

Are all your ducks in a row?

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Ducks (patos) you may know. Also a row (fila). Translated literally you might say that “ducks in a row” means “patos en una fila”. But “ducks in a row” is an expression.

If a mortal “gets all his ducks in a row”, it means that everything has been organized or prepared for an event or a campaign.

Contemplate these examples.

- Let’s get all our ducks in a row before we launch (lanzar) the election campaign (pongamos todo en orden antes de lanzar...).
In other words you could say, let’s prepare everything well (in advance) so we reduce the risk of things going badly.
- You should get all your ducks in a row before (deberías completar los preparativos antes de...) you decide to criticize Mr. Sunak, the British Prime Minister.
- Mr. Sunak’s budget preparations were a disaster. He should have got all his ducks in a row first.

Ducks may never be the same again!