



CANADA GEESE PROTECTION COLORADO



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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THE BIG NEWS:

**Friends of Animals & Canada
Geese Protection Colorado
have filed a lawsuit against the
USDA & USFW**

**Denver Parks & Recreation
Advisory Board Virtual Meeting
Scheduled for Wed., June 10,
2020**

You must register to attend

**CGPC Runs an Ad in
The Wash Park Profile**



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Friends of Animals & Canada Geese Protection Colorado File a Lawsuit in Federal Court

The biggest news this month is that Friends of Animals' Wildlife Law Program Lawyers filed a lawsuit in federal court on behalf of CGPC on June 5, 2020. This lawsuit seeks to stop Denver Parks' plans to kill up to 4,000 geese in Denver starting around July 1, 2020.

We will keep you posted on results as we have them. In the meantime, here's the press release on this important legal action:

FoA and CGPC challenge plan to slaughter 4,000 Canada geese in Denver

Friends of Animals and Canada Geese Protection Colorado are challenging U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services Division, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Denver Parks and Recreation for their ill-informed plan to round up and slaughter 4,000 resident Canada geese in Denver and process them to feed the needy to solve a perceived "goose poop" problem.

"The only nuisances in Denver are these draconian agencies who have an issue with cleaning up after Canada geese—waterfowl who mate for life," said Priscilla Feral, president of Friends of Animals. "It's no different than cleaning up after humans who litter in parks. As humans continue to take over habitat, they need to be willing to live in harmony with wildlife. In this case, the best way to do that is by establishing clean-up programs with turf and path cleaning equipment that other municipalities have used with great success."

In a lawsuit filed June 5 in the U.S. District Court of Colorado, the groups state that the Environmental Assessment relies on outdated data on Canada geese populations in Colorado; fails to consider the removal of 1,662 geese from four Denver parks in 2019; and neglects to conduct any analysis concerning the health risks associated with consuming the goose meat, thus violating the National Environmental Policy Act. Furthermore, the depredation permit obtained by the USDA on April 9, 2020 authorizing the slaughter is not lawful under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act in situations in which migratory birds are merely causing a perceived nuisance.

The City of Denver has executed a contract for \$108,000 with Wildlife Services Colorado for 2020.

"Denver Parks and Recreation and Wildlife Services Colorado cannot continue to make barbaric decisions based on outdated studies and informal population counts," said Courtney McVean, attorney for Friends of Animals' Wildlife Law Program. "Slaughtering thousands of geese simply because the agencies are too cheap and lazy to implement nonlethal approaches is both illegal and unethical."

Canada geese have one nest per year and nesting occurs from mid-March through mid-May. As the nesting season passes, geese gather into flocks and congregate in open areas for the molting period. During the molt, resident

geese lose their flight feathers and remain flightless from mid-June through early July. That is when officials need to step up their efforts to remove goose excrement from sidewalks, paths, and trails in parks.

“Canada Geese Protection Colorado applauds Friends of Animals’ legal action to stop the USDA’s inhumane capturing and slaughter of geese from Denver Parks,” said Dr. Carole Woodall of Canada Geese Protection Colorado. “This lawsuit is an absolute necessity because it calls into question a profit-driven government agency that’s making decisions for the benefit of stakeholders while silencing the voices of advocates for America’s wildlife. The membership of Canada Geese Protection Colorado stands with Friends of Animals to speak for and protect wildlife.”

You can read the lawsuit [here](#).

Friends of Animals, an international animal advocacy organization founded in N.Y. in 1957 and headquartered in Darien, CT, advocates for the rights of free-living and domestic animals. FoA is proud to be a woman-founded and -led organization for more than 60 years.

Canada Geese Protection Colorado is a grassroots organization, which was formed in 2019 by local residents outraged by the slaughter of geese in Denver’s parks.

CGPC Members Invited To Attend and/or Speak at June 2020 Denver Parks & Recreation Citizen Advisory Board Meeting

CGPC members are encouraged to attend the June 2020 virtual meeting of the Denver Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB). You are welcome to simply attend & listen, or sign up to speak.

Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Time: 5:30-7:30 pm

Attendance is free but you must register to attend. It's our understanding that Denver Parks Chief Scott Gilmore will be speaking about the pending killing of geese this year.

[**CLICK TO REGISTER & ATTEND THE PRAB MEETING**](#)

CGPC Runs Ad in The Wash Park Profile

CGPC visualist Erin Sturga has crafted an ad which is running in the June 2020 issue of The (Wash Park) Profile.

The intent is to remind folks about CGPC in advance of Denver Parks' pending action to kill geese in our

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parks in late June.

CGPC Member Alert:
We'll be sending out some specific actions we
need you to take this month.
Stand by for more info.

About Canada Geese Protection Colorado

Canada Geese Protection Colorado is a grassroots activist group formed by Denver residents after 1,600+ geese were rounded up from Denver Parks & exterminated in 2019 without meaningful public notice in 2019.

CGPC's main mission is to provide activism & outreach to get Denver city management & Denver Parks management to stop orchestrating the killing of geese & to shift to humane methods of goose management.

**Let's save Denver's geese & move
to humane methods of goose
management.**



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