

Animal Aid reach out to celebrity-favourite Wimbledon Park Golf Club urging against goose cull

Animal protection group Animal Aid have reached out to Wimbledon Park Golf Club offering assistance in humanely deterring Canada and Egyptian geese. Photos of traps on the site were shared on social media by the group London Wildlife Protection on 2nd February.



The Facebook post was shared more than 70 times, with commenters describing the cull as 'sickening' and 'cruel'.

Animal Aid have contacted the club, offering advice on how to resolve issues caused by the geese, and long-term methods to deter them. The group also pointed out the cruelty involved in culling, especially considering the geese are trying to survive in a world where their habitats are being increasingly destroyed. The club have responded, stating that the decision to cull was 'not taken lightly'.

Reports in the press have listed Piers Morgan, Ant McPartlin, Dec Donnelly, and former cabinet secretary Lord Gus O'Donnell as members of the notable golf club.

Says Jade Emery, campaigner for Animal Aid:

"We call on Wimbledon Park Golf Club to immediately commit to not culling geese, and show these animals some compassion. While we recognise sometimes the unwanted presence of wildlife can be considered a problem, killing them is a hugely disproportionate reaction, especially when you consider that this is not a long-term solution. There are several humane deterrence strategies, which the golf club could employ to resolve this conflict, and we are happy to provide advice on this subject .

"Culling birds does not provide a long-term solution to any issues, as if the site remains desirable to birds, other geese will likely move in and take the place of those who were killed. This can result in an endless and bloody cycle."

Notes for editors:

- For more information, please contact Jade Emery using jade@animalaid.co.uk, or by calling 01732 364 546.
- Letter from Animal Aid and response from Wimbledon Park Golf Club are available on request
- Photos of the traps are available on the London Wildlife Protection Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/LondonWildlifeProtection/posts/2700890606667901?_xts__\[0\]=68.ARDk6PaZsIFeptxd_bpPoWUWcjp4lparJOVURCUmRDfM3ljz5QHgyseJ6wajoJHEY9g1JcuFC0d3eB9P1rodU3ioSBa6GU1d33wMiAU79gbvop9YU2PVNRxcc9urXu8Pg1eDRGaQ1aMrpyd0fioDwaw8CusuSb4JIUkUgLTxRjyQjlmNSOYsVEyDlGg_RDfMktMLww3fpvCIh_usKubqAEoYCiDAS_V-Td4IAhGfUoimyCHTtuj0iy9A2dQzJTg9KXE03h5kOCLz_F2GAHaML3tyW0PO_eVH5zeiChD3WM0INC8KbEAycC7IZ_6QZEKBooPr-musZubkPtAL6a0Pamx_9g&_tn_=-R](https://www.facebook.com/LondonWildlifeProtection/posts/2700890606667901?_xts__[0]=68.ARDk6PaZsIFeptxd_bpPoWUWcjp4lparJOVURCUmRDfM3ljz5QHgyseJ6wajoJHEY9g1JcuFC0d3eB9P1rodU3ioSBa6GU1d33wMiAU79gbvop9YU2PVNRxcc9urXu8Pg1eDRGaQ1aMrpyd0fioDwaw8CusuSb4JIUkUgLTxRjyQjlmNSOYsVEyDlGg_RDfMktMLww3fpvCIh_usKubqAEoYCiDAS_V-Td4IAhGfUoimyCHTtuj0iy9A2dQzJTg9KXE03h5kOCLz_F2GAHaML3tyW0PO_eVH5zeiChD3WM0INC8KbEAycC7IZ_6QZEKBooPr-musZubkPtAL6a0Pamx_9g&_tn_=-R)