Best Buddy - Ducks

Personality Profile

Favorite Pastime:

Chasing Pam and putting her in her place

My dream job would be:

Kung Fu Fighter

The famous person I would most like to meet would be:

Bruce Lee

Meet Phantom

Rescue Date: 21/09/2006

Story:

Hhhhhhhhhhhhhhhi there buddy. We all need buddies, especially when things are not going so well for us, as happened to me. There I was wandering around a park minding my own business after having been dumped there by some people who no longer wanted me (hard to imagine I know). Actually quite often people take ducks they no longer want and abandon them at parks and waterways, they do not realize or care that as there is a risk of us breeding with native waterbirds we are often rounded up and killed. Oh the thought of it makes me shudder.

I actually thought my number was up when I was bundled up, put in a box and taken for a ride in a car. I closed my eyes real tight as I thought it would be the last time I would see the sunshine. But when I opened my eyes, well I just couldn't believe it, happy animals everywhere! Yes that's right I was taken to Edgar's Mission Farm Sanctuary.

So I quickly set about introducing myself, many of the animals thought I looked rather funny and said I should take my mask off! I have a crest of feathers on my head which I raise from time to time just to make a point; all the animals were terribly impressed by this, as I am sure you will be. The red thingy at the base of my bill it is called a caruncle! And my lovely red mask actually earned me my name, Phantom as in Phantom of the opera. Although I prefer to think it is my marvelous voice that did!

Did you know that my forefathers (ancestors) came from the rainforests of Central and South America and my bet is they would love it here at Edgar's Mission Farm Sanctuary! And did you know that unlike most ducks, Muscovy ducks do not quack, and that it is only female ducks that can quack anyway. Us big tough Muscovy males make a rasping hissing sound and our lady friends make a delicate chirp or gobble sound. When you come to visit I will show you just what I sound like. Hhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh! Bye for now.