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*Providing effective control solutions for migratory and semi-permanent goose populations*



### Timing is everything

There is no one solution to discourage Canada Geese. Timely and careful attention to deterrent techniques may be enough to encourage geese to nest and feed elsewhere.

- identify potential nesting and rearing sites on the property.
- prepare to discourage the birds as soon as they arrive.
- monitor potential sites for newly arriving birds and act immediately

The birds are extremely reluctant to move on once they have begun moulting their flight feathers in early June. Habitat modification may be required, along with seasonal deterrence, to discourage the geese more effectively over time.

### Our Value to your Business

We identify when and why geese are attracted to your particular site. We then design a population control program customized to be highly effective to your unique conditions while remaining sensitive to the area's overall ecosystem. Strategies include daily dog and handler patrols, habitat modifications and egg depredation procedures carried out under the authority of appropriate Ministry permits. Strategic habitat modification and methodical egg depredation approaches undertaken at the most critical times of the year lead to a significant reduction in goose populations. Harnessing the innate herding instincts of our dogs, we work on land and water to persuade stubborn flocks to seek less hospitable foraging and nesting opportunities elsewhere.

During the spring migratory and breeding season, one to two professional handlers work a property with two or more highly trained canines on a daily basis, ensuring that incoming bird populations are not established within the area.

By late June, patrols are usually scaled back to occur every second day. Geese moult during this period and therefore cannot fly; the control objective at this time is to minimize damage to greens, fairways and other high priority areas of the property.

By early August, geese become active once again and as a result migratory populations are prone to congregate. During this time, daily patrols are usually re-established.

Our staff provides ongoing monitoring of population patterns throughout the season to ensure problem flocks do not colonize in or near the targeted property.



Our team of professionals are trained to provide the most efficient, cost effective and ethical goose control services available today.

We ensure that appropriate permits and control practices – as regulated by The Canadian Wildlife Services and local bylaws – are respected at all times, and that control services are conducted in the most safe, ethical, ecologically sensitive and least intrusive manner possible.



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Surveys conducted by Environment Canada over the past quarter century confirm that populations of Canada Geese resident to Southern Ontario have grown dramatically – from approximately 20,000 in 1977 to more than one million today.

Increased land development, few natural predators, stringent protection laws and milder winters have all contributed to this population explosion. As a result golf courses, municipal and industrial parks and private residences are all facing increasing challenges to limit the damage, waste and annoyance caused by these birds. And this problem is no small annoyance.

Each mature goose produces in excess of 28 ounces of droppings per day. Accumulation can quickly reach levels that can prove dangerous and destructive to natural habitats.



Grazing geese attract additional migratory birds to hospital areas, significant populations can accumulate rapidly, especially during the spring and fall seasons.

## Available options

Several legal options currently exist for controlling nuisance birds and their impact on grounds keeping. Choices include noise products, chemical and visual repellants, and extensive fencing. While some of these products may offer temporary results, each one can be intrusive and even dangerous under many circumstances. We offer a more effective alternative.

Bye Bye Birdie uses a comprehensive approach that includes **population control, habitat modification and flock harassment strategies** that, together, are proven to be the safest and most effective and least intrusive method of goose control available today.

Strategic habitat modification and methodical egg depredation approaches undertaken at the most critical times of the year lead to a significant reduction in goose populations. By harnessing specially bred herding instincts, our dogs work on land and water to persuade stubborn flocks to seek less hospitable foraging and nesting opportunities elsewhere.



The dog must be able to ride safely in golf carts and canoes, ignore distractions, stay within the boundaries of the property and relate to your clients and staff in a friendly yet professional manner. Each property makes unique demands that must be met by adaptable dogs, effective ongoing training and expert handling.

## Our Dogs

Training dogs in the techniques of effective goose control is both an art and a science. Prospective canines are selected for their herding instincts, trainability and ability to adapt to a variety of demands. In addition to acquiring the skills needed to harass goose populations without causing physical harm to the birds, an effective patrol dog must be able to assess the nature of a colony of geese, anticipate their responses and respond to a range of handler commands and signals.



## Control of Migratory Birds in Canada

No two open properties are alike – size, location, orientation to established migratory flight patterns, access to rivers and ponds, quality and nature of existing vegetation, and current bird populations all affect response strategies.

Only specific, limited methods of controlling migratory bird populations are legally permitted in Canada. In consultation with research conducted by Canadian wildlife scientists, as well as our own extensive field work, our unique process has provided us with a wealth of experience in our specialized field.



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