



## Educate Yourself

- Ducklings and goslings are easily injured by children.
- Ducklings and goslings are fully grown in 6-8 weeks and can stand up to 2-3 feet tall when fully grown.
- Ducks and geese require specialized vet care and can live ten to fifteen years or longer.
- Most domestic ducks and geese cannot fly and neither domestic ducks nor geese can fend for themselves in the wild.
- Ducks and geese require specialized waterfowl feed and access to clean drinking water at all times.
- In the summer, ducks and geese prosper with daily access to a pond or a clean kiddie pool.
- In the winter, ducks and geese need access to bathing water at least twice a week to preen and keep warm.
- Ducks and geese require 2-3 hours of daily care.
- Ducks and geese need a secure outdoor enclosure with a shelter from the elements. They are messy and do not make ideal indoor pets. Ducks in particular need protection from digging, climbing and flying predators.
- Ducks and geese are safest and best protected from predators when locked up in a barn or shed for the night with clean, dry bedding.

Ducks always appear to be smiling...



Even when they have so little to smile about.

*Majestic Waterfowl Sanctuary*

We give ducks and geese a reason to smile.

Please help **STOP** our nationwide waterfowl abandonment issue.



The duck or goose dropped off on a pond today may die on that pond tomorrow.

Visit our website:

[www.majesticwaterfowl.org](http://www.majesticwaterfowl.org)

to see how you can help.





## Who We Are

The Majestic Waterfowl Sanctuary is a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization dedicated to the protection of domestic waterfowl.

Most buyers purchase ducklings and goslings and then realize 6-8 weeks later they no longer have the means to properly care for them. They find a local pond and drop the birds off there, mistakenly thinking they are doing them a favor by "setting them free."

Domestic ducks are unable to fly and do not have the genetic programming or the skills needed to survive in the wild. Most die within months of being dumped by their owners. Some are killed by predators while others die slowly of starvation. Those that make it to winter often freeze to death, suffer severe frostbite and lose limbs or part of their beaks, or literally freeze to ponds and lakes that have iced over. We work to humanely capture ducks and geese in order to spare them from this fate.

Once the birds are in healthy and adoptable condition, we list them for adoption and work to find them permanent, loving homes.



## Donating

We need to alleviate the lengthy waiting list that abandoned domestic ducks and geese are currently up against. To do this we need to educate the public about the harmfulness of frivolous purchasing and subsequent abandonment. We also need to further increase our sanctuary space so that we are able to accommodate more of these homeless animals on ponds or facing euthanasia at other shelters. Your donations support us in both of these endeavors.

To donate, please mail your check or money order to:  
Majestic Waterfowl Sanctuary  
17 Barker Road  
Lebanon, CT 06249  
Or you may donate online at:  
[www.majesticwaterfowl.org](http://www.majesticwaterfowl.org)

## Ways You Can Help



- Let veterinarians, animal shelters, pet stores, hatcheries and organizations that sell ducklings and goslings know about our organization and website by giving them our brochure.
- If your school has a hatching program, work with them to make sure it is being handled responsibly. Many educational programs hatch out dozens of unwanted ducklings that ultimately end up at shelters where they face mass euthanasia.
- Educate yourself about the many responsibilities of waterfowl care and ownership before you welcome ducks or geese into your family Our website is an excellent educational resource.

• Volunteer for our organization:

- ❖ Waterfowl rescuers
- ❖ Construction volunteers
- ❖ Fundraiser organizers
- ❖ PR/Outreach assistance