

MAA2's Duck Keeper Adventure

A fun story, care guide and activity book



Bob • Fluffy • Don • Puffy • Duffy

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Dedication from MAA2

To Bob, Fluffy, Don, Puffy and Duffy: thank you for teaching me to be kind and responsible. To all young animal lovers: keep asking questions and caring for living things. — MAA2

Meet the five ducklings

Bob — MAA2's friendly best buddy.

Fluffy — peaceful and gentle.

Don — the curious explorer.

Puffy — the food detective.

Duffy — the loyal flock follower.

A note for parents and carers

Please read and do activities together. Adults should plan housing, nutrition, water, hygiene, safe handling and veterinary care. Children can assist with observation and simple checks, while rooftop boundaries, predators, cleaning agents and an unwell animal require adult attention. This story does not replace veterinary advice. Wash hands with soap and water after duck care.

Activities: Duck Profile • Care Chart • Detective Diary • Quiz • Promise • Certificate

Welcome to the adventure

MAA2 meets five tiny ducklings and learns that caring means more than playing. Follow their splashes, mysteries, new feathers and the Master Duck Keeper challenge. Then make your own Duckling Diary.

Five Tiny Ducklings Arrive



Five tiny ducklings arrived at MAA2's home in a chorus of peeps. He knelt to meet them. One bright little duckling came close first. "You are Bob," MAA2 said. Then he met peaceful Fluffy, curious Don, hungry Puffy and Duffy, who liked to stay near the others. Granny Mom watched him count: one, two, three, four, five.

"They are lovely," she said, "and they will need care every day." MAA2 wanted to cuddle Bob all afternoon. But the newcomers needed a calm, safe place, appropriate food and water, and time to settle. With an adult, he checked their space and watched from nearby. Don investigated a corner. Puffy found the feeder. MAA2 wrote all five names in his Duckling Diary. At bedtime he counted again. His adventure had begun.

MAA2'S LESSON Count every duck.

The Wobbly Duck House



A breeze pushed against the duck house. MAA2 placed a hand on it. WOBBLE. With an adult, he checked its base, entrance, shade, ventilation and protection from rain. They made it stable and kept the rooftop edge inaccessible. A cardboard wall might be fun to decorate, but it could not be relied on for overnight protection.

When the work was done, MAA2 tried the Wobble Test again. The house stayed steady. It had a dry resting space, airflow and an entrance an adult could secure and clean. Bob waddled inside. “Approved by Bob,” MAA2 announced. “And checked by us,” Granny Mom replied.

MAA2’S LESSON Check shelter stability.

The Great Park Adventure



MAA2 imagined a grand outing with grass, trees and places to explore. Before any trip, Granny Mom asked him to think like a keeper. Could they safely contain and supervise all five? Were there dogs, wild birds, unknown plants or unsafe water? Was the weather right? How would they return home?

In his storybook imagination the flock waddled through a sunny park while he counted them again and again. In real life, he and Granny Mom chose only plans they could supervise safely; some outings had to wait. Being excited about a trip was a reason to prepare, not to hurry.

MAA2'S LESSON Plan outings carefully.

ADVENTURE 04: GRANNY SAYS NO



A few leaves at the far side of the rooftop looked like a jungle to Don. MAA2 imagined him marching through a forest. Then he noticed a loose string beside a pot. He called an adult. Together they removed the string and checked the boundary, shade, floor and plants before letting the flock explore.

Don searched among the leaves. Fluffy rested in the shade. Duffy followed Bob. MAA2 stayed nearby without chasing or picking them up. The best game was often watching the ducks do duck things. In his diary he drew a map showing shade, water, shelter and places that were out of bounds.

MAA2'S LESSON Explore safely with an adult.

The Great Water Adventure



Bob discovered the water first. SPLASH! Don hurried over. Soon MAA2's shoes were wet. "They are water experts!" he cried. Granny Mom smiled. "They still need the right setup, especially while they are young." With her help, MAA2 gave the flock clean drinking water and closely supervised water play. A young duckling must be able to get out of water easily and must not become chilled or exhausted.

Afterward MAA2 checked the resting area. He replaced a damp patch and washed his hands. "Water is for drinking and duck fun," he wrote, "but wet bedding does not belong in the sleeping place." Bob shook droplets everywhere. MAA2 laughed.

MAA2'S LESSON Manage water and wet bedding.

ADVENTURE 6

Growing Ducklings



Fluffy did not look quite so fluffy now. New feathers were appearing. Bob stretched his wings and Don explored more boldly. “Are they changing too quickly?” MAA2 asked. Granny Mom showed him the first drawings in his diary. Growth had happened a little each day.

With an adult, MAA2 checked whether the shelter, feed and activity area still suited the growing flock. He drew a THEN picture and a NOW picture. Under them he wrote, “I cannot keep them tiny. I can help them grow well.”

MAA2’S LESSON Adapt care as ducks grow.

ADVENTURE 7:



Don discovers something!



Look!
A bug!

Puffy is the Food Detective!



I found
a worm!

Bob explores
new places!



MAA2's Exploration Check

- ☒ No dangerous gaps or rooftop edges
- ☒ No sharp objects
- ☒ No loose strings or plastic
- ☒ No harmful chemicals or pesticides
- ☒ Check plants before nibbling
- ☒ Fresh water available
- ☒ Shade and resting area
- ☒ Adult supervision
- ☒ Keep counting all five ducklings

MAA2's Duckling Diary

Today's Observations

- Bob: explored around the pots.
- Fluffy: rested and preened.
- Don: the explorer!
- Puffy: searched for food.
- Duffy: followed everyone.

CHAPTER 8

PUFFY AND THE GREAT FOOD MYSTERY

What Should Ducklings Really Eat?

The Wrong Choices



Not a good food!

Not nutritious.
Can cause health problems
and should not replace
proper duckling feed.



The Right Food



Some Foods to Avoid



Bread



Salty or spicy food



Sweets and junk food



Mouldy food



Onion, garlic
and many kitchen leftovers



Unknown plants
or chemical-treated plants

MAA2's Duckling Feeding



Morning

- ☒ Check feeder
- ☒ Give fresh feed
- ☒ Provide clean water



During the day

- ☒ Make sure water is available
- ☒ Top up feed if needed
- ☒ Keep area clean



Evening

- ☒ Remove wet/old food
- ☒ Clean feeder and water
- ☒ Check all five ducklings

The Mysterious Night Visitor



After sunset MAA2 heard scratching near the enclosure. He remembered the cat. He did not go out to chase anything alone. He called Granny Mom. An adult checked the secure door and searched for gaps and signs that an animal might enter.

The visitor moved away. Together they counted all five ducks. "I thought a closed door was enough," MAA2 said. "A night check looks at the whole shelter," Granny Mom answered. MAA2 added door, gaps, weather and evening count to his diary.

MAA2'S LESSON Secure the flock at night.

Duckling Mystery



“Bob, Fluffy, Puffy, Duffy ...” MAA2 stopped. Where was Don? Granny Mom joined him. They secured the area and checked each hiding place calmly, keeping well away from the rooftop edge.

A leaf trembled behind a pot. Out came Don, delighted by his secret corner. “DON!” MAA2 exclaimed. All five were safe. He and Granny Mom made the corner easier to see. MAA2 wrote, “If a duck is missing, tell an adult, secure the area and search carefully.” Don peeped, as though the mystery had been his idea all along.

MAA2’S LESSON Count and search calmly.



The Smell Monster Attack



“Something smells strange,” MAA2 said. In his imagination a green Smell Monster rose from the damp bedding. With Granny Mom, he removed wet material, cleared droppings, cleaned the feeding and water areas and put suitable fresh bedding in the resting space. Then he washed his hands thoroughly.

The monster vanished. The next morning there was another small mess. “It is back!” MAA2 cried. Granny Mom laughed. “Cleaning is a routine, not a once only battle.” MAA2 made a daily check for bedding, food area, water area and handwashing.

MAA2’S LESSON Clean routinely.

Can Bob Talk



Bob gave a loud QUACK. Don looked up. Duffy moved closer. "Bob wants to play football," MAA2 announced. Granny Mom raised an eyebrow. MAA2 laughed. "All right. I do not know exactly what he said." They watched the sounds, movements and surroundings together.

MAA2 wrote what he could actually see: Bob called, two others became alert, and the flock moved toward the shade. Quiet observation helped him learn what was normal for each duck. "Describe first, guess later," he wrote.

MAA2'S LESSON Observe before guessing.



Puffy heard the food container from very far away. MAA2 offered him a crumb from his own snack, but Granny Mom stopped him. “Wanting a food does not make it suitable.” They checked that the flock had age appropriate duck feed and clean water. Growing ducklings have needs that differ from adult ducks.

MAA2 helped clean the feeder and remove old damp feed. He asked before offering anything new, including plants from the rooftop. Puffy looked disappointed for exactly one moment, then returned to his proper meal. MAA2 wrote: “Ask an adult about food. Treats and bread cannot replace a balanced diet.”

MAA2’S LESSON Choose suitable food

Don Does Not Feel Right



Don usually explored every corner. Today he sat apart and showed little interest in food. MAA2 noticed because he knew Don's normal behaviour. He told Granny Mom immediately. They noted what they saw and contacted a veterinarian for advice. MAA2 did not give human medicine, guess a diagnosis or try a treatment from a video.

Later he made a normal health page for each duck: how it walked, ate, drank, rested and stayed with the flock. "Being a health detective does not mean being a vet," he wrote. "It means noticing and getting help."

MAA2'S LESSON Seek expert help when needed.

The Master Duck Keeper Challenge



Granny Mom held a clipboard. “Today is your final challenge.” MAA2 counted Bob, Fluffy, Don, Puffy and Duffy before opening the enclosure. Five. He observed them, checked suitable food and fresh water, and helped remove damp bedding. He nearly forgot handwashing, but Granny Mom reminded him.

During exploration Don hid behind a leaf. MAA2 counted again and found him. Bob called loudly. “I do not know what he means exactly,” MAA2 said, “but I can tell you what changed.” He let the flock rest. At dusk he checked their shelter, counted all five and passed the Wobble Test.

Granny Mom turned her clipboard around. PASSED! “You treated them like living creatures who depend on you,” she said. He received a golden Master Duck Keeper badge. Puffy celebrated by returning to the feeder.

MAA2’S LESSON Care is a daily promise.

The Five Grow Up



MAA2 opened his diary at the first page. Five tiny ducklings stared back from his drawing. In front of him stood five growing ducks. Bob was still his companion. Fluffy was calm, Don explored, Puffy found food and Duffy stayed near the flock. Their fluff had become feathers, but they were still themselves.

MAA2 missed the tiny days a little. When Bob left his side to join the flock, he almost called him back. Instead he smiled. Ducks need their own space to behave like ducks. On the final diary page he wrote: "Bob taught me friendship. Fluffy taught me patience. Don taught me curiosity. Puffy taught me to check the food. Duffy taught me that nobody explores alone. All five taught me responsibility."

At sunset Granny Mom gave him a Junior Master Duck Keeper certificate. Tomorrow the ducks would still need care, and MAA2 would still have more to learn. The ducklings had grown. MAA2 had grown with them.

MAA2'S LESSON Keep learning together.

MAA2's Duck Keeper Activity Zone

Complete these pages with a responsible adult. You may use real observations or imagine the five story ducks.

My Duck Profile

Name: _____

Colour and markings: _____

Favourite activity: _____

One funny thing I noticed: _____

Draw your duck here.

Then and Now

Draw your duck as a baby and as a growing duck. What changed?

My Daily Duck Check

Morning

- ☐ Count the ducks
- ☐ Observe their behaviour
- ☐ Check suitable food and fresh water
- ☐ Check bedding and shelter

During the day

- ☐ Watch safe exploration
- ☐ Manage wet areas
- ☐ Respect resting time

Evening

- ☐ Count again
- ☐ Check the shelter
- ☐ Secure the home with an adult

Always wash hands with soap and water after duck care.

My Weekly Care Chart

Job	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Morning count	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Food and water	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Bedding	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Behaviour	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Evening count	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Handwashing	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Duck Detective Diary

Date: _____ Duck: _____

I saw: ☐ Eating ☐ Drinking ☐ Exploring ☐ Resting

Something interesting: _____

Anything different from normal? ☐ No ☐ Yes

I told an adult when needed: ☐ Yes

What would MAA2 do

- ☐ Don sits alone and stops eating. A Give medicine B Tell an adult
- ☐ Puffy approaches an unknown plant. A Let him taste B Ask an adult
- ☐ A noise comes at night. A Chase it alone B Get an adult
- ☐ Bob splashes the bedding. A Remove all water B Fix the wet area

Answers: B, B, B, B. Get veterinary advice through an adult when a duck seems unwell.

Quick Quiz

- 1 Adult male duck: A Drake B Rooster
- 2 Bread replaces proper feed: A Yes B No
- 3 After cleaning: A Wash hands B Wipe on shirt
- 4 Who explores most: A Don B Puffy
- 5 The house check: A Wobble Test B Quack Test

Answers: 1 A • 2 B • 3 A • 4 A • 5 A

The Duck Keeper Promise

- ☐ I will be gentle.
- ☐ I will help with suitable food and water.
- ☐ I will help keep the home safe and clean.
- ☐ I will notice changes and tell an adult.
- ☐ I will never give medicine by myself.
- ☐ I will wash my hands after duck care.
- ☐ I will remember that ducks are living creatures, not toys.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Junior Master Duck Keeper Certificate

This proudly certifies that

_____ has completed MAA2's Duck Keeper Adventure and learned kindness, responsibility, observation, safety and respect for animals.

Date: _____ Adult signature: _____

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