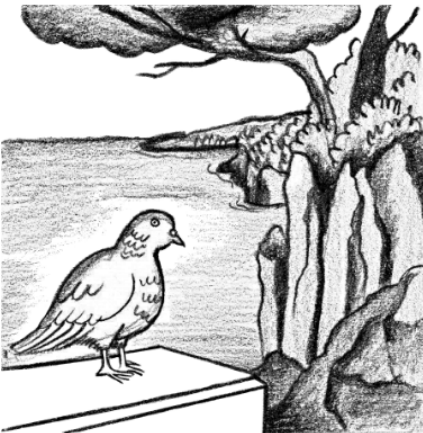
Banded pigeon? That's someone's bird. Contact Great Lakes Pigeon Rescue at greatlakespigeonrescue.org



Adopt one. They're quiet, affectionate, and goofy as hell. Perfect apartment pets.



FERAL ≠ WILD



Wild = evolved without human interference
 Feral = domesticated, then abandoned

City pigeons are feral. We designed them for urban life and then ditched them. Those ledges look exactly like the Mediterranean cliffs their ancestors called home.

ABANDONED



1963
 UK military declares pigeons "of no further use." Two deaths. Science was bunk. Pest control saw dollar signs.

1948
 Garbage NYT article links pigeons to human deaths. Science was bunk. Pest control saw dollar signs.

We bred these birds to live near humans and made them dependent on cities. Then we called them an infestation.