



A GOOSE DETERRENT SYSTEM

Goose facts:

- ❖ Research has shown that the excrement of geese contains a wide variety of pathogens capable of infecting humans these include; bacteria (Salmonella, E. coli, Listeria, Chlamydiosis), viruses (bird flu), parasites (Cryptosporidium, Giardia, Toxoplasmosis) and fungus.
- ❖ For pets, the main concern is parasites. Specifically, the parasite Cryptosporidium which is commonly carried by geese. It causes GI issues, such as diarrhea, weight loss, and/or poor appetite, this can lead to dehydration which can be fatal.
- ❖ Geese will eat 3 lbs. of grass per day
- ❖ They produce 1-3 lbs. of excrement per day
- ❖ Life expectancy: about 20 years
- ❖ Goose population grows **19.5%** per year
- ❖ Mating season is February to March
- ❖ Nesting season is mid-March to mid-May
- ❖ Geese return to same area each year
- ❖ During June adult geese molt; loose wing feathers and can't fly
- ❖ During the molt, geese need to be near water sources for easy escape from predators. The molting area needs an easily accessible food supply
- ❖ Molting season is early June to late July
- ❖ By early August all geese can again fly