

# **IF YOU DON'T OWN A FARM DON'T BUY A FARM ANIMAL!**



**Baby ducks are cute but baby ducks grow into adult ducks. If properly cared for, these birds thrive in captivity and rely on humans to provide them with food and shelter. However, too many people find the adult ducks to be messy and requiring too much care. Some just tire of them as pets and cast them off into nature, usually in a local park or lake.**

**These former pets do not survive well in the wild and can turn into pests. A lake, overcrowded with ducks, can quickly become a filthy cesspool – dangerous to humans as well as animals.**

**Domestic ducks, especially discarded pets, lack the necessary skills to survive on a lake. There may be fierce competition for food and less aggressive birds often starve to death. They can also fall prey to dogs, cats, people and other predators. They compete with native waterfowl for a limited food supply. Many domestic ducks cannot fly so are unable to escape danger or leave to look for other food sources.**

***DON'T PARK YOUR DUCK!***

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