

1) How Service Works:

Losee's Goose Control will have their dogs on site Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday for approximately two hours per day. During the daily site visits, they will move from park to park depending on the location of the geese.

2) Where do the geese go?

The trained Border Collies run to move geese off parks and consistent chasing encourages the geese to stay away. What tends to happen in this type of program is that the migrating geese get tired of being chased so they find another place that is more hospitable. ***The geese find a location where they will be left alone.***

3) Are we giving our problem to the schools?

No! The schools and other green areas in this city already are having a problem with geese making a mess on their property. The School District administration has been invited to observe the program and may wish to consider utilizing this service to assist with goose problems at school sites.

4) Why Are The Geese Here?

The Foster City Parks and waterways is a great resting and feeding place for geese; particularly on their 3000 mile migratory journey, from Canada going south along the Pacific Flyway.⁴

5) What Have We Done To Control The Goose Presence Up Until Now?

Prevention and deterring methods have included:

- a) Orange Fencing
- b) Caution tape with strings/tape on that flies in the wind. (The birds quickly learn that these things are harmless.)
- c) Parks staff regularly have worked to chase the geese off the parks (by either):
 - i) Riding on a lawn mower
 - ii) Driving City truck
 - iii) Chasing with a broom
 - iv) Shaking and waving large trash bags
- d) Turning on Irrigation systems (geese quickly learn to just move around this)
- e) Applying approved chemicals to turf areas (but chemical disappears when irrigation systems/rain washes it away)
- f) "Poppers" (approved fire-crackers) – worked in specific areas, but only when we applied them as early as possible (when the geese first tried to locate there)
- g) Educating the public not to feed the birds – (signs)

6) Will the dogs hurt the birds?

If Losee's dogs ever catch up to a goose, they merely "bump" the goose; they do not hurt or bite the goose. If the dogs come across an injured bird, these dogs are trained to leave the bird alone.

Any comments or questions regarding this program, please feel free to contact Kevin Miller, Parks & Recreation Director, ph: 650.286-3388.

⁴ See website with info on migration pattern:
<http://www.sonyclassics.com/wingedmigration/home.html>