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### ANATUM PEREGRINE FALCON RELEASE

We received a call from Annapolis Naval Academy, a juvenile hawk or falcon of some sort had been spotted in the water. We asked our go-to raptor handler, Brian Loeper, if he could make the rescue run for Frisky's.

When he returned with the bird to Frisky's, he and Colleen tried to identify it using Colleen's library of bird books. It looked like a peregrine family, but was much larger. We thought we had identified it a couple times, only to find out that we were incorrect. This bird was banded on both legs, so we called Billy who knew falconers through the Caitlin Dunbar Nature Center where he works. His friend, Deron Meadon, had lost a rare bird a couple months earlier and he was called in to see if this could be the same bird. It was not, however, he was able to identify this bird as a juvenile Anatum Peregrine Falcon. There are several sub-species of falcons and this one was much larger than we were used to and only a juvenile! He was most likely a fledgling that ended up unexpectedly swimming at the end of a maiden flight that wasn't what it was supposed to be.

Efforts immediately began to find out exactly what we needed to do to get him back where he be-

longed.

Phone calls were made involving Mary at the Department of Natural Resources and Kathy and Craig with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Here at Frisky's Wildlife and Primate Sanctuary, we were told how important it was to get him back to the nest so that the parents would accept him. But, we had to know where that nest was. Craig Koppie came to the rescue, identifying 13AK by his bands. He had been the officer that placed the bands around the legs of this very bird, along with 3



him back where he belonged. We learned that this was a seven week old male Anatum Peregrine Falcon and that most likely his parents would accept him if we got him back quickly.

Less than a week after placing 13AK back in his nest, on June 18, Craig informed Billy that one of the parents made an appearance and our falcon actually flew. Two days later, 13AK was seen not far from the nesting area and is doing well. Rescue Well Done! Frisky's wants to thank Brian, Billy, Deron, Mary, Kathy and Craig for their participation in this rescue, it was great team work.



Frisky's wants to thank all the volunteers for their blood, sweat and tears shed this past year and for their continued love and support. And all the volunteers wish to thank you for your continued support!

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

Keep warm and safe and we hope to see you in the New Year!

# WINTER CARE FOR OUR INDOOR FEATHERED FRIENDS

BY: ASHLEY VANDERLOOP



It's getting colder outside so please remember to keep your feathered friends away from drafts and avoid extreme changes in room temperature. Most of the exotic birds we know and love are from tropical, semi-tropical/savanna or scrub lands that are warm all year. They like the room set with a temperature that you can sit in comfortably without bundling up. If they are too cold: they will be quieter than normal, fluffed up, or even shivering, and seeking a warmer part of their enclosure. Use caution if you must place a heater in the room with the enclosure though. If the heater is too close, the bird may become too warm. If they are too warm: they will pant, hold their wings up to let the air pass under them trying to cool down, and generally look anxious. To help prevent any stress your pet may experience from the cold you can check your doors and windows to see if they need weather-proofing, be sure to not leave doors and windows held open on cold or windy days, and provide your bird with warm, covered shelters in their enclosure. Any bird showing any signs of stress that are not resolved quickly and/or a bird that is refusing to eat should see a veterinarian

**Editor's Note:** Also be aware that any room deodorizers, cleaning odors and fumes from your heater, fireplace or cook stove can be harmful to your bird.

# FEEDING WILDLIFE



Hello, this is Isabelle (Izzy) from Frisky's and since the temperatures are rapidly decreasing, wildlife will be migrating or getting ready for winter. Now is a good time to restock on birdseed and nuts for the birds and wildlife. Bird baths will freeze when the temperature drops low enough, but just having a stick floating in the water can keep the water from freezing solid until that time. Please remember our wildlife friends during this season and stay warm!

**Editor's Note:** Please remember that you are being asked to offer foods that will supplement the diet of wildlife in your area, not to be relied on as their only source of food!

# EXPECTATIONS & REALITIES OF A FRISKY'S VOLUNTEER

BY: DIANE BROWN

You are warned, many times, in the application, when you turn in your application, and during orientation. When you volunteer at Frisky's you will be a maid, a waitress, and a nurse, this is not a place where you will be cuddling with the animals all the time. You are here to make the lives of the animals happier, safer, and healthier. I was totally prepared for this, and probably to the surprise of some, I actually wanted to do physical labor.

During the week I work in Family Services at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, DC. I do not get to see much of the outdoors. It can be a very rewarding job, but at times stressful. It is nice volunteering at Frisky's, because I have the opportunity to be outside, and work off some of the stress of the week.

I have done a lot of cleaning since I started, but while I am cleaning I get to hang out with the animals. Gizmo, one of the Macaques, likes to watch while I am washing dishes and Lucy, a Vervet Guenon Monkey, is very curious when I clean rabbit enclosures. The guinea pigs always peak out their heads when giving them fresh

food and hay.

The benefit of cleaning, in addition to helping the animals have a safer, cleaner place to live, is that the animals get to know you better while you are cleaning. Each day I am there, they get to see my face a little bit more, they start to learn who I am, and know that I'm okay.

The staff also gets to know me better and they have learned that I work hard and I am willing to do anything. I think they are really looking for volunteers like that at Frisky's, and with that hard work, there are rewards. You get to learn more about the animals, and you get to help them thrive. And you are there to witness those special, unexpected moments, which is a wonderful benefit.

One of the things I have learned is to watch for the changes in their behavior, because it



always means something and as volunteers we make adjustments where we can. With the big storm, the "Frankenstorm", the animals all seemed to know that something was coming, and all the volunteers pitched in to make Frisky's as prepared as possible. Although there were still some glitches with the power going out, we weathered through it okay. Then there are the everyday challenges. Howard County continues to grow, and on both sides of Frisky's there is construction going on. The loud and sudden noises can definitely startle and upset the animals, but we do our best to maintain the sanctuary that is their home.

After four months now of volunteering, I still haven't run down the drive way, which I still think they fear I will, but I love being here. I look forward to my weekends being at Frisky's. As much as it is a sanctuary for the animals, it is now also mine.

**Editor's Note:** With all her hard work, commitment and time spent at Frisky's, Diane is gaining the well earned trust of all the animals here at Frisky's and has proven to be a wonderful addition to Frisky's volunteer staff.

# ACKNOWLEDGING DEDICATION

BY: COLLEEN LAYTON-ROBBINS



Dear Friends of Frisky's, Thank You! Thank everyone of you who have rescued a critter, supported our cause or volunteered to do some grunt work. We all recognize that each of you are an important part of Frisky's Wildlife & Primate Sanctuary, Inc. and I want to thank you for continuing to help the critters that cannot care for themselves.

I am constantly reminded daily, in a dozen different ways, that our years of experience and our commitment are appreciated and noticed. That's great! We love your feedback, and its quite often the topic of discussion around here. It takes commitment and dedication from everyone involved for Frisky's to keep its doors open. For example, there are four primates that get insulin shots twice a day. They are fast and not just anyone can do it. You have to be fast, efficient and see the task through everyday, no matter how your day is going or how you might feel. We have to be able to depend on our staff members to complete each task they are asked to perform. The volunteers that are with us year after year, are here because they have consistently shown commitment and dedication to Frisky's.

I've been doing this since our first litter of bunnies came in Sept. of 1970. Our first monkey came in 1989. Our first raptor came in 1990. We started accepting volunteers in 1981. We became a non-profit organization with a Board of Directors in 1997. We became a 501 (c) 3 Non-Profit in 2002. To this day, no one has been paid, including our vet and our lawyer! We are all here because we generally want to help, to give, to pay it forward and to learn. I know I have learned more through my experiences at Frisky's than anyone could ever learn by reading books alone.

At Frisky's, we are constantly busy since our mission includes Wildlife, Exotic Pets and Exotic Wildlife. In addition to all the animal care, we feel educating the public is also our responsibility. This means presenting information to educational groups, community tour groups, and speaking to people on the phone, people on the deck and anyone else we meet through the day. Many of our volunteers find themselves discussing these matters with everyone they know and meet, because these issues are close to their heart.

At the end of the day we are exhausted but at the same time we feel good. Never underestimate the mess an animal can make in an enclosure. Looking into an enclosure that was cleaned only minutes before, we might accuse them of having a party as soon as we turned our backs. So tomorrow we will need to repeat the cleaning and much of the other work that was done today. But you will hear no complaints from me, I love my work.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. You all know that I live here on Frisky's property. Again, I thank you for all your continued support and look forward to hearing from you, seeing you on deck or working with you towards our common goal... giving wildlife a second chance at life!

I pray you all enjoy your holidays in good health. Love and Big Hugs... Still Frisky, Colleen.

**Check us out on Facebook**

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

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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If you are interested in collaborative opportunities or donating your time and expertise, please write us with your thoughts, call or email Frisky's.

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

# WORKING WITH THE SCOUTS

BY: JANICE ELLIS

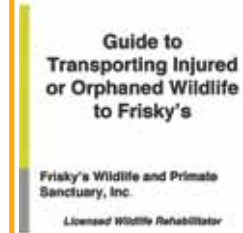
When my children were young, I was involved in scouts for awhile and I know what determination and conviction it takes for the youth of today to reach the highest levels of Scouting. I personally enjoy working with young people and recently I was blessed to work with both an outstanding Girl Scout and an outstanding Eagle Scout. I will fondly remember each of these



scouts as they give me hope for the future generation! Working with Jackie Berges has been a joy! To begin with, she has such a gentle, sweet nature and we looked forward to every visit from her. She came to us with basic ideas for her Girl Scout Gold Award project: a power-point project; a pamphlet for informing and educating the public on transporting wildlife to Frisky's; and a photo album that illustrates the many aspects of wildlife rehabilitation. She became a volunteer for a time, to learn what goes on behind the doors at Frisky's. She observed the routines of the staff and the animals, learning what is needed for the daily upkeep of the animals. She also gave her time to help with our annual fundraiser, which raises money to help support the feeding and care given throughout the year.

Jackie took all the information from time spent as a volunteer

and put together a fantastic package. Her basic idea was expanded to become an amazing and surprising gift to us. Her pamphlet, "Saving Wildlife", will be used as a handout to teach the public how to safely capture and transport wild-



life to Frisky's. Her PowerPoint project is one we can use in educational programs and at adoption fairs to demonstrate what Frisky's is all about. Her photo album is a wonderful compilation of animals that currently call Frisky's their home. All three avenues of this project bring us to the same destination... a thorough and complete package to help us further educate the public. Now that Jackie's project is completed, we can only hope that she will find time to continue to be part of Frisky's family and continue to volunteer whenever time permits.

For the first time ever, Colleen and I attended an Eagle Scout Ceremony in October, where Colleen was asked to speak. We just couldn't say no to Jimmy Rollins, and considered it a privilege. Earlier this year Jimmy completed his Eagle Scout Project at Frisky's and

gave us a much needed storage area for all our outside supplies. We couldn't have asked for a more rewarding experience. It isn't often that we have a scout project that is truly completed! Normally, we need to tweek the projects somewhat, making repairs or changes. But that certainly wasn't the case with Jimmy. He was very efficient with his planning and with carrying out the project. He checked with Colleen after each step was completed before moving to the next. He was a great supervisor and kept his very large crew quiet around the animals and focused on the project before them. His entire family was a joy to have at Frisky's. Unlike others who attended this ceremony, Colleen and I had not watched Jimmy move up through the ranks of Boy Scouts to reach Eagle Scout, so it was the first time we heard the many stories of how Jimmy was a leader in so many different aspects of scouting. Although we were hearing this for the first time, neither of us was surprised. It was a most enjoyable evening. Thank you Jimmy for allowing us to be part of this monumental moment in your life!



# ADOPTABLES

We have several Exotic Pets that need someone to love them. Sally and Duke, female and male guinea pigs, are about 1 year old and both are in excellent health. They are housed separately here at Frisky's. The adoption fee is \$20 each and enclosures are available for a small donation.



We have seven rabbits that would love to have their own family and their own home. Violet and Rose are mother and daughter. Violet is about two years old and was part of a hoarding situation. Rose was born in Feb of 2011 They enjoy each other's company and will only be adopted together. These are great rabbits. Their fee together would be \$50. Leona is a chocolate/brown lionhead rabbit. She is about 3years old and her adoption fee is \$40. She is very timid,

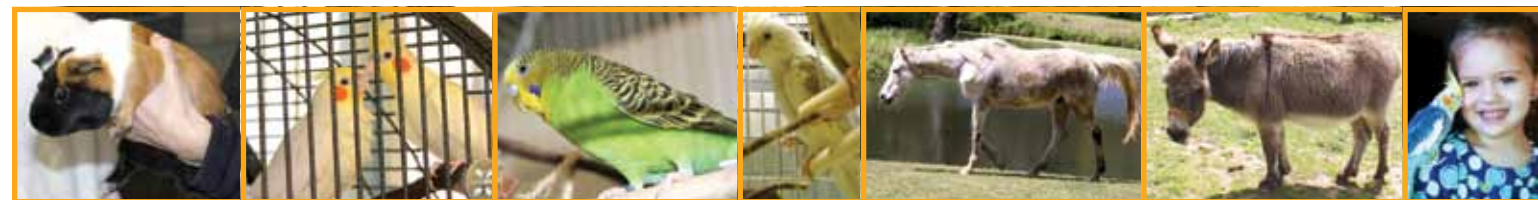
shy and enjoys attention. The remainder of the rabbits have an adoption fee of \$30 each. Rufus is a result of the same hoarding situation and was also born in Feb. of 2011. He is very spunky and needs exercise on a regular basis. It takes only a short time to gain his trust, and then he is a wonderful friend. Max is a mature, all black male rabbit that would make an excellent pet. He loves to interact with the other rabbits and people. Gretel is a white female rabbit with a few black markings. Of all our rabbits, she would make the best pet for a younger child. She loves attention and loves to be held. Bo is a very large female rabbit that is calico in color! She is a one of a kind and is beautiful. She's friendly, energetic and loves to play. She is less than a year old and loves to run in circles. We adopt animals to families with species specific experience only and you must supply us with 3 personal references and one from your veterinarian to be approved. Please consider taking one of these wonderful animals into your family and home!



# ADOPTED

Frisky's has been fortunate to place several Exotic pets and farm animals in "forever homes". We want to thank the families and organizations that adopted goats, ducks, cockatiels, parakeets, and guinea pigs. Through Burleigh Manor we have also placed a horse, a pot-bellied pig and a miniature donkey.

*Please consider a rescued animal when adding a pet to your home, you will truly be appreciated!*



Dear Frisky's: My fiancé and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to adopt three wonderful goats from you. We just moved back onto the property and wanted to restart our farm and what better way than to adopt. Our farm is starting to feel more like home with the addition of the goats. They are sweet, but shy. I know it doesn't look like much in the picture, but they have a whole field to graze. They just prefer to come see us when we are out in the yard. They are doing what typical goats do eat, and pick on each other. They are fun to watch and a joy to listen to. You also allowed us to add a couple of ducks to our farm and through that we now have six..., They have a baby pool to swim in and plenty of food and company (of the) two miniature horses you also helped us get. Everyone is settling in just fine and is loving life. Thanks again for the opportunity to give such deserving animals a new fur and/or feather home. Thanks again.

*Leigh Wiltison and Mike Combs*



## NETWORKING

*A very important part of rehabilitation is networking with other organizations. Organizations like Frisky's often depend upon the cooperation of others in the placement of animals, or in re-gifting donations. We work closely with other rehabbers and with the Humane Societies and Animal Control Departments in all the surrounding counties. We are always happy to have new organizations join our networking.*

Frisky's would like to welcome Burleigh Manor Animal Sanctuary to Howard County, and to thank them for working with us to place livestock and unwanted farm animals. They have given a home to a horse, a miniature donkey and a pot-bellied pig through Frisky's so far. Earlier in the summer, Julia and I were invited to visit Burleigh Manor by the owners. Lisa Davis and her husband, Larry, are a compassionate couple who wanted to offer a sanctuary where unwanted, neglected and abused livestock could have a second chance at life. Their goal is to show respect for these animals and the environment by eco-friendly means and through educational programs. They are a newly established, 501 (c) 3, Non-Profit Sanctuary nestled in behind two of Centennial Lane's schools on 10.5 acres. After touring the site, we know that any animals that we place at Burleigh will be offered the best care and more importantly, the respect and opportunity to live free, safe and at peace for the remainder of their days. We look forward to continuing our partnership with our new friends at Burleigh Manor and to many return visits in the future.

Burleigh Manor welcomes schools, scouts, churches, youth groups and businesses to consider scheduling a tour at Burleigh. They also have a spacious, modern conference room available for your group to have meetings, or special events Meet the resident animals and see what this new and wonderful Sanctuary has to offer the community! If your group is interested in a tour, or wish to assist with donations or volunteering, you can reach Burleigh Manor by calling 410-489-4696 or contacting them on their website: [www.Burleighmanor-retreat.org](http://www.Burleighmanor-retreat.org). or via email at [burleighmanor1802@gmail.com](mailto:burleighmanor1802@gmail.com)



## UNEXPECTED EMERGENCIES

BY: JANICE ELLIS

I would like to apologize to anyone who was not contacted after calling or emailing about an animal, an adoption or a volunteer application in the past few months. Due to unexpected emergencies, we found ourselves in a position where we could only handle the animals coming in and any other situations that were truly urgent.

All summer long, Colleen had been battling a personal issue. At the end of summer we were preparing for Julia to leave for college. We knew that it was going to make an impact here at Frisky's because Colleen had come to rely on her for helping out with all the animals every day. She was the only volunteer besides me that was here everyday. Then suddenly, my daughter, Sheri, ended up in ICU and remained there for over 8 weeks. As much as Frisky's needed me to be here, my daughter in her life threatening situation needed me more. So now Colleen was without her two fulltime volunteers and realized just how much she had relied on them every day.

Many of the volunteers helped with things I could no longer do. My responsibilities at Frisky's included returning phone calls and emails along with checking the references for both animal adoptions and volunteer applications. There just was not enough time and energy for me to do much beyond the urgent matters of my daughter's situation. Izzy helped me with getting my daughter into John's Hopkins, where we all knew would be her best chance at survival and she and Omar helped me with some of the essential phone calls. It was then that I realized I needed help and continue to need help.

You see, after a couple months in the ICU and then Sheri's stay at a Kernan's for rehabilitation, my daughter is finally home. But being home means that she needs daily care now and she has several new procedures she will need to endure in the upcoming months. And now I had my daughter's life to attend to. I needed to keep on top of all her medical conditions with the many, many doctors and specialists that were taking care of her, make appointments, pay bills and take care of parent/teacher conferences and homework for my 14 yr. old grandson. This continues to make it difficult for me to get into Frisky's for work on any sort of regular schedule and so I give an hour here and there and a day here and there. There are some things, such as writing articles and putting this newsletter together that I can work on when my daughter is taking a nap. But even with a home computer and a smart phone, there is so much that needs to be done from the office.

Joyce began doing computer searches for me when my smart phone would not give me the answers I needed for work. Little by little I began depending on her for some of the emails, then the contacts for several situations. I forwarded emails to her asking her to handle all the correspondence with several charity groups. She has been so helpful to me, to Frisky's and my family also. I relied on Heather to follow up on all the calls and emails we received from different groups wanting to do fundraisers for Frisky's. Bonnie has offered recently to take on the responsibility of checking references for adoptions. I am so thankful I know that I can continue to rely on them to help me, for they are part of my family also.

I want to thank all my Frisky's family members who have made it a little bit easier to get through this and all those who offered prayers and hope through phone calls, emails and Facebook. Some of you I have met at Frisky's or maybe only on Facebook, and some I have never met at all. Thank You All... and once again, please accept my apologies for not being available to answer all your questions for however long this might continue.

## PRIMATE PHYSICALS



Once again we can look back at a very successful primate physical event. Everything went smooth, both human and non-human primates all fared well! There were no

health issues other than some that come with age and most of our primates are getting older. Each monkey received a full check-up: vitals, blood and sugars were checked, nails were clipped, needed dental work was attended to, and any vaccinations needed were given.



We want to thank Dr. Gold and his wonder-

ful staff from Chadwell Animal Hospital. Each year Dr. Gold brings vets and techs to make it possible to get all the primates completed in one day. We also wish to thank Dr. Cranfield from the Baltimore Zoo and Mountain Gorilla Project for doing the primate's immobilizations, something he has come to be recognized for. We thank Joyce for going the extra step in tracking down Dr. Cranfield and surprising Colleen on the evening of the Physicals. Although we appreciate all the work he does in Africa for the Mountain Gorilla Project, we were all so thankful that he was back here in the states in time for the Primate Physi-



cals this year.

We thank all the volunteers who worked so hard to prepare both in the days ahead of the physicals and on the evening of the physicals also. Since the physicals take total concentration and effort of everyone at Frisky's, we have to do extras ahead of time to make sure that we don't get behind on the daily chores, feedings and cleanings. Then while the monkeys are being examined, their enclosures are given a thorough cleaning to offer them a sparkling clean home to return to as they awaken.

To be part of the primate physicals is exhausting and yet to be able to hold and comfort the monkeys as they are coming out of sedation is quite an experience to remember. Only the volunteers that the monkeys are familiar with have this honor, afterall,



who would want to wake up to a total stranger? As the sedation wears off, it is important that they are watched carefully and comforted with gentle stroking hands and soothing voices. We all loved this part, human and non-human primates! However, only the humans will look forward to repeating this event next year!

## OUR FEMALE BALD EAGLE IS READY TO GO!

Our female Bald Eagle had its left wing tip amputated and has completely healed. We are now waiting for word from The National Zoo that their new habitat is complete and that they are ready to receive her. We hope to offer a happy ending story in our next newsletter.



# VISITING FRISKY'S



We love it when old friends find the time to visit. We have been visited by several old friends recently.



Jo McFarlane, was unable to make the SSA meeting earlier in the year due to health issues, but visited us on a later date. She was reunited with one of the monkeys that has been offered sanctuary, one that used to live with her. The time spent together was wonderful for all involved, especially the monkey.



An old friend of Colleen's, Terry Wooden, came to visit Frisky's and to adopt Romeo, one of our cockatiels. Romeo loves his new home and his new friend who is also named Romeo, a family dog. When the dog goes outside, Romeo the bird whistles and calls "Romeo" and the dog comes right back in. Terry returned at a later date to bring other family members to see Frisky's.



During the summer, Colleen's brother Mike and his wife Marcia visited several times. They brought family with them on one visit. Mike and Marcia came to work in preparation for the Primate Physicals also.

Scott's sister, Holly, and her husband visit throughout the year. Holly helps us quite often with research work.



One of our past volunteers,



Kerri Rowe and her Mom Betsy came to visit one afternoon and Kerri brought donations for the animals.

I was able to give a tour to a four year old in our family. Her name is Gailah, and she asked a lot of surprising questions for being only 4. What fun it is to view the world through the eyes of a child again!

Many volunteers that have been absent for one reason or another found their way back to Frisky's and Colleen's side. Cheryl, Maureen and Sonny, Thank you for being there to help out when Colleen needed it this season!

Along with old friends and family, we have seen many new faces through our community and educational tours. This year Heather Wandell hosted Frisky's community tours. We had originally scheduled four tours but they were such a success that we had to have an additional tour to offer everyone a chance to visit. We also gave educational tours to school groups such as The Compass Academy. We enjoy meeting new people and hope that they walked away from the tour with an understanding that wildlife belongs in the wild and do not make good pets.



# THANK YOU!

We are happy to work with both ROOTS and BARK of Clarksville's Conscious Corner Group. Julia, our Jr. Administrative Facilitator, spent a day at Bark greeting their customers and hoping to find "forever homes" for the feathered friends she brought with her. We wish to thank Bark for this public exposure! Roots once again has helped us with the Goat's Milk needed each year to prepare our fawn formula. Special thanks to Kevin for making this possible and to Sherman for making sure it was always available.

Two of Frisky's volunteers each participated in their neighborhood yard sales to benefit Frisky's. Carolyn Clough raised over \$700 and Eileen Sturgill raised \$200. We continue throughout the year trying to raise money for the care and feeding of Frisky's animals. Your donations are needed of items that can be sold at yardsales or on Ebay. Larger items should be held onto until our Annual April Fundraiser.

Thanks to Dr. Pattie Malich, DVM, who is not only one of our favorite networking veterinarians, but also is a transporter between Frisky's and Chadwell Animal Hospital. We want to send out a special thanks to Dr. Urie, Dr. Haskin and of course, our Dr. Keith Gold for taking such great care of our animals, the exotics, the wildlife and the exotic wildlife.

We thank all the staff at Chadwell for their help with the animals. Mikayla French, of Severn, brought in Wish List items she collected at her birthday party, she also brought in a large monetary donation. Folly Quarter Middle School raised money for Frisky's at the end of last year and sent in checks totaling over \$200. The sixth graders at Folly Quarter Middle School raised money through a car wash. Thank you so much to all the children who worked so hard at the car wash!

We want to thank Tiki's Playhouse once again for all they do for Frisky's. They keep Tripper and Dusty well groomed and show up quite often with a van load of supplies! Thank You! Kevin Hughes, known as postcardguy online, purchased our older postcards and also made a donation to Frisky's. Thanks Kevin The Nunallys donated \$50 to Frisky's in thanks for our effort in finding a home for their mini horses. Thank You. Liz Shively brought donations from her Community Association at Dickeyville. Thank you to all who helped with this donation. Anna Permettei, 13, of Catonsville, raised \$75 for Frisky's by



having a Bake Sale. Thank You Anna! The Filho family of Silver Spring donated over 1,000 mealworms. The majority of our animals love these! Thank You!



Kernan's Hospital donated 200 wool blankets for the animals enclosures. This was a timely gift, just in time to use for the freshly cleaned primate enclosures after their physicals. The cooler weather makes these wool blankets perfect for cuddling!



Janet Styles donated \$20 in memory of Hanneklore Vallotton. Both Terri Rogers and Teresa Harp made \$25 donations as requested by Sandy Ekas in honor of her birthday. Bonnie Huffman's co-workers made a \$150 donation in her honor. Thank You!

Dorsey Hall Garden Club made a \$50 donation to Frisky's in honor of Jim Clark. Jim gave a wonderful presentation on Gardening for Wildlife at one of the summer meetings held by the Garden Club and asked that his fee be gifted to Frisky's. Thanks to everyone involved!

Frisky's would like to thank BD for their generous donation of insulin syringes. This donation will greatly help with the costs associated in caring for our four insulin dependent diabetic monkeys. The cost for the insulin alone is well over \$3,000 annually. Thank You BD.



Thanks to the The Howard C. & Marguerite E. Muller Charitable Foundation, Inc. for the grant we requested to help with our daily expenses. For their continued support and generous donations, we wish to thank Sam of Tall Pines and also J. Edward and Fern Hamel.

Linda Joy Burke, a BES Sunday School Teacher, rescued eight pink baby opossums and brought them to Frisky's. She was so impressed with Frisky's and our volunteer staff that her Sunday School Class has started a "Pennies for Frisky's" decorated can in their classroom. They are asking that everyone donate their pennies to this cause and their class will donate the collected money to Frisky's in May when their Sunday School year comes to an end. Thank You Linda and Thanks to your entire BES Sunday School!

21 Years... Scott Robbins really took volunteering seriously! After all, he married Colleen and now gives all his spare time to Frisky's. He rises at 3:30 am to get ready to go to work, returns home 13 hours later and still has several hours of work waiting for him to take care of before he can call it a day. Scott and Colleen are celebrating their 21st Anniversary this year. Congratulations Scott... the volunteers watch as you give your time selflessly to make sure that Frisky's, the animals, and Colleen are well taken care of and we want you to know how much we appreciate all that you do. Oh, and Colleen says thank you too!



## GREATEST REWARD BY: BRIAN LOEPER



For everyone out there who wants to work with animals, there really are a lot of options. Animal hospitals, humane societies, zoos, research labs, animal control; the list goes on. Most people get involved for no other reason than to help to improve the lives of animals. It's really incredible how genuine and widespread this

compassion is. Whether it's volunteers at the SPCA finding homes for abandoned cats and dogs, or college kids pulling all-nighters for years so that one day they can become veterinarians, the desire to enrich the welfare of animals seems so intrinsic and natural to some that they don't even consider themselves outstandingly charitable or generous. There is nothing like seeing a starving animal diving into that first food bowl with relief or watching a large, sleepy dog waking up from surgery completely unaware that the old hip problem will no longer be an issue. However, as a Wildlife Rehabilitator, our great reward is one that we share with almost no other profession: releasing a rehabilitated wild animal.

It's true animals live longer in captivity. They can often double their lifespan. With the stress of hunting and being hunted gone, their food arriving in a timely manner, and free health care (which is more than a lot of us get), most wildlife in captivity hit middle-age around the time that their days in the wild would be winding down. Yet very few wild animals seem to want to be in a cage. They get restless. Anxious. Their instincts continue to fire on all cylinders for years with no outlet. At Frisky's we have a large number of animals that can never be released due to physical, mental, or environmental concerns, which is why our responsibilities aren't just changing water dishes and scrubbing poop (yes, it's glamorous work), but we also read to the primates and leave the radio on day and night for the coatimundis. Enrichment is just as important as hygiene because no animal was meant to stare blankly into the middle distance. Which is why when that transport carrier door opens, most animals

go bounding into the woods with the fervor of a war veteran returning home from battle. To steal Colleen's line, "They don't stop to say thank you." And us Wildlife Rehabilitators are just fine with that.

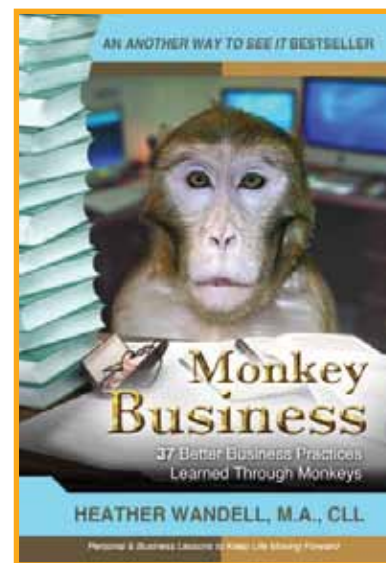
To see a Great Blue Heron go splashing back into a familiar stream or a Red-tailed Hawk burst from a carrier towards a tree line without ever touching the ground is all the thanks we will ever need. Often we see these animals in some pretty desperate states. Sometimes they don't make it much longer. Sometimes they end up boarding with us for the rest of their lives. But as animal lovers, it is oddly true that a Wildlife Rehabilitator's greatest wish is to empty every cage and only ever see these animals again running through an open field or making their way from tree to tree.

Without a doubt, it is an amazing privilege to see these animals up close. It's even harder to deny the enjoyment of building relationships with the unreleasables (sometimes this means sharing food with a primate, other times it's knowing when a Bald Eagle is going to strike). However, as Rehabilitators, the best part of our day is setting that large carrier down in the woods, opening the door, and stepping back. Colleen is right, the animals are often so excited to get home they usually forget to say thank you. Which is fine. The Rehabilitators say it enough as it is.

*As Frisky's raptor handler, we depend on Brian to answer many rescue calls. So far, he has never let us down. From the Bald Eagle, hawks, owls, vultures and even herons that he has helped rescue and release to the ducks and geese, Brian is an important part of our rehabilitation here at Frisky's. Thank You Brian!*



## FRISKY'S MONKEYS BECOME INTERNATIONAL TEACHERS THROUGH NEW BOOK



There's a new book out for this holiday season and it features the monkeys who reside at Frisky's!

Heather Wandell has observed thousands of hours of human workplace behaviors and hundreds of hours of monkey behaviors---and has found there is a connection! While working on her Masters Degree in the Applied Healing

Arts at the Tai Sophia Institute in Laurel, MD, Heather began to sense a deeper awareness of the human connection with nature. Knowing that we are all here sharing this earth time together, Heather began to see that the earth's beings can learn from each other. As a volunteer at Frisky's Wildlife and Primate Sanctuary, Inc. in Woodstock, MD, Heather found 24 teachers and they happen to be non-human. Each of the 37 stories in this book are true observations and interactions with the monkeys who live at the sanctuary. The monkeys are all pet give-ups, who, although have been imprinted with human care, are still governed mainly by their natural wild instincts. Heather cleverly makes the connection to their behavior with a healing or unique business or personal practice that may help to move life forward. Your life IS your business!

The things that happen in life are simply phenomena. The stories that we create around them are what create our own heaven or hell (self induced mental suffering and upset) right here on earth. *Monkey Business: 37 Better Business Practices Learned Through Monkeys* invites us to take a look at the world we are creating and offers simple exercises (or practices) that may help us see something in another way—a way that feels better and creates partnership with those we interact with.

Through our own personal practice, we can change the way we respond to any phenomenon that comes our way. "I use the word 'phenomenon' simply to mean "what is," says Wandell. Everything that happens is a phenomenon. Our suffering begins when

we attach a belief or a story to what happens. For example, story about phenomena might sound like this: "She was pissed off at the meeting this morning." The phenomena themselves are, "She did not speak at the meeting this morning. She was sitting with her arms crossed." When we adopt the personal practice of refusing to create negative stories around phenomena, we can also avoid some of the suffering that proceeds from our assumptions.

If you have ever had an acupuncture treatment, you are most likely aware that when the needle is placed in a certain point of your body, a palpable change in the body or your awareness takes place. Being stuck with a pin to create an energy shift that travels through meridians can bring an awareness or alertness to both mind and body. Wandell states, "My intention is that *Monkey Business: 37 Better Business Practices Learned Through Monkeys* is an acupuncture treatment without the needle. I hope to trigger aha! moments for my readers.

"When an Aha! moment occurs, you suddenly have a new awareness or understanding of something at a deeper level than before. These moments give us a new way of thinking or being that reduces our own mental suffering."

A portion of every book sold goes to Frisky's Wildlife and Primate Sanctuary, Inc. in Woodstock, MD to support wildlife rehabilitation, pay vet bills, and everything else that goes along with keeping the animals happy, healthy, and thriving. There are no paid employees at Frisky's. Everyone is a volunteer. Frisky's is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization and depends on the good hearted donations from the public.

Heather has been a volunteer at Frisky's for eight years and serves as the Director of Community Tours. You can listen to Heather's Toginet radio interview on the book by visiting her website [www.anotherwaytoseeit.com](http://www.anotherwaytoseeit.com) or on the iUniverse show <http://toginet.com/shows/iuniverse> (Sept. 2, 2012 show). To find out more about Frisky's Wildlife and Primate Sanctuary visit [www.friskys.org](http://www.friskys.org). You can follow Heather on Twitter @Anotherwaytosee or like her Facebook page *Monkey Business: 37 Better business Practices Learned Through Monkeys*. The book is available on Amazon and at [Barnesandnoble.com](http://Barnesandnoble.com). It looks great wrapped up in holiday paper with a bow!