

# FRISKY'S DONATIONS

We would like to thank all the businesses that support us by donating products and services that Frisky's needs to operate properly.

We have thanked MD Monogram before and continue to thank them each time someone comments on our wonderful new shirts. Andy donated many of the shirts and gave us a special price on the remaining ones. Everyone loves them and we will soon be ordering more.

We thank Tiki's Playhouse for all the love and kindness they have shown us and our three dogs. They have provided many grooming sessions at no cost for Dusty, our little white dust mop, and for our two Australian Shepherds, Bindy and Tripper. Thank you.

Doug and Ian at Allied Quick Print certainly deserve thanks. They go through a lot of changes when we put out our newsletters and flyers. They help out with the design when needed, the layouts of the newsletters and even the cost. They make deliveries to us late at night sometimes, so we will have the newsletters available for the volunteers to work on when they come in the next day. But most of all, they have received too many emails from me saying, "sorry, but can we change one more thing?" We Thank Both of You.

Hayley Brittingham is a Gifted and Talented Student at Atholton High School. For her service project, she held 3 bake sales at the Howard County Central Library to raise money for Frisky's. She baked 100 brownies, cookies and cupcakes each week and sold them for \$1 each on 3 different weekends Hayley raised \$450 for Frisky's! The staff and all the animals at Frisky's say "Hats off to Hayley!" Thank you Hayley and thank all those who made purchases or donations at Hayley's table. You make a difference!

If you work in the medical field, could your office donate supplies for Frisky's? Exam gloves and syringes are always needed. If you are interested and can help, please contact us for details.

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# THE RESCUE RECORD

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## EAGLE FINDS SANCTUARY

### PART FOUR: INTENTIONAL SHOOTING

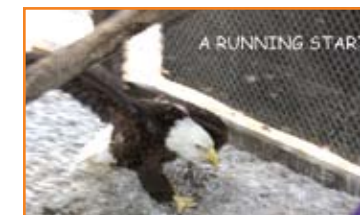
BY JANICE ELLIS



While helping a man with the animals he had brought in, I was asked "how is the Eagle doing?" We get asked this all the time from people who have visited

Frisky's and from those of you who read the articles about the Bald Eagle. So, I thought nothing of it and answered that he is doing very well, he is able to perch high in the top of the enclosure and is testing his wings with short flights across the enclosure. We can watch the Bald Eagle from a distance and witness his attempts at flight. He looks as though he is almost jumping up to the top of the enclosure, then he flies down, only to start all over again. On the first few times we witnessed this, we could watch him do a soft crash landing each time he tried to fly from the high perch across the enclosure. But the imperfect landings did nothing to stop him from trying again, over and over. Now his flights are much smoother and you can tell his wing is much stronger. In fact, he is spreading his wings and exercising them throughout the day. He is still very shy though and does not attempt to fly when he knows someone is nearby watching.

Now I ask you, How many times have you heard someone say "it's a small world"? After answering this man's question, he continued to fill out the necessary paper work and then went on to tell me that he belonged to the Fire Department and had been on the EMS call to rescue Officer Washington of Animal Control, who had passed out during the Bald Eagle's rescue. He had not actually



rescued the Eagle, but indeed played an essential part in that cold win-

try event. (It is a small world, isn't it.) We spoke about what kind of person could harm such a majestic creature. That is, if it was done on purpose. Then...I was told that they believe it was an intentional shooting. This is because there has been another dead Bald Eagle found in the same area. This time the question of intention is quite clear. This latest Bald Eagle had been found decapitated. Now we know that the Bald Eagle being rehabilitated at Frisky's will not be released at the location it was found. US Fish and Wildlife has supplied us with a few choices of appropriate areas where he can be released when he is capable of survival on his own. These areas are far enough away from where he was found, so that he will not try to return.

Bald Eagles mate for life, so we had originally hoped this one could be reunited with his mate and possible offspring. However, circumstances make that impossible now. We would never put him back in such a dangerous situation. Upon further research, I learned that upon the death or lengthy absence of a mate, a Bald Eagle will take a new mate. Let us hope that this Bald Eagle's mate has instincts that have led her to find a new mate already and that this Bald Eagle will mate again in his new territory once he is released. *To be continued...*

*We want to give thanks to Daniel Overmier and Keith Ellis who are contributing fresh fish for the Bald Eagle and many of our other animals. By bringing these fish to Frisky's after their fishing trips, they save Frisky's money. Thank You Daniel and Keith.*



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PART THREE: WATCHING OVER US BY JANICE ELLIS

It is not frightened by this behavior, it is expected. She is well educated and knows that the Eagle's natural tendencies are to try to look as large, powerful and threatening as possible to any potential enemy. She simply moved out of his path and he returned to the fresh fish that Colleen had just brought him.

This Eagle's talons were so dull when he was brought in that Dr. Gold's first examination led him to ask Colleen if she had filed down his talons. We can only surmise that when he was shot, he was limited to being on the ground for quite a while, and used his feet to navigate when he was unable to use his wings at all. This unusual amount of time on the ground, or on the rocks in the river where he was found, would be enough to take the sharp edge from his talons and make them appear as though they had been filed down. Since then, his talons have grown quite a bit and are quite sharp once again.

Mike Kelley, one of our volunteers, and a friend, brought a fresh caught fish for the Eagle. His friend had been fishing and donated his catch. For Colleen, this was a photo opportunity. But before Colleen could snap the photo, the fish was gone. The Eagle was quick to claim his prize and made quick work of it. It was the very next day that Colleen saw him on the highest perch for the first time. She hadn't seen him fly, but he needed to fly to get up there didn't he? The only time we had witnessed his wings spread in front, you need to step aside. Colleen

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# HAPPY ENDINGS

*Have you ever wondered whether a mother bird will take care of its babies if they have been touched by a human? How about baby bunnies or a fawn?*

Recently, Ben, who is only 13, rescued bunnies from a nest where two cats had been trying to get to them. He did not see any sign of the mother rabbit for hours and became concerned. He brought the bunnies inside to protect them. He called Frisky's to ask for help, but reached the answering system because we were so busy.. He left a message asking for help on taking care of the bunnies and even asking if he would be permitted to keep a couple of these bunnies as pets. I was very impressed by his message, it was very detailed, and the situation, the description and condition of the bunnies were all there for me. I returned the call and his Mom allowed me to speak directly to Ben. I thanked him for caring enough to get involved and for leaving such a wonderfully descriptive message. I explained that it was illegal for his family to keep wild animals in their possession and that only a qualified and licensed rehabilitator should attempt to take care of any wildlife. He listened very courteously, and then told me what had happened since he left his message. He had been vigilante about watching the nest and saw the mother rabbit return to her nest. He decided that the bunnies belonged with their Mom and replaced them in their nest. By the time I spoke with him, he could say that they were all well and being taken care of by the mother rabbit as they were meant to be. Did I say he is only 13? Thank You Ben for caring enough to get involved and in making a very difficult decision to allow them to be free again.

This month, we received two ferrets from an eviction. They came to us limp and dehydrated. We can only guess that they were left in a situation where the electric may have been turned off for days and the heat had taken its toll. They were given immediate attention, a new clean enclosure, food and water and toys. They are now very alert, healthy and very, very, friendly. They are looking for a new home and a new family. Their new home needs to be one that has had experience with ferrets. An adoption form will need to be filled out, providing personal information, 3 personal references and a reference from your family vet. If you would like to add these two to your family, please contact us at friskyswildlife@yahoo.com or go to Pet Finders and look at all the available animals at Frisky's. We have bunnies, cockatiels,



*Should you find yourself in a similar situation, please note that the mother rabbit feeds her young in the morning and evening and is not in their nest during the day. Many people bring baby bunnies in to Frisky's simply because they did not see the mother rabbit in the nest for hours. Remember, this is normal. If you believe the bunnies have been abandoned, but still seem to be in very good condition, you can place two small twigs in a criss-cross fashion over the top of the nest. Then check in the morning to see if the sticks have been removed. This will tell you that Mom has been there.*

*Please note: baby birds are fed by their parents every couple hours. Should you notice baby birds without parents for any length of time, please contact us for help.*

In a similar situation, we received a call on a Sunday from a distressed woman who found a fawn and the Mom had not been seen with it for hours. I told her that the Mom only feeds her fawn in the early and late hours of the day. So, she would probably return at dusk and expect to find the fawn in the same area. After talking for a few moments about the options, and reminding this woman that the mother deer could take care of this fawn so much better than we could, she decided to wait to see if Mom would return. We received a call later to say that she was so happy that she let nature take its course. She had seen the fawn up and walking around with three other deer. Now it could be part of its natural herd thanks to this woman's faith and patience.

*For further information on fawn rescue, please read "How to Rescue a Fawn...or Not", also found in this newsletter.*

guinea pigs, mice, and a chinchilla.

Let's see if we can work together to make the ferret's story have a "Happy Ending".

Recently, Mattie Gallagher, 6 years old, and her father brought in abandoned baby bunnies. Mattie is a neighbor who lives in Marriottsville and is writing a daily journal as a school project. On her trip to bring the bunnies to Frisky's, Mattie was singing to the bunnies. The bunnies are doing well and will be released at a State Park release sight along with many other bunnies who have become one large family during their stay here. Thanks to Mattie, the bunnies have a "Happy Ending" and Mattie has a great entry for her journal.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

Colleen would like to thank the Howard County Rotary Club for inviting her to speak at their May meeting. It's not often that Colleen has dozens of men and a few women hanging on every word she says while attending a delicious luncheon. She was able to share information on many different topics about Frisky's. She spoke about the reason she has been doing this work for over 40 years and how she receives so much in return for the care she gives the animals. There is much work at Frisky's that Colleen handles herself on a daily basis, but she always gives the volunteers the credit they deserve. Frisky's is about team work, Colleen and Scott, the volunteers, the Vets, our Lawyer and the supporters who we rely on to keep our doors open, we all work together as a team. Colleen was very appreciative for the opportunity to educate those who were at the meeting. She hopes that everyone who has the chance to listen to her will share information about wildlife rehabilitation with others. This is how we can educate the public. This is how we can teach the upcoming generation respect for all life.



**Howard County Rotary Club, we thank you. If your Community Group would like to learn more about Frisky's, please contact us.**

Frisky's hosted the Simian Society's monthly meeting in June. The Simian Society of

America has been supporting and educating Colleen and Frisky's from the start. Colleen turned to them for her primate training from her earliest days with the baby monkeys. We still look to them for help when we are contacted about taking monkeys from the public. They have been able to assist in three such situations this month. Cliff and Mel commented on how impressed they are with our primate enclosures and their visual, nutritional and activity enrichments. They visit several times a year and are very familiar with our sanctuary and the individual primates. The SSA also supports Frisky's financially and has most recently sent a check for \$125 which was raised through a candy sales campaign. Their next campaign will be selling Keystone Jar Candles and Frisky's will work to support them in this effort. Details on the candle sales will soon be posted on our website and Facebook. The volunteers that were working on Sunday were able to join the SSA for lunch. It was a time to learn about the Society and to meet new friends. Cliff, Mel, Christine, Florence and Ron attended along with Cliff's daughter and granddaughter. Colleen had known Florence and Ron for many years, relying on Florence for much needed primate information, yet this was the first time they had actually met. For all, it was an enjoyable and productive meeting and we look forward to the next time we are together.



**Check us out on Facebook**

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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*Thank you for your support!*

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## STILL NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!

**YOUR EXPERIENCE AND SUPPORT OF FRISKY'S NEEDS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE COUNTY'S ATTENTION NOW!**

**TELL HOWARD COUNTY ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!**

**HEARING ON,  
JULY 12<sup>TH</sup> & 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2011 - 6:30pm**

**LOCATION: GEORGE HOWARD BUILDING  
3430 COURTHOUSE DRIVE, ELLICOTT CITY, MD.**

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE  
COME OUT AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT  
OF FRISKY'S SANCTUARY**

*Thank you,  
Colleen Layton-Robbins*

**FOR POSSIBLE POSTPONEMENTS,  
PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE - www.friskys.org**

# SHOULD YOU RESCUE A FAWN... OR NOT!

When you come upon a fawn all curled up by itself, your reaction might be to “rescue” it. After all, it is all alone and you don’t see the Mom anywhere. But please stop long enough to decide if it really needs to be rescued. Mother deer/does leave their fawn in quiet safe places while they forage for food. This may not look like an appropriate place to you in the daylight, but during the night the doe probably came across this spot and thought it was the most tranquil, peaceful and safe spot when she placed her fawn there. Fawns have hardly any scent at all and their camouflage spots make them almost invisible to predators. Humans in their area change this because the human scent can actually draw the predators directly to the fawn. A doe will make a scent circle around the fawn to keep it localized. When the fawn is able to walk around, it will walk right up to the scented area, think “ooh Mom” and lay down there. This way, when the doe returns she will find the fawn in the area where she left it. But she will not return to the fawn if she senses humans near it, so you could be watching all day and not see the doe come back.

Reasons to rescue a fawn: 1. If you find a fawn near a recently killed doe.

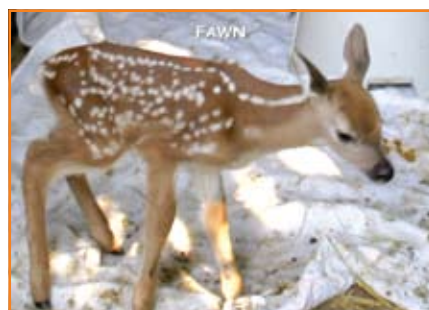
2. If you are sure the doe has not come back to the fawn in 12 hours (the fawn may continue to call the doe with a sorrowful “maaaaa”) 3. If the fawn is unhealthy, meaning that it is weak, has a bad odor, has flies around it or has diarrhea 4. If its eyes are closed or swollen (fawns are born with their eyes open) 5. If the fawn is obviously injured 6. If the fawn is following people around 7. If the fawn is in danger (animals found it or perhaps it wandered into traffic)

Things to do if the fawn needs to be rescued. Be prepared. Before moving the fawn, have everything else prepared. 1. Call your local wildlife rehabilitator, or DNR to make sure you know where to take it. 2. Have a laundry basket or box of that size ready with a sheet in the bottom, partly hanging over the edge of one side. 3. Have the car started and nearby. 4. Fawns have very delicate bones, pick it up gently and place it in the basket. Fold the sheet back over the fawn and leave it covered. Do not touch it again. This will keep the fawn as calm as possible. 5. Take it immediately to the rehabilitator.

Things not to do. 1. Do not chase the fawn, this can cause so much stress that the otherwise healthy fawns may

not survive. 2. Fawns need a special diet and appropriate environment to be rehabilitated with a group in order to survive. Feeding the fawn you have just found can cause it to go into shock and become ill or even die. 3. Keeping the fawn to take care of it yourself is not in the fawn’s best interest. Even though you have the best of intention, you will most likely hinder its chance of rehabilitation or even its life. You do not want the fawn to imprint on people. Think about that same fawn, grown and in the forest and walking right up to a hunter. That is not what any of us want. The purpose of rehabilitation is to get the fawn back into nature to live the way it was meant to.

Every year, healthy fawns die because they were not transported properly, or they were taken care of by well-meaning people who are unqualified to do so. Also, many people do not know that it is illegal to possess a fawn or any other wildlife. Even if you find it in your own yard, it is still illegal to care for it yourself. For the sake of the fawn, or any injured, orphaned or displaced wildlife, please call a wildlife rehabilitator for help. They can help you decide whether it really needs to be rescued and to transport it properly.



# VOLUNTEERS

This year has brought us several new volunteers. We welcome Suzanne, Mallory, Brittany, April and we have two Heathers. You can expect to read more about them and hopefully from them in future newsletters.

We are asking for your assistance for several of our staff volunteers. We have volunteers who are ready to take the next step on their journey at Frisky’s, but are financially unable to do this without your help. I am speaking of the required pre-rabies vaccinations that are needed for these volunteers to be able to work with all the wildlife without the fear of contracting rabies. The Howard County Health Department currently offers these shots at the cost of \$185 each. Each volunteer needs a series of three shots to be given within a month’s time. The payment has to be made on each visit. Many of the volunteers have not taken this step for financial reasons. If you are in a position to help, you may choose to support one volunteer through the entire process, to provide support for one vaccination, for one series, or simply to donate your chosen amount to be used specifically for this purpose. You can choose the volunteer to support or leave that decision to Frisky’s. You can also choose to be anonymous if you would like. It is up to you. These volunteers give all they have to help the animals, but have come to a crossroad that makes it difficult to continue on without your help. Please help keep them safe. You will also help Colleen by making others available to help in this area, thus lessening her work load. We hope you can make a difference. If you would like to help with this effort, please contact us at [friskyswildlife@yahoo.com](mailto:friskyswildlife@yahoo.com) or at 410-418-8899.

**We all thank you for your support.**

• **THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!!** Thank you all for your help in the Storage Room Makeover. Last Sunday, we removed everything from a basement room, brought it all outside and sorted. Some things were discarded, others were taken by Lynn (from

Dead Pet Pickup) for a yard sale this weekend. Lynn will split the profits with Frisky’s on anything that sells at her yard sale. Some items were donated to the Jonah House in Baltimore. Usable cleaning items and animal related items were taken back to the newly cleaned storage room and placed on new shelves. We want to thank everyone who helped – Kerri and Julia, who took care of the animals immediate needs before helping with the project. Pattie and Amy also helped with the animals throughout the day. Rose provided breakfast and lunch for everyone and Scott provided an assortment of drinks on ice. Mike Kelley helped Scott and Colleen bring everything up the stairs, where Kerri, Julia, Rose and Carolyn made sure it all went out into the driveway to be sorted. Brittany came in time to begin the organizing in the new room. I met visitors on the front porch to admit the animals and Kerri and Pattie helped with the intake. It was a great day of accomplishment and volunteers old and new spent the day together sharing and laughing and enjoying each other’s company while working. Again,

**THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS who made this project a success.**



# SAFETY FIRST

Frisky’s is always putting the safety of the volunteers first in everything we do. That is why we are asking for help in paying for pre-rabies vaccinations for some of the staff volunteers. (See article under Volunteers). It is the reason we put each volunteer through 80 hours of training before they are working directly with the animals. It was the reason for Colleen’s latest volunteer class on “Getting Back to the Basics”, which was all about safety.

In this same manner, we take precautions on the property to keep volunteers and animals safe. All trash, garbage and animal waste is removed weekly and taken to the landfill. All animal areas are cleaned and disinfected regularly. All unused medicines and all needles that are used for shots are taken to Dr. Gold’s office to be disposed of properly. Dead animals are placed into plastic bags inside a special freezer unit and picked up by Dead Pet Pickup on scheduled dates and whenever requested.

We ask that you help us in this matter. Each time wildlife is brought into Frisky’s, we ask that you take the containers you used home with you for proper disposal.

# COLLEEN LAYTON-ROBBINS

WORKING on the WILDSIDE - YOUR Animal Keepers in Howard County, MD

Hi! When I moved to Howard County in 1976 from Pennsylvania, I was amazed and impressed to find out how many people between the two major, fast paced cities of Baltimore and Washington, DC cared about animals in need



For anyone who loves animals, taking the time to provide care and appreciate their lives is an especially beautiful and most rewarding way to live.

Frisky's is your local answer to wildlife that have become orphaned, injured or displaced. We make a great team, you and Frisky's Wildlife Rehab & Sanctuary. If you have supported Frisky's, *thanks so very much*. If you haven't yet, we need your help too.



For your information, Frisky's no longer takes in dogs or cats, horses or large exotic birds, i.e. peacocks or cockatoos. And *no* Wildlife Rehabilitator can accept grown deer, raccoons, foxes or skunks. Our hours to accept wildlife for rehabilitation are respectfully from 8 am to 8 pm. Pet give-ups are only accepted if we have room. To see any of the animals/pets that are for adoption, appointments are made



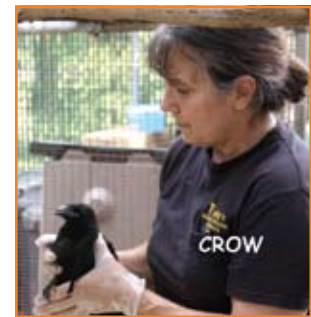
between 11 am and 4 pm. Community Tour Dates are posted on our website and you need to make reservations. Scout projects are always welcome and needed, call or email to arrange for a meeting. Educational tours are given for school groups, scouts and home school groups. Only 15 people per group. All volunteers must be 16 years of age or older. All donations are tax-deductible and all monies go to the care and feeding of the



animals. We are all volunteers at Frisky's, we have no paid staff.

We are a clean, quiet and safe sanctuary for the animals in need and also for the volunteers, my family and our neighbors too. Frisky's is here to stay. It is our home and our sanctuary. We are not moving, changing our phone or closing down.

I hope I have answered your questions, but if not, feel free to call, write or email with any questions you might have.



In closing I want to say Happy Father's Day to all the men providing for the needs of their family. Especially to my husband, Scott Robbins, who is gone 12 hours a day to provide for us and still comes home to help with the animals and grounds care, working until 9 at night.. We All Appreciate and Love You Scott.

Stay Cool this Summer....Colleen, Frisky's Founder



# SHAPE SHIFTERS BY JANICE ELLIS

We received several calls to pick up a "Bald Eagle" since I've been here. So far, on the way to the shelter, these Eagles have mysteriously shape shifted and changed themselves into pigeons with white heads, a cooper's hawk, and most recently, and two juvenile Osprey. Now, personally I can see where someone might mistake this young osprey as a Bald Eagle if they've never seen one before. It has a white chest and a white head. It's very young with fuzzy feathers mixed in, and its size would remind you of a young Eagle. But what the public doesn't realize is that a Bald Eagle's head is not white until it matures (about the age of five years old).

We've had other animals shape shift also. A baby fawn was really a baby goat. Once we had a lady bring in a "tarantula". Without looking at it closely, she scooped up a bedroom slipper that had a brownish fuzzy "leg" hanging out and put everything into a bag and that bag inside another. When we unwrapped it, she had actually found a red bat. A baby groundhog turned itself into a baby fox before arriving at Frisky's. Talented little animals aren't they? Recently, a veterinarian called about bringing in a beaver and brought us a baby vulture. Now, he didn't mistake this one like the other people. It seems the beaver was ok and was able to be on its own after all. It made its way back into the water when the vet tried to pick him up. Then later with family, he was given a baby vulture that

was all alone. It was found in a nest with sibling that was dead. For whatever reason, the Mom was no longer taking care of it.. I never thought I would say this about a vulture, but it is adorable...it fits in the palm of your hand it's so little. It is covered in fuzz. It makes a low hiss that sounds like...haaaaaaaaaaaaaa... but honestly, it looks nothing like a beaver!

Then we have the more easily confused animals. People confuse baby ducklings and baby goslings all the time. A wild mink was mistaken for a ferret. Baby pigeons are so uniquely ugly when they are tiny that they are mistaken for baby vultures. The top of the list are baby birds. People are quite sure that they have a particular bird only to find out they are wrong when they arrive. Mature birds are often mistaken for different types also. Now we all know that squirrels have tails, right? You would be surprised how often baby squirrels turn out to be baby bunnies and baby bunnies turn out to really be baby squirrels. We don't mind that people aren't always sure which animal they have, we are just happy that everyone cared enough to bring them in to Frisky's.

**Thank you and God Bless you for caring about these little wild Shape Shifters!**

## MAY'S NEWSLETTER

We wish to apologize to all who have not yet received their copy of May's newsletter. On May 17th, Colleen sent 5800 envelopes out using bulk mail. The newsletter was sent out 9 days before the May 26th zoning hearing with a request for your attendance in Frisky's support. The hearing took place with volunteers and only a couple supporters in attendance. This has affected our donations drastically also. To this date, many of these newsletters still are unaccounted for. The situation is under investigation, but we are uncertain whether we will ever know what happened...

For those of you who did not receive a copy, the newsletter is available for viewing on our website at: [www.friskys.org](http://www.friskys.org)