



# Southern New England Goose Patrol

## Contracted Goose Control Services

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**Southern New England Goose Patrol uses specially trained Border Collies to scare your goose problem away. We are a contract service that provides a handler and Border Collie, which visit your property throughout the year.**

**HOW DOES IT WORK:** Our dogs utilize herding and stalking instincts to convince geese that they are a predator. Naturally the geese flee your property. Soon, they learn that your property is unsafe, spending less and less time there. Border Collies, in conjunction with depredation and/or egg addling permits, form a long-term strategy for controlling geese populations.

In the first few weeks, we visit your property up to three times a day, four days a week. These frequent visits ensure that the geese quickly learn that your property is unsafe. Our visits become less frequent as geese show up less frequently.

**WHY ARE THERE SO MANY GEESE?** Canada geese were nearly extinct in the early 1900's. In 1918, they became one of many species protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Add to this; people feeding them, urban sprawl and ever more green lawns to eat, their population has boomed. As of 2002, there were over one million resident Canada geese (geese that no longer migrate) in the Atlantic flyway alone. This figure does not include migratory populations, and their numbers are continually growing.

**WHY ARE GEESE A PROBLEM?** The largest complaint about Canada geese are their droppings. The average adult goose produces 1.5 pounds of droppings per day. This adds up fast, causing ugly unusable areas. Their droppings are difficult to clean up and worst of all, return the next day. Goose droppings also pose a health threat, especially where children play. It takes a lot of grass to make 1.5 pounds of droppings, up to 5 pounds a day. This means patches of your lawns become ruined, often very quickly. Geese are also a major threat to airplanes at airports; bird strikes cause accidents every year.

**WHY USE SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND GOOSE PATROL?** Canada geese are persistent birds, and they quickly become used to most forms of harassment. Visual deterrent methods such as Scarecrows, Fake Coyotes, Flags, Mylar Tape, and Balloons quickly become useless, as the geese learn that they pose no real threat. Geese investigate and test what scares them, if it poses no real threat, they quickly become habituated to it. While other methods such as, Noisemakers, Bang Machines, Pyrotechnics, and Pop Guns can be slightly more effective, the geese eventually learn that these too pose no real threat unless paired sparingly in conjunction with dogs. Chemical applications are expensive, but can be useful in limited circumstances. Small areas can be covered, but the chemicals wash off with rain and waterings, making repeated application necessary. This method only works well when used in conjunction with dogs.

Because of their breeding and training, our dogs never hurt the geese they chase, making this a humane method of dealing with Canada geese that have moved onto your property. Border Collies are effective because they look and act like real predators. They are predators that we can effectively control, allowing us to surprise geese day after day, until they learn that your property is not safe. Often times, geese will flee into nearby water bodies for safety. But our dogs will chase them there too, making sure they don't feel safe anywhere on your property.

**HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?** Our service contract costs are based on the following factors: the current number of geese present, the number of nesting pairs, the size of your property, and the size and number of water bodies. Price quotes will only be given after an on-site inspection by one of our employees.

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