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### NEW WILDLIFE REHABILITATORS

Frisky's now has 3 additional Wildlife Rehabilitators besides Colleen. Pattie Bontz, Joyce Dietsch and Matt Dietsch. There are also apprentices here studying to become rehabilitators. Amy Bourrasseau and Scott Robbins are working on their apprenticeship. Billy Heinbuch, Janice Ellis and Julia Dagnello are the newcomers; they signed up in January of this year. Everyone mentioned here has an interest in learning more about Rehabilitation, and will continue their education as long as they are working with wildlife.

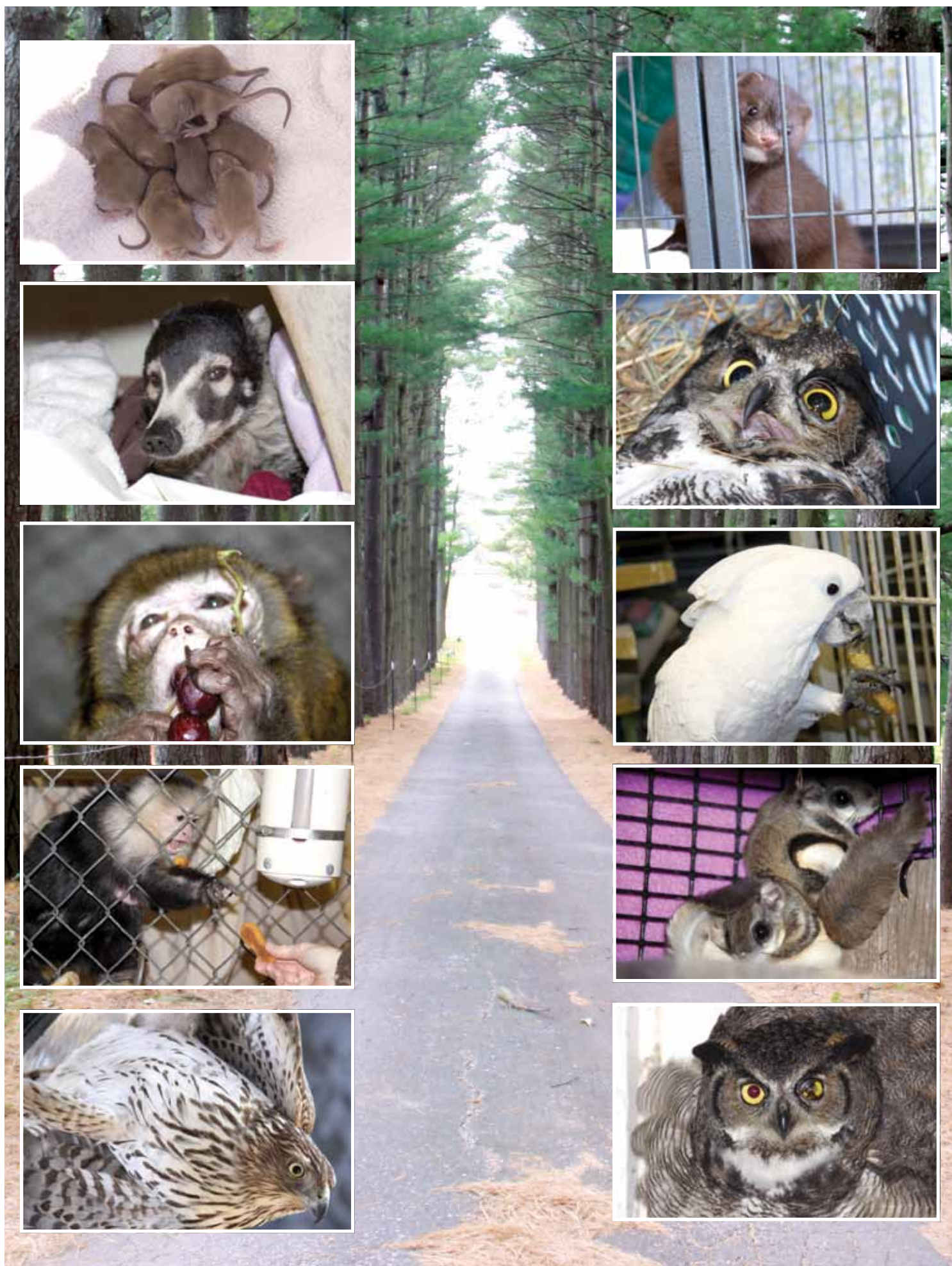
Becoming an apprentice is quite an undertaking. Each apprentice and all rehabbers have to keep their pre-rabies and tetanus shots current. There are classes to take, as each apprentice and rehabber has to attend classes to acquire 12 qualified credits every two years. Our staff members have already begun the process for this year. There are classes that will interest everyone. There are beginning classes and intermediate classes. You can study about the baby animals, the fawns, hoof stock or birds, etc. You can take a class that is basically a math class, to teach you how to figure the correct amount of medication needed for the different sizes and weights of different animals. There are hands-on classes with different types of wildlife. You



can study about the specific wildlife you are interested in, or take a more general class. There is a class to interest everyone.

Apprentices at Frisky's work under Colleen's supervision for a minimum of two years and must have been volunteering here during each season. Colleen must be satisfied that their home set-up is within the guidelines for wildlife rehabilitation. They must have experience with the wildlife, with the public and with all the paperwork and files that are necessary. Like Colleen, they will learn to be a nurse, maid and waitress and to handle fecal management. Once Colleen is certain that the apprentice has met all requirements, an application is sent in to DNR to recognize the apprentice as a Wildlife Rehabilitator.

Colleen and the staff at Frisky's want to thank all the rehabbers and apprentices for choosing to further their education on wildlife.



# A PRIMATES PROFILE: OOGIE'S STORY

BY: JANICE ELLIS

On Christmas Eve in 1996, a family brought Oogie to Frisky's. The father said he would not have this monkey ruin another holiday. Oogie was only 5 years old and we can only hope that her life had not been as horrible as we were imagining at that moment.

Oogie is a hybrid capuchin monkey. She is a Cinnamon/White Faced Capuchin and is now 20 years old. She lives in the first of three monkey houses. This monkey and special needs room is actually part of the main house on Frisky's property, while the remaining two monkey houses are separate buildings.

Oogie had cataracts on both eyes. One eye was operated on and her vision was better for a few years and then she developed glaucoma. Even though she is blind now and sees only shadows, you do not want to be her target if she's throwing vegetables across the room. This sometimes happens when men enter the room. Oogie dislikes most males, (and I think we know why) and prefers the company of females in her space. She has a favorite female human companion and that would be me. Colleen says that in all her years with monkeys she has never seen one act the way Oogie does around me. She knows when I'm there and she actually cries if I do not come in to visit with her. On my days off, she is fine. If left to her, my entire day at Frisky's would be spent holding her hands and singing with her. No-

tice I said singing with her, not singing to her. Oogie sings along with my humble melody and she loves to dance also. But most of all, she just wants to have me all to herself. So, when I talk to one of the other monkeys on the way into the room, I have to pay the price. She takes a toy and bangs on her enclosure to let me know she is expecting me right now and I should stop whatever I am doing and come to her. Colleen has asked me several times how this unusual bond took place and I have to say that from the beginning, there was just a connection between us.

When Oogie wakes up slowly each morning, she loves to toss back her many blankets and stretch her little body. She is fed a breakfast of monkey chow and fruit most days and likes to save part of it to have breakfast with me. She always has something stashed away that she can eat while we say hello the first thing each morning. When I go over and take her little hands in mine, she talks for a moment, then reaches over for her banana, or whatever she might have stashed away. Eating while I am in the special needs room has become part of our routine now. Like many of the monkeys, she loves toys that have mirrors. I brought her a new toy last week, it plays

music and includes a mirror for her to admire herself in. She doesn't actually play with it while I'm in there, (no distractions please!) but we notice she plays with it a lot when none of us humans are around her.

Oogie is the official guardian of the room and announces any unwanted intruders. This might be one of our dogs or it might be a male volunteer or visitor. When I am spending time with her it might even be Colleen that she tries to run out of the room. She does not like anyone to interrupt our time together.

When Colleen and I are ready to sit down for lunch, or on the occasions when I stay for dinner, I have to spend time with Oogie first. Then she will let us have some quiet time to eat, not too much time though. If we tend to linger at the table to talk after eating, Oogie calls for me once again. At the end of my day I say goodbye to Oogie, along with the dogs and the humans and promise to see her again as soon as I return. Reluctantly, she allows me to retrieve my hand and goes back to entertaining herself once again.



Oogie



## FRISKY'S DIRECTOR, COLLEEN WITH BROWNIE TROOP 523



On January 17, Colleen spoke to a Brownie Troop near Frisky's. She talked to them about what Frisky's mission is: We take in wildlife to rehabilitate; take in domestic ex-pets to find new homes for; and give sanctuary to exotic wildlife.

She encouraged the girls to participate by asking questions throughout her talk. These were second graders with a lot to say. They had answers to her questions and they had questions of their own.

We hope they were left with one particular message - Wildlife should be left in the wild and not taken in as pets. To teach this simple message to the next generation is a big part of what we do at Frisky's, after all, they are our future and the future for wildlife.

*Troop 523 is collecting items from our Wish List as a project to benefit Frisky's.*

## KEYSTONE CANDLE SALE AT FRISKY'S NOW UNTIL MARCH 3RD!

**EASTER & MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS! or treat yourself!**  
Please contact us by email at [friskyswildlife@yahoo.com](mailto:friskyswildlife@yahoo.com) or phone 410-418-8899



Keystone Candles are similar to Yankees but at a great savings! We have sold these twice before and can personally tell you that the fragrance is wonderful and it lingers in the air long after the flame is gone. We are selling the 64 oz., 3 wick jars, for \$24. This size burns for approximately 164 hours. The 24 oz., 1 wick jar sells for \$15 and burns approximately 60 hours.

We are offering many of their wonderful fragrances: Apple Cinnamon, Baked Apple Crisp, Balsam Fir, Black Cherry, Black Raspberry Vanilla, Blueberry Cobbler, Blue Lagoon, Chocolate Fudge, Cinnamon Bun, Cinnamon Stick, Coconut Mango Splash, Creamsicle, Freesia, French Butter Creme, French Vanilla, Fresh Brewed Coffee, Fresh Rain, Fruit Slices, Hazelnut Coffee, Homemade Pumpkin Roll, Honeydew Melon, Honeysuckle, Jamaica Me Crazy, Lavender, Lilac, Macintosh Apple, Maple Sticky Buns, Midsummer Night, Monkey Breath, Ocean Breeze, Orange Twist, Pink Hibiscus, Raspberry Lemonade, Red Velvet Cake, Sage & Citrus, Smoke Eater, Strawberries & Cream, Sugar Cookie, Tahitian Lime, Vanilla Hazelnut, Warm Banana Bread and Warm Vanilla Sugar.

You can mail in your order, with payment to: Frisky's, 10790 Old Frederick Rd., Woodstock, MD 21163 or you can drop it off at Frisky's. (Any of our volunteers will be happy to bring your order in.) Payments must be included with your order. Please include your phone number. You will be contacted when the order is ready for you to pick up at Frisky's (no deliveries).

HAVE YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO HELP FRISKY'S but not sure how? Here's your chance. Have your own fundraiser in your office or sell these candles to friends and family. Then turn your order in as one order, in your name. (We will accept all checks, but you are responsible for the total, due at time of order.)

This is an easy way to support Frisky's while treating yourself or others to wonderful candles. Thank You for your support!

As always, you can go to our website and safely donate through paypal!



## WHAT CAN I DO?

Frisky's is a 501 (c) 3 Organization. Frisky's DOES NOT receive any county, state or federal funding. Frisky's survives only by public donations. All proceeds and donations go directly to the care and welfare of the animals. Please donate an item from the wishlist, or send in your tax deductible donation!

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## DONATION RECORD FRISKY'S WILDLIFE & PRIMATE SANCTUARY, INC.

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Please remember to detach this form and leave it with your donation so we can thank you.

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 YES, You can count on me to help support your efforts to care for the animals of Frisky's!  
 My check/gift is enclosed. Donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Frisky's is a 501(c)3 organization and receives no financial support from federal, state or county government.  
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If you are interested in collaborative opportunities or donating your time and expertise, please write us with your thoughts, call or email Frisky's.

We try very hard to use your contributions for the most urgent need at the time we receive them. If you would like to restrict this contribution for a specific project, please mark here.  \_\_\_\_\_

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With a donation, your name will be placed on our mailing list to receive The Rescue Record.



# I Just Found a Baby Bird, What Should I Do?



## A HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY MESSAGE FROM FRISKY'S FOUNDER, COLLEEN LAYTON-ROBBINS

Hi Everybody, Happy Valentines Day to All!  
 This is the time of year we want to show the people that are special in our lives how much they mean to us. Right? Of course. First and most important, I want to thank my husband, Scott. Scott was a nice neighbor who began volunteering in 1988. He knew my mission and he shared my compassion for the animals that needed help. He came into my life understanding and accepting that I had been taking care of the animals since 1970 and that it was a non-stop, 24 hour a day commitment that would continue for the rest of my life. It has been Scott at my side all these years that has helped me the most in making my dreams come true.

I've always felt that animals deserve help when they need it. Ghandi said "You can judge a society by how they treat their weakest members." What does that say about our society today? How does society treat our animals, our wildlife? With the respect, consideration and compassion they deserve? I don't think so. What about you? Ghandi's quote has motivated many of us, in thought and action, to do something about how we look at others. Other people, cultures, and yes even our animals. This is where all of you, one by one, have come to Frisky's and into my life.

Remember a time when you found a hurt animal or bird. It may have been by the road or in the parking lot, or perhaps on your own property. Can you remember how upset you felt? Those are feelings of Compassion, because you were sharing the animal's feelings of stress and pain. You wanted to do something to ease the pain but may have felt so helpless.

Most of you went into action and called Frisky's to find out just what you should do. You knew we were not only licensed, but we had the experience, the equipment and methods to take care of these animals. We were the answer to your searching for help.

After listening to our instructions, you began to take the needed actions. You were motivated to intervene in a tense situation. All this, because like us, you have compassion.

Many of you have wondered, and some of you have asked, why have I worked non-stop for 40 years with no pay? No, I'm not paid and we do not get any State, County or Federal Funding. Do you think I have low self-esteem? If that's what you think, you are so wrong! I know that I am good at what I do and I love what I do. I do not work at a job which does not pay, this is not a job, it is my life. A life I wholeheartedly choose.

My life does not come with a paycheck, but there certainly are benefits. The payment for all my work is in meeting all the compassionate people who also choose to give back by caring for the animals, and in seeing the animals recoveries and releases. My life does not come with vacations, but I so enjoy all the many visits into the woods & parks for releases. We have two well-used company vehicles, a 10 year old SUV and a 12 year old truck that are kept running by my husband, Scott. I am blessed that I do not have to use either of them to commute to work each day, I just wake up and here I am! My kitchen does not have counters covered in slate, but counters covered in the many foods for the animals. My life is much too busy to visit a beauty salon, yet my hair definitely has highlights. My life has no need for designer clothes, jeans and sneakers make up the comfortable uniform here, and my life has no time or need for an exercise class because I work non-stop all day, everyday at Frisky's.

I am here at Frisky's every day. Even when there are no volunteers here, I know I am never alone. I am not doing this alone. I want to thank Scott, the Staff and Volunteers and every one of you. I could not do this without you.

Happy Valentine's Day, Colleen

## HAPPY ENDINGS

We hope that you all had a wonderful Valentine's Day, spent with someone you love, wife, husband, girlfriend, boyfriend, daughter, son, or even a special friend. Valentine's Day, like every day, should be spent with someone you care about. We love that a few of our animals were adopted to loving homes and now have families and even playmates to spend their time with.



Recently, we adopted out two senior rabbits. Taylor Dakota adopted Kelly and now Kelly has a new loving family. Taylor is the daughter of Billy Heinbuch, one of our apprentices. Taylor says that Kelly loves to play outside in the yard.

Gemma Kat Moore adopted Leroy and not only is he loved by his new family, but he has a cat for a best friend. Gemma says that Leroy is happy as a bunny can be in his new home! He loves being brushed and held while you pet him! He's just the sweetest thing, and she loves him already!



Jasmine adopted a guinea pig named Pea, who is now loved by her new family and 2 Bishon dogs. Jasmine says that the dogs lie by Pea's enclosure to keep her company. She also said that the day after Pea came to her house was the first time the dogs were in a hurry to get back home from their walk. They were missing their new friend Pea already!



Our Americana Roosters were adopted and now announce the beginning of each day for a new family who love them and are able to handle them as pets.



## FUNDRAISER/YARDSALE EVERY WEEKEND IN APRIL

Our Annual Fundraiser starts to be part of the conversation this time of year. Even though it is not held until April, we have donations of items to sell coming in, and next month we have to start organizing items. This cannot wait until the last moment or we will not be ready to open when April comes, but thankfully we have staff members who enjoy doing this and we know we can count on them each year.

We rely on the public's participation in this fundraiser to carry us through the season. We need your donations and your presence at the sale. We are fortunate to have very loyal followers year after year since 1970. We see familiar faces dropping off items for us to sell but we also see a few new faces also.

There are return customers who not only return each year, but return several times each April. Last year it rained and rained and rained! But those same loyal customers came just the same. Thank you all and we hope to see both new and familiar faces again this April.



## FRISKY'S YEARBOOK 2011-A YEAR IN REVIEW

AVAILABLE ON DVD FOR A DONATION OF \$25

We are offering this DVD for a \$25 donation. 2011 was the year of the hurricane, the earthquake, the final decision from the Howard County Zoning Hearings, allowing us to give Sanctuary to the monkeys that live here and Frisky's first experience with Bald Eagles and a baby beaver. This DVD also covers information and photos on many different types of wildlife; rabbits, squirrels, foxes, bats, fawns, hawks, owls, Bald Eagles, box turtles, opossums and our baby beaver. See domestic wildlife that is available for adoption and the Exotic Wildlife, monkeys, Coatimundi and minks that have Sanctuary here. It covers the community tours and educational group projects. There is an introduction to our staff members and last year's newsletters. This is 2011 at Frisky's all wrapped up in a package that will make a great gift for yourself or for others. This DVD offers a musical slideshow that will play in your DVD player or your computer. Treat yourself, sit back, put this DVD in, and enjoy the experience of Frisky's.



If you or your group would like to do a fundraiser by taking orders for this DVD, please contact us at [friskyswildlife@yahoo.com](mailto:friskyswildlife@yahoo.com) and we will be happy to work with you to benefit the wildlife here.

## VOLUNTEERS

Frisky's volunteer application is available on our website at [www.friskys.org](http://www.friskys.org). We insist that anyone interested in volunteering should first be familiar with all aspects of Frisky's. There is information to be found on our website and on our Facebook page about the different aspects of Frisky's. Our new volunteer form stresses that if you are not comfortable getting dirty or cleaning up animal waste, then this may not be the opportunity for you. (But then again, you may have a talent to offer such as fundraising, or transporting and running errands.) During the 80 hours of training, the focus is in on cleaning, learning the animals' schedules and more cleaning. (Frisky's training is necessary no matter what experience you may have.) If you are interested in volunteering so that you can play with the animals you will be terribly disappointed.

Frisky's is looking for volunteers who can offer us something special. Do you have special talents, abilities or training that can benefit Frisky's? Perhaps you do not like to get "dirty" but have experience with Fundraising. Yard sales, bake sales, or car washes are always welcomed to help raise funds to benefit the animals. Perhaps you would like to learn all about our adoptables and help with getting the word out to the public about them, or working with educational programs. We would love to hear your ideas for raising money, even if you are unable to participate. We like to offer interested parties a variety of ideas to choose from.

Spring is right around the corner and its out busiest time of year. So, if you would like to be involved with Frisky's, please go to the website and our Facebook page and learn all about us. Then download the volunteer application and contact us by email. We will work with you to process the application asap, but please remember that the wildlife is our priority and sometimes the process takes a back seat to more important matters. We do apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We look forward to hearing from those of you who wish to help, and as Colleen says, "Don't lose your enthusiasm!"



## VOLUNTEER WILDLIFE

In addition to the wildlife that is brought in injured, orphaned or displaced, Frisky's finds itself being visited by local wildlife. Do they recognize Frisky's as a Sanctuary? Most likely they are thinking we provide an easy meal for them. Animals that cannot escape from their enclosures are everywhere! Think how inviting that would look to an animal of prey. Although our animals are very safe and protected in their enclosures, just having an animal of prey in the area would be very stressful.

We would like to start using a deterrent for this uninvited wildlife rather than resorting to trapping them. We are considering a "scarecrow", which is a motion activated water sprinkler. It would be set up in the area where small animals and birds are enclosed.

This of course, would be an additional expense and we would love to see an interest from the public in supporting this project. If you would like to help fund this project, please note on your donation that it is for the "Scarecrow Project" We thank you all for supporting Frisky's in all we do.

