

LOOK AFTER YOUR GEESE AND SWANS

FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE RULES

LIKE PEOPLE, GEESE AND SWANS NEED A GOOD DIET TO BE HEALTHY



Geese eat grass and plants they can find for themselves



Feed small amounts



Feed bird food



Avoid bread of any sort



No cooked food



Don't feed on the car park



Too much food leads to...



Rats



Pollution



Bird muck



Too many geese



You could be fined

BEFORE YOU FEED THE GEESE AND SWANS REMEMBER...



Feed small amounts

Geese eat naturally eat grass and water plants. They only need small amounts of mixed corn, floating duck pellets or uncooked plain porridge oats as extras in their diet. Suitable food is available from the ice cream van or local pet shops.



Avoid bread of any sort

Bread is the junk food of the bird world! The birds will eat it but it has few nutrients suitable for them.



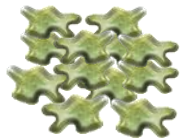
Angel Wing

Bread has too much protein and too little vitamin E. Too much can cause deformities that stop the bird from flying.



No cooked food

Salt is very bad for geese. Cooked or processed food that contains or was cooked using salt will poison them.



Dung

When feeding, geese can create dung every six minutes. With over 100 geese on site, that is 16 splats per minute.

Goose dung is slippery, contains bacteria and diseases harmful to people and causes pollution.



Don't feed on the car park

The geese wait on the car park and gather around cars expecting to be fed. This is very upsetting for some people, especially children.



Pollution

Uneaten food and goose dung poisons the water. Blue Green algae is especially dangerous during the summer.



Too many geese

Large numbers of geese force out other wildlife, eat away the wild flowers and pollute the lake.



You could be fined

We want our birds, water and wildlife to be healthy. Inconsiderate or unsuitable feeding could lead to you being fined or issued with a fixed penalty notice



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