



Domestic Ducks....a LONG term Commitment!

So often, especially at Easter time, people will get domestic duck chicks for their kids to raise. This can be a great experience for your kids if you think it through. Sadly 95% of the time it isn't a good experience for the ducks. Like all pets, ducks are a huge commitment...for life. A duck can live over 10 years and they have a lot of special requirements. They need access to fresh water at all times. It is important they get a proper diet. Cleaning up after them is a big part of their care. (What goes in comes out 10 times as much!) Do you have proper shelter for them in both the warm and cold months? Did we mention, this is a lifelong commitment?

In most cases, these ducks will not stay with the original owners. Kids lose interest. Parents get overwhelmed. The ducks pay the price. In a few instances people will go to the effort to find a proper home, but most often these domestics get released into the wild. People tell themselves they are doing the right thing by letting them go at the city park pond, or along the river. In reality, they are condemning these ducks to a stressful, and often...very short life.

Domestic ducks are not built to fly. They may be able to get off the ground for a very short distance, but they can't truly fly. This means they are literally sitting ducks when it comes to predators. Also, being hand raised, they aren't always afraid of people. Not all people are kind and domestic ducks trying to survive in the wild are often victims of abuse by people.

The bottom line is, think it through. Nature's Nursery only takes in wild animals, and there are very few good options out there for placement of domestic ducks. If you are wanting to get domestic ducks, please do your homework and be willing to make that long term commitment to them.

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