

Six Pekin ducks abandoned at Three Meadows Pond



Recently, six Pekin ducks were abandoned at Three Meadows Pond to fend for themselves. Pekin ducks are not wild ducks. Outside a commercial setting, the Pekin duck is becoming viewed as a pet. The friendly nature of the bird and its non-aggressive temperament means that when raised from a youngster, it will respond to its owner. As a pet, the Pekin duck can live as long as 12 years. Some care needs to be taken as most Pekin ducks are incapable of flight. Also they love water, but may require assistance out of the water in the form of a ramp.

With the help of Perrysburg Animal Control Officer Jeff Studer and city staff, duck advocate Kelly Meister was able to rescue the ducks and find a safe home environment for them.

“The poor creatures were terrified of everything and everyone and had no idea how to survive on their own,” said Ms. Meister. “If you absolutely cannot care for that animal, please contact the humane society. Better yet, don’t get any animal that you are not prepared to take care of for its entire lifetime.”

Pictured from left, are city staff Justin Mickels, Wayne Ellers, Dean Mills and McKenzie Chalfant, and Ms. Meister.