under small bushes, or any other cover. Magellan, Andean, and Blue-Wing Geese prefer a box, 2' x 3' x 3', set back under some cover. Orinocos, Ashy Heads, and Ruddy Heads prefer to nest in a longer box, at least 12" x 12" x 4', or more. Occasionally, nesting can occur on the ground, in the tall grasses, or under plant cover.

Sheldgeese are Spring nesters, with the exception of Cape Barrens, who retain the instinct to breed in the Fall. This is perfect in climates with mild winters, but, it can be a problem in severe weather. Many Sheldgeese are stimulated to nest by rainfall. I have used, and I know of other breeders who artificially simulate rainfall, using lawn sprinklers and irrigation in the paddock area. Many hens can be heavy with eggs, but fail to lay until some cover. Orinocos, Ashy Heads, and Blue-Wing Geese under small bushes, or any other cover.

Sheldgeese mature at 2 years, and as they get larger, they need more room for grazing and exercise. Most species start to breed at 2 or 3 years.

Sheldgeese have long been the favorites of aviculturists and zoo-goers alike. I believe they will continue to attract attention, for they are interesting in their color, have unusual habits, adapt well to captivity, and are good breeders. Following these simple guide lines, any aviculturist will find that Sheldgeese can be a profitable, interesting, and beautiful addition to their collection.

L.A. RESIDENTS BATTLE TO KEEP ANIMALS

Originally scheduled for continuation in July, the L.A. Planning Commission hearing on animal keeping regulations was pushed back to September 16, 1975. At that time, speakers not heard at the June 24th hearing were given an opportunity to air their opinions.

An intra-neighbor feud, arising out of a complaint about a slaughterhouse operation in a backyard, has developed into a City Council attempt to numerically limit the numbers of animals kept on city lots. The new regulations call for one small bird per 500 sq. ft. of lot area and one gamebird or chicken per 1,000 sq. ft. of lot area. Further, these numbers apply only to half-acre lots or larger, suggesting that no animals, other than dogs and cats, will be allowed on the average size city lot.

Opposition to the proposed restrictions has been steadily increasing through the summer with animal-oriented groups obtaining desirable broadcast media coverage on local radio and television networks. Jerry Jennings, A.F.A. President and President of RURAL (Resident United for Residential Agricultural Lifestyle), appeared on KABC-TV in a half-hour debate with Mrs. Patricia Brown of Woodland Hills. Mrs. Brown, an officer and a principal of Prestige Escrow Company, filed the complaint responsible for the proposed restrictions and has been the focal point for the move to eliminate animals city-wide. Mrs. Brown has stated that animal-keeping hinders the sale of residential property, which interferes with business. She concludes, therefore, that animals belong in the country - not in Los Angeles.
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