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"Managing the Health and Wellness of our Geese Population"

IS FEEDING BREAD TO GEESE AND DUCKS BAD? YES!

Here's why:

GEESE AND DUCKS NEED VITAMIN E AND NUTRIENTS!

Vitamin E comes naturally from the environment, not from bread. Geese find it in grass, leaves, seeds, and aquatic plants.

DUCKLINGS AND GOSLINGS CAN GROW TOO FAST AND NOT FLY!

When they are growing up and eat too much bread, it causes them to grow too fast and fatten up too quickly. This causes their wing joints to become deformed, resulting in an *ANGEL WING* (see picture on right). This means they will not be able to fly! If they can't fly, they are unable to get away from predators.

BREAD CAN HARM ADULT BIRDS, TOO!

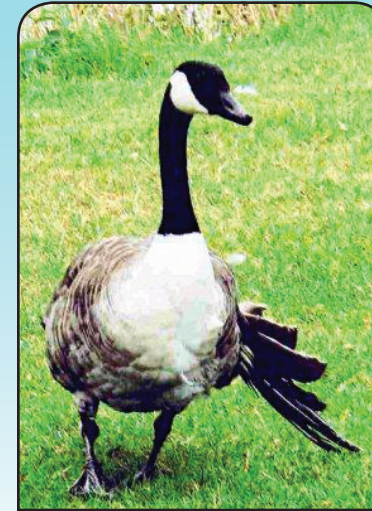
Birds could get various diseases. For example, if bread is left floating in the water, it becomes moldy, and can cause a disease called *ASPERIGILLOSIS*, a fatal lung infection.

BIRDS WON'T MIGRATE!

Feeding the geese encourages them NOT to migrate, a natural behavior. If they stay in one place, they leave quite a mess. A goose releases a pound of feces a day! The more they eat, the larger the mess where you want to walk, play, and picnic.

THANK YOU!

Goose Management Patrol Volunteers



Example of a goose with Angel Wing. Now he can't fly!

WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

WE NEED:

- Volunteers to walk our recreation paths, sidewalks, parks, and facilities to monitor the geese population
- Friendly dogs to help herd geese

INTERESTED?

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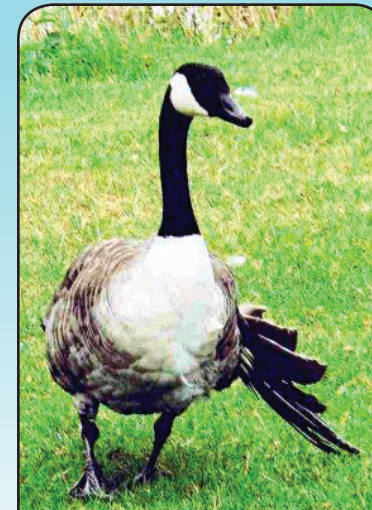
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