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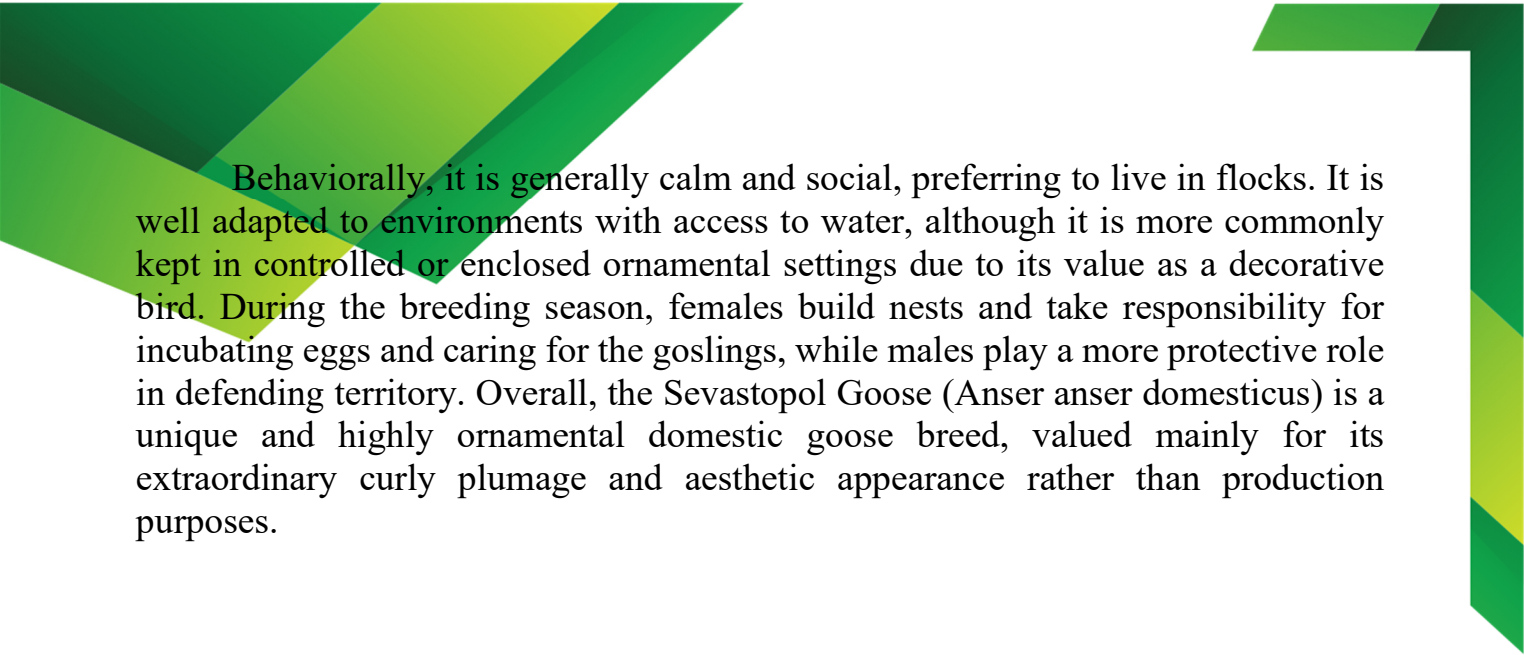
## Sevastopol goose -*Anser anser domesticus*

Kingdom: Animalia  
Phylum: Chordata  
Class: Aves  
Order: Anseriformes  
Family: Anatidae  
Genus: *Anser* (grey geese)  
Species: Domestic goose (*Anser anser domesticus*)  
Breed/Variety: Sevastopol goose

The Sevastopol Goose is a distinctive ornamental breed of domestic goose, best known for its unusually long, soft, and curly feathers. These feathers grow in loose spirals and waves along the body, giving the bird a highly decorative and fluffy appearance that makes it easily recognizable among other geese. Its body is medium to large in size, but the visual impression is dominated by its plumage rather than body structure. The coloration is typically pure white, though light cream shades can also appear. The beak and legs are similar to those of standard domestic geese, but the overall appearance is much more elegant and ornamental due to its unique feather structure.



This breed does not exist in the wild, as it is a result of selective breeding from domestic goose populations. It is primarily kept in ornamental poultry collections and farms, especially in Europe and other regions where decorative bird breeding is popular. In terms of diet, the Sevastopol Goose is herbivorous like other domestic geese. It feeds on grasses, leafy plants, grains, aquatic vegetation, and other plant-based food sources. Its simple diet makes it relatively easy to maintain in captivity.



Behaviorally, it is generally calm and social, preferring to live in flocks. It is well adapted to environments with access to water, although it is more commonly kept in controlled or enclosed ornamental settings due to its value as a decorative bird. During the breeding season, females build nests and take responsibility for incubating eggs and caring for the goslings, while males play a more protective role in defending territory. Overall, the Sevastopol Goose (*Anser anser domesticus*) is a unique and highly ornamental domestic goose breed, valued mainly for its extraordinary curly plumage and aesthetic appearance rather than production purposes.

