

# Help Us Help the Geese

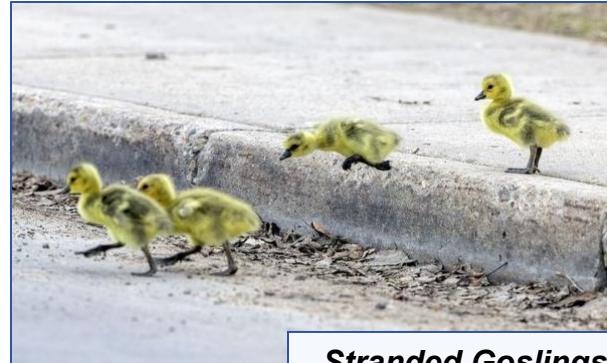
Everyone loves baby animals.

But, too many create problems for *them* as well as us.

There are hundreds of nests in the St. Louis metro area.  
This can spell trouble for the geese and people alike.



**Traffic Accidents**



**Stranded Goslings**



**Conflicts with Pedestrians**



**Abuse by People**



**Round-Ups  
and  
Slaughter**

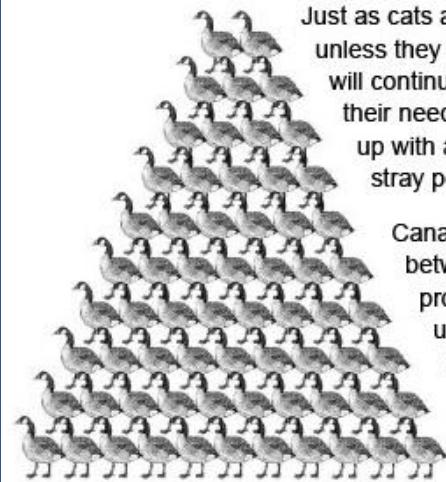
The only humane solution is to *prevent* the problems *before* they start.

That means

## Humane Nest Management

# People love the geese...until they don't.

Most people enjoy the geese and like to watch them fly, swim, and stroll. But, too much of a good thing can end in disaster.



Just as cats and dogs can rapidly multiply – unless they are spayed or neutered – geese will continue laying eggs in an area that fits their needs. If left unchecked, you can end up with a population explosion, similar to stray pets.

Canada geese can live anywhere between 10 and 25 years, and produce offspring from the age of 2 until 15 years. The average nest is 5 or 6 eggs, but they can easily lay 10 or 12. If the conditions are right, they will keep coming back to nest.

Too many nesting geese can result in conflicts with people, when protective ganders chase anyone approaching a nest area. Add excessive goose droppings to the mix, and you'll have complaints to property owners, managers, and even councilmembers.

Unchecked nesting also results in geese and their goslings stuck in traffic, hit by cars, and causing accidents. Wildlife rescue groups, as

well as animal shelters and law enforcement, regularly receive calls about injured geese. When it all gets to be more than officials are willing to handle, they resort to **round-ups and slaughter**.

*This is a wonderful video produced by a class in the Ferguson-Florissant School District. It illustrates exactly how nests are humanely managed and why. Scan the code to see.*



*This is a sobering video of what frequently happens when communities tire of “too many geese.” Under a veil of secrecy the geese (and goslings) are rounded up and slaughtered. Scan the code to see.*



For information on Canada geese and Humane Nest Management, visit **GeesePeace St. Louis**, [geesepeacestlouis.org](http://geesepeacestlouis.org).

For information on Humane Nest Management and professional wildlife services, visit **Humane Wildlife Solutions**, [humanewildlifesolutionsllc.com](http://humanewildlifesolutionsllc.com).

For help with injured geese, visit **MO Wildlife Rescue Center**, [mowildlife.org](http://mowildlife.org), or call 636-394-1880.