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FRISKY'S INFLUENCE IN MY LIFE

BY JULIA DAGNELLO



I've finally figured out how I ended up on a four hour drive to Virginia Beach to drop off Chewey, a juvenile beaver I'd been mothering for most of the summer. It

all started last January when I thought I would do something different for my school's community service requirement, volunteering at Frisky's Wildlife and Primate Sanctuary. However, this type of project was outside the approved guidelines. A month later and after every teacher I talked to telling me to give up on it, I got it approved by the school board. It's been eight months and over 550 volunteer hours. I looked at the numbers, looked at the kennel cab where Chewey was sleeping, and had to sit back a moment and take it all in. I realized that helping animals was something I wanted to do for quite a while.

My interest in animals started in my childhood. I had been one of those quiet, loner kids who wore wolf t-shirts and had three close friends. I liked saving the pill bugs from swarming ants in my backyard. It was in high school where I was the same quiet kid who had expanded to maybe five friends instead of three, depending on the day, that I realized my interest was in wildlife. I saved a mouse from a vending machine at my high school, transported an injured crow to a local rehabilitation center and became more engaged.

My time at Frisky's has helped me come into my own. At some point I went from

nervously following around one of the older volunteers trying to absorb everything she did to independently doing my daily rounds of animal care. I became a staff member, was allowed to handle wildlife and eventually the primates, lead informational tours, and train the new volunteers. One day a juvenile male beaver whose parents were taken by trappers arrived. I became Chewey's primary caretaker. I contacted other beaver wildlife rehabilitators in other states to learn the nuances of raising a beaver. His care required me to become a surrogate mother and to join him daily for a swim in a baby pool. He grew by pounds per week and we bonded. Eventually, Chewey required a larger, winterized facility which was available out of state (which is where I began this story).

As I dropped Chewey off at his new home, I realized that I was part of a larger group of people who actively help animals, had been part of it since I was young, and would continue to be part of it. What started out in January as simply something to fulfill my school's community service requirement developed into something bigger and more influential in my life.

Julia came to Frisky's to meet the community service hours requirement for graduation. Julia fell in love with Frisky's and Frisky's fell in love with Julia. She was given one responsibility at a time, and she proved dependable, reliable and responsible at every step. Frisky's only gives responsibility to responsible people and we always know we can depend on Julia to do her job well. Julia is our Jr. Administrative Facilitator and she earned this title one step at a time. Thank You Julia!



TO THE FRIENDS OF FRISKY'S

BY: COLLEEN & SCOTT



SCOTT COLLEEN



Dear Friends of Frisky's:

Enjoy your Holidays. Really enjoy them. In this economy when our cup is not running over, we need to know that it is half full, not half empty. Be positive in your life. Each and every one of us has a challenge in our life that we are dealing with. Challenges only make us stronger. If you are reading this newsletter, I know you are a person who cares about others. I also know you want what I want: Peace of Mind, Better Health, to be more Organized, for us all to Get Along and Help Each Other whether it is Animals, Humans or our Mother Earth.

This is the time of year we reflect upon our accomplishments, what we've learned along the way and what we can do now. We all make New Year Resolutions, sometimes it is to lose weight, eat better or quit smoking. But why not consider a resolution to do something for someone other than yourself this year.

When a rescued animal comes into Frisky's, I have a few seconds to listen to it's story and decide what is wrong and how I can help. Fluids, heat, enclosures, bedding, wound management and stress reduction all have to be considered immediately. Most of the time we are dealing with the person who brought in the animal as well. They are assured that they did the right thing, the animal is not out in the wild suffering; they took the time and went out of their way to help, they put the animal's needs before their own.

Many have been creative in their ways to get the animals here, while keeping themselves and the animals from being hurt. Frisky's has been creative in making do with what we have. We use old linens, blankets and quilts in many ways. When we do not have what is needed, we substitute whenever we can.

Every day we are amazed at what people are capable of. From seniors over 70 to the very young who decide to make a donation of some kind to Frisky's. The Eagle Scouts, the birthday children, they all amaze us.

When you are gone, your life will be remembered as someone who cared for others and gave to the needy. We all know the difference between Right and Wrong. We are all painfully aware that there are so many who do not care about the animals; many caring about nothing beyond themselves. This is why we need to depend upon each other, so lets continue to Network, support each other and stay on the right path.

Thank you for sharing the passion for animals and healthy lives... Merry Christmas, Colleen & Scott

SHARING HOLIDAY BLESSINGS



This time of year is always quiet at Frisky's. Most of the wildlife has been released with fewer new ones coming in daily. Unfortunately it means very few donations are coming in too. If you are



fortunate enough to receive new linens, washrags, towels, pillowcases, sheets, blankets or quilts, for the holidays, please consider donating your older clean linens to Frisky's animals.

Also, used baby and toddler toys are always needed for the monkeys and for the exotic birds we need bird toys; rattles and mirrors are everyone's favorites.



On a daily basis, Frisky's always needs canned vegetables, natural cereals, Gerber toddler finger foods and healthy snack foods.

Any type of pet food can be used, foods for birds, guinea pigs, ferrets, mice, rabbits, etc. There is no pet food that we cannot use.

Cleaning supplies are always needed: Simple Green and Tide with Bleach are at the top of our list.

Also, we need tarps, flashlights and batteries.

We can use gift cards to any store, for groceries, hardware, pets, department stores, or warehouse.

So, in a time of holiday spirits, we ask you to take a moment to remember the needs of Frisky's Animals. **Thank You and God Bless you for caring about the animals. Happy Holidays!**

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!

www.friskys.org • friskyswildlife@yahoo.com

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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. _____

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____

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

Check us out on Facebook

Frisky's does not participate in the sale of any wildlife.

A LITTLE RESPECT FOR THE DEER PLEASE!

One day at the end of hunting season this year, Tom Greenbank of Dead Pet Pick-Up made his regular trip to Frisky's. He seemed upset as he began to talk with Colleen. He shared that he had picked up several deer that day from road kills and that he was shocked. It seems that he was finding gutted deer on the side of the road. This is a sign that a hunter had dropped off the deer on the side of the road so that the county would pay for the expense of having the body removed. To leave a gutted deer on the side is a very irresponsible thing to do. These were trophy deer and someone had killed them just for the antlers, which had been removed. This angers us, but Trophy hunting and sport hunting happens.

If you are such a hunter, please consider sharing deer meat with someone who needs it. You may not know that a deer can be dropped off at a participating butcher, to be donated to food banks and soup kitchens. Ask about the "Hunter's Harvest-Share". If you hit a deer, call it in immediately. For two reasons: one, you don't want the deer to suffer needlessly and two, you could possibly donate that deer to the program mentioned above.

YARD SALES & FUNDRAISERS FOR FRISKY'S

Are you someone who loves a good yard sale? Do you enjoy hosting a good yard sale? If the answer is yes, then you can help Frisky's raise funds for the animals. Frisky's is looking for responsible adult volunteers to hold yard sales and/or fundraisers. Every weekend in April, Frisky's has a yard sale/fundraiser on the property. At the end of the month, we find ourselves with many wonderful donated items that have not sold yet, with more items continuing to come in throughout the year. We need volunteers to hold sales at a location of their choice to sell these items. We are willing to split the sales 50/50 for the volunteer holding the yard sale. If you would like to hold a yard sale, a carwash, bake sale, or other fundraiser to benefit Frisky's, we would like to hear from you. Please contact us at: friskyswildlife@yahoo.com or at 410-418-8899. Thank You and God Bless you for caring about the animals.

A PATH FOR THE VOLUNTEERS

The volunteers at Frisky's park on a lower level of the property and walk uphill to come into the building. During rain, sleet or snow, this is a miserable and dangerous pathway. The mud and the incline make this a slippery climb.

Brian Qualls, of Troop 702 chose Frisky's to benefit from his Eagle Scout Project. Brian, his dad, several scouts and friends from his troop put in a well constructed pathway consisting of stamped concrete pavers. The pavers create a secure footing for the volunteers to make their way safely from their vehicles to the building. For a long time, each volunteer has walked up the hill through slippery mud, but now we will be thanking Brian every time it rains, sleets or snows. Thanks Brian!

SIMIAN SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Frisky's had a visit from Mel Orr and Jo McFarlane from the SSA. Mel was dropping off candles and candy from our fundraiser and

Jo was picking up her candles. Mel also brought Christmas presents for Colleen. Mel drove down from central PA and Jo came from DC.

THANK YOU

We want to thank Dr. Robert Warman, D.D.S. for everything he does. As Colleen's Dentist, he is well informed about Frisky's and supports us in many ways. Thank You Dr. Warman of Ellicott City.

Thanks - Bark in Clarksville for all the wonderful pet supplies and food that were donated.

Thanks to Lowes and to Costco for their donations of \$50 Gift Cards.

Thank you to everyone who has responded to



Red Shouldered Hawk

our request for linens! They are starting to come in bagfuls. They are always needed! Thank you to Dr. Gold, D.V.M. of Chadwell Animal Hospital, for all the work he does for all the animals. He operated on the wing of a Red-Tailed Hawk and a Screech Owl. We have placed each of these



SCREECH OWL



We say Thank You Tiki's Playhouse!

Thank You Tiki's Playhouse for your wonderful card and your generous donation! Tiki's has always supported us by taking care of our dogs. The dogs love to go to Tiki's and that means a lot. Tiki's Playhouse of Glenelg offers dog grooming, boarding, no cages and now they even deliver dog food right to your door. What more can we say?

RELEASES

Our recent wildlife releases have included two Barred Owls, a Northern Grebe, a Canadian Goose, a Black Vulture and two Red-Shouldered Hawks.



CANADIAN GOOSE

GREBE

BARRED OWLS

HELP NEEDED

Frisky's is always in need of plumbing and landscaping help. If this is your area of expertise and you would love to volunteer, please contact us at friskyswildlife@yahoo.com or 410-418-8899

WILDLIFE AS PETS

Wildlife animals are just that, wild. They are not meant to be pets. Each year we have many raccoons, squirrels, rabbits, birds and other wild animals come to Frisky's after being kept as pets all summer long. Yes, they are so cute when they are little; we all understand the temptation to want to keep them. But, think of the animal and the life that it was meant to have, free in the wild. When you keep an animal, especially when they are young, they imprint on humans and become dependant and trusting. Neither of these things is good for the animal and could mean that they will never be released. In some cases euthanasia becomes the only answer. We know that you do not want to see that happen, so we ask you to please leave the wild animals in the wild.

On the reverse side, please do not allow your domestic pets to run wild. Can you imagine how many times we see the same people, year after year, come in with a bird, bunny or squirrel that their dog or cat caught? We've heard too many times, "my cat just loves to chase them, but we always bring them to you". I'm sorry, does that make it alright? If your cat runs loose on your property, put a bell on its collar please. They make break-away collars for cats that are safe. Together, let's prevent as many of these "accidents" as we possibly can. We would love for the numbers of injured animals to be reduced, wouldn't you?

CONCLUSION OF THE BALD EAGLE SAGA

BY JANICE ELLIS



Eagles regularly. They even have a resident Bald Eagle and Golden Eagle. On their Facebook page you can watch an 18 minute video of the Doctors releasing four Bald Eagles all in one day. *We all just knew our Eagle's best chance for recovery would be with them.*



SHERI

We had reported earlier that the Bald Eagle was flying the length of our flight enclosure, even flying back and forth. But we could not expect him to continue improving without an enclosure that was larger than the 32' length we had to offer.

On Friday, Nov. 25, I traveled with the Bald Eagle to The Wildlife Center of Virginia. My daughter, Sheri Fox, a police officer with Howard County Animal Control, assisted in the transfer. Colleen caught the Eagle with a net, placed it into a large enclosure with a branch for a perch and towels for footing. We traveled 197 miles to Waynesboro, VA and it was a beautiful day to take the trip.



Earlier, I had spoken with Dr. Dave McRuer of the Center to make arrangements for the Eagle's transfer and I had also

contacted USFWS to make sure we were doing everything legally. Our Eagle needed more than we could give him here. His recovery had seemed to reverse so that he was dropping his wing more than ever. The Wildlife Center has specialists who work with Bald

The Wildlife Center is very large and very impressive. Dr. McRuer was not there, but Dr. Miranda Sadar received the Bald Eagle and even took the time to allow Sheri and I to photograph the early stages of the Eagle's exam. Dr. Sadar shared that the outward exam showed the Eagle was in very good condition other than his wing/shoulder area and a foot that had been damaged slightly before he was brought in. His feathers, eyes, ears, mouth and weight were all good. Even the Eagle's wrists were in good shape, something they hardly ever see. When it was time to tranquilize him for the remainder of the exam, Sheri and I were given a tour of the facility. The staff could not have been more accommodating. As busy as they were, they went out of the way to make us feel comfortable and to give us a history of the Center. The Center was huge and the flight cages for all the hawks, owls, eagles and other birds were much larger than what we have at Frisky's. They had opossums, deer and typical wildlife you would see at most wildlife centers; they even had a bear cub. The Wildlife Center is a teaching center also and many of the animals were unable to be released. They were either injured, such as the two screech owls with eye problems, or had become imprinted on a human.

When the tour was over, Dr. Sadar allowed me to see the x-rays and it was obvious to me that there

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was something wrong before she even began to explain. The x-rays showed the left shoulder was dropped much lower than the right, suggesting

there may have been damage to the joint. There appeared to be parts of the joint missing, possibly from an infection. In addition, she explained that when moving the wing and shoulder the entire area appeared to be stiff and the Eagle was in pain. This means possibly arthritis was a contributing factor. These were all issues that the staff at Frisky's could not have seen with the naked eye. The clinical findings and the x-ray findings together created a prognosis which is poor for release. The Eagle would end up being in too much pain to fly and then would not be able to find food to eat. For a life in captivity, it would be one that would include constant pain. That was not a life we wanted for him.

Dr. Sadar, Dr. McRuer and Colleen all agreed that the only choice was to euthanize the Eagle so that his pain would be ended. On Monday, Nov. 28, 2011, the Bald Eagle was humanely euthanized.



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Bald Eagle's stay at Frisky's and the Wildlife Center of Virginia. Our experience with the Doctors at The Wildlife Center has been very educational for us. They have offered to assist us with any future birds that may need a pro-

longed rehabilitation time. We are very grateful for their offer and all they have done for us and for the Eagle. You can experience this wonderful center at www.wildlifecenter.org.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

We Thank everyone who has reached out to help Frisky's. We appreciate your financial donations, your in-kind Wish List donations, your services and your time spent volunteering this past year.

Our goal for the coming year is to increase our networking and public awareness. Our wish for the new year is that we can count on your continued support.

*With Warmest Wishes for You,
Colleen & Scott,
the Staff and all the Volunteers*

