In Memory of Tiger Lilly, a beautiful calico cat, a donation of supplies was made by her beloved human. A donation of $50 was made in Memory of Donna Eber. Julia and Leya from Girls on the Run sent in a cash donation. They were part of the Girls on the Run group who did a Wish List Donation earlier in the year.

Kerry Johnson, 13, of Columbia donated $10. Kerry and her friends had made a donation earlier from a lemonade stand. Keep up the good work Kerry!

Maria Johnsonbaugh, 7, who is a neighbor from Woodstock, had a Frisky’s birthday party. She asked for donations from Frisky’s Wish List rather than gifts for herself. We do have some wonderful neighbors!

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5 young cadets from Girl Scout Troop 4719 of Ellicott City, donated 103 knitted wildlife nests which looked like hats for very small children. These are perfect for baby bunnies, squirrels, birds and other small animals in need of a warm secure cuddly space. These girls also spent the past 2 years knitting hats for American Cancer Society, Rt. 1 Cold Weather Shelter, Board of Child Care, Grass Roots Crisis Center and many were sent overseas to Army Troops. This knitting project was done for the girl’s Silver Award.

Our congratulations go out to these young ladies!

Animal Advocates of Mt. Hebron High School brought in a donation of items from our Wish List. Melissa Jacobson, the sponsor, and three of the senior girls came to Frisky’s for the drop off. There students who participated in collecting the items for Frisky’s are: Meghan P, Helen Z., Min K., Naomi K., Comer H., Olivia H., and Olivia R. Thank you al for your help and for caring about the animals.

Thank you to Andy at MD Monogram whose patience allowed us to make multiple changes on his latest donation of shirts to Frisky’s. Thank you again Andy!

Did you know that you can donate your vehicle to benefit Frisky’s? If you have an unwanted vehicle that you would like to donate, please call Frisky’s. We will help you get it removed, Frisky’s will receive a donation in your name, and it’s tax-deductible. Our supporters have been very generous in dropping off donations of food and bedding for the animals. Also, thank you for the many donations brought in for the fundraiser. Let’s not forget the volunteers that gave extra time this month to work at the fundraiser and those who gave additional time to help with the animals. Thank you, each and every one, you are making a difference!

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As you know, we took in many baby bunnies at the beginning of the year when Howard County Animal Control needed help place-ment from the hoarding situation. We are happy to say that we have found homes for several of our baby bunnies and are show-ing others to new families this week.

One couple who came to look at the baby bunnies decided to adopt a mature lop-eared rabbit named Shadow that had been with us for awhile. Shadow was just like the friendliest rabbit you could find. He has visited schools and groups as an ambassador for Frisky’s adoptions in the past, and now has found a “forever home”. We also placed one of our Sugar-Gliders with the Andersen family. He is doing well and his new family keeps us updated.

We still have more baby bunnies and mature rabbits, a pair of Sugar-Gliders, guinea pigs, a cockatiel and finches. We need families who will step forward and give these little guys a second chance. If you are looking for a family addition, please contact Frisky’s or check with your local shelter.

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

DONATION RECORD
FRISKY’S WILDLIFE & PRIMATE SANCTUARY, INC.
10790 Old Frederick Road • # 99 • Woodstock, Maryland 21163
Your donation is 100% Tax Deductible
Retain this receipt for your records.

CALL FOR ACTION!
Frisky’s
Wildlife & Primate Sanctuary, Inc.

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 THURSDAY,
MAY 26, 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
We had volunteers who came extra days to help out with the animals around the area to get us ready for this project. He helps cover the tables with huge tarp each time we are threatened with rain or snow. We all are busy working behind the scene. Sometimes we take it for granted that the yard is kept up, the garbage removed, the power washing is done, equipment is repaired and all the extra work that the fundraiser creates for Scott still manages to get done somehow. From all of us who know just how much you really do, thank you Scott.

And we can’t forget Colleen. April is already a busy time for her. Wildlife vacation and a belated honeymoon trip to assist with the fundraiser on a Saturday. Andrew, Omar and Izzy came in to help with the Exotic animals. She also helped supervise children when they were separated from their parents and she directed traffic.

Mer’s, Betty found time in her busy schedule between a Texas vacation and a related honeymoon trip to assist with the fundraiser on a Saturday. Andrew, Omar and Izzy came in to help with the Exotic Room and the fundraiser on more than one weekend. Lisa Kratz and her two daughters, Jessica, Meagan and Becky were here to help as we get set up in the early mornings each weekend. They worked during the early hours as we scrambled to get everything ready before customers start to come in. Thanks ladies. Bruce Pelcscott came in on several occasions to tackle our electronic corner. He sorted through phones, computers, printers, radion, karaoke machines, type players, lamps, and much more. He helped decide the value of some items and simply whether others worked or not. Bruce was able to salvage some items that otherwise would have been tossed out. Thank you Bruce for straightening out the “morn corner” as we called it and for all the many donated items you brought in.

Scott is Colleen’s husband and does all the maintenance at Frisky’s. During the week, he spends time on his regular chores. Scott brings coffee, tea and doughnuts for everyone after you brought in.

We are all thankful to have her with us again this year and hope she continues to help in the years ahead.

FRISKY’S 2011 FUNDRAISER IS A SUCCESS

Frisky’s 2011 Fundraiser was a success despite the rainy weather each weekend. Our first weekend was April 3rd. Jonah House runs a food pantry and helps people get back on their feet when hard times make lives difficult. They are currently feeding over 170 families and have over 700 more waiting for help. We are thankful that we are able to help such an organization reach out to those in need.

Frisky’s would not be able to have this fundraiser yearly without all the wonderful volunteers who make Frisky’s a priority for the month of April. We all gave extra hours for the entire month. This year, Rose Craig became our new fundraiser Director. Rose was one of our largest contributors to the fundraiser with monetary donations and items for resale, not to mention her purchases and the time and effort that she needed for planning and organizing. Rose brought homemade cookies and brownies for the sale and provided lunch for the volunteers all nine days of the sale. Janet Styles who stepped down from leading this year’s fundraisers became Rose’s partner. Janet was here to offer advice from her earlier experience when needed and to help with anything else asked of her. Rose’s niece, August, came to assist us for the 3rd year in a row. August is our youngest volunteer at the fundraiser and still too young to be a regular volunteer behind the gates and doors of Frisky’s. But she was a great addition to the fundraiser this year and was able to do everything that the rest of us were doing. Under the supervision of her Aunt Rose and Janet, she worked from the very start, sorting and pricing and running errands for all the ladies. She also began working with the customers when we opened, answering questions, getting prices or taking offers. She helped the customers take their purchases to their cars and carried any new donations in. She was very courteous and helped the customers find things they were interested in. She kept the traffic moving at times and even ran the cash register. She helped watch for old friends and meeting new ones. She was very kind and helpful. She worked hard and earned her title of Jr. Fundraiser Director. We are all thankful to have her with us again this year and hope she continues to help in the years ahead.

KATHLEEN MURPHY

A GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENT FROM MT. HEBON HIGH SCHOOL

Death is not easy for anyone. But planning ahead can make it easy for everyone involved. Decide where money from trusts, life insurance, pension plans and charitable trusts will go is something that should be prepared for while you are able to make the decisions for yourself. If you would like to continue to support Frisky’s with One Final Gift after your death, it is a simple process. You can make a bequest that reads:

I give, devise and bequeath to Frisky’s Wildlife and Primate Sanctuary, Inc., located at 10790 Old Frederick Rd., Woodstock MD 21163, the sum of $... (and/or specifically designated property or stock) to be used for its general purposes.

Or you can stipulate that monetary donations be made to Frisky’s in lieu of flowers at the service. Keep in mind that we are all volunteers here and all money donations go to the care of the animals. Please contact your family attorney if you are interested in leaving Frisky’s a One Final Gift after you are gone. Please feel free to contact Frisky’s with any questions at 410-418-8899.
Frisky’s main objective for orphaned and injured wildlife is to get them back into the wild. Wildlife that comes through our door is taken directly to the infirmary where it is given a physical check-up by Colleen. Animals are warmed, old, dehydrated animals are then given fluids and injuries are attended to. Most of the wildlife that comes through this time of year is small. We have the chance to look at a baby bunny, a squirrel, a chickadee, and a raccoon. The bunnies are already this spring we have released over, and a raccoon. The bunnies are centered over, and a raccoon. The bunnies are already this spring we have released one of our apprentices, released two flying squirrels that she had wintered over. These two were tiny when we received them. They were born late in the season and were not old enough or strong enough to be released last year. Squirrels are kept over the winter when they are not ready to be released by November 1st. Flying squirrels live in colonies and need to be released in an area where there is already an established colony. They are nocturnal and are not seen during the day, so it’s not an easy job to find an area for the release. But these two were released where others had been observed before. Pat, who is also an apprentice, had numerous squirrels wintering over. When they were ready to be released, she did a pre-release. This meant that Patti set up larger enclosures on the property where the squirrels were to be released. The squirrels are then moved to that new enclosure in nest boxes. The nest boxes are made for small squirrels by Mike Kelley, a volunteer, who took a partner, some research, some advice and some of his own ingenuity to come up with a unique nesting box for the flying squirrels that also serves as a transport box. It has a hinged door to close off the opening so that the squirrel can remain inside while being moved to the new location. The nesting box is not inside the new enclosure and the door on the box is opened. Now they are in a similar enclosure, with the same nest box, but in a different location. This is calming and less stressful than just turning them loose. They will remain in the enclosure for a few days, long enough to become accustomed to the new location. Then the door on the enclosure is opened, allowing them to come and go as they feel comfortable. When they are no longer coming back to the enclosures, they can be removed. Depending upon where the squirrels are released, sometimes squirrel boxes are put up high in trees to provide housing for the new neighbors.

Many people who drop off these injured, orphaned and displaced animals ask Colleen if they can follow her inside to watch her take care of the animal. They are always given the same answer. No, and they are not able to visit them while they remain at Frisky’s. Once the animal is in the infirmary and the necessary paperwork is filled out, the public no longer has a say in what happens to the animal. These wild animals are given medical attention and placed in an area that is safe, secure and quiet from human voices, but the sounds of nature are softly playing in the background. It is essential that the wildlife not become too accustomed to the humans who tend to them. Talking is kept to a minimum. When the animal comes for their release we do not want them to trust or depend upon humans, but rather to return to their natural instinctive lifestyle. It can be difficult to watch them as they face the little babies and not want to pick them up to cuddle and love them. But, we are here for them; they are not here to become our pets. It can be a mixture of sadness and joy when the time to part with them comes. We just have to remind ourselves that everything we do here is to give wildlife a second chance at life, the life they were meant to live.

What part of Frisky’s routine does not appeal to them and where are their greatest interests? Whenever possible, we try to place the volunteers in areas that they have the most interest in, but to be sure, we only give responsibility to responsible people.

**WHY SHOULD YOUR CHILD VOLUNTEER AT FRISKY’S?**

If your child is at least 16 and has an interest in helping animals, this might be the right choice. We are looking for someone who would be willing to volunteer at Frisky’s this summer. At Frisky’s, your child will most likely be given more responsibility than they would in a paying job. They would have the opportunity to learn why wildlife should remain in the wild and not become house pets. They would learn to respect for the environment, the wildlife, the plants and all. This is a lesson we can only hope is passed down to future generations. They learn compassion as decisions are made to end an animal’s suffering. They learn cooperation, as they understand how we depend on them to be on time and to be able to work with different people on different tasks. In time, they are given jobs to carry out on their own, giving them a sense of accomplishment and pride. We let them know that we could not stay open without their help. They are volunteering in an extended family. Is this something you would like your child to experience?

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**MEET FRISKY’S STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS**

In past issues, you have met Janice Ellis, our Administrative Assistant, Kerri Rose, our Jr. Administrative Facilitator and Kathleen Murphy, our Gifted and Talented Student Intern. We are offering this new column to introduce you to other members of the staff and volunteers you might see on a visit to Frisky’s.

**EILEEN STURGILL**

I have lived most of my life enjoying the wildlife in my back yard. I have tried to help baby rabbits and injured birds when I could. When I retired, I wanted to give one day a week to helping animals and I had several places in mind. Over a period of a few months, Frisky’s kept rising to the top of this list and I finally made a commitment and became a volunteer at Frisky’s. Like most people, I guess I envisioned myself caring for baby animals, injured animals, etc. Petting cute furry things!

What I came to realize is that Frisky’s is a complex operation. There are many tasks to be done. With a facility’s maintenance background, I saw that there were many things that need to be done on a regular basis. I like helping to maintain the grounds, and when needed, I also fill water jugs, organize some of the food that is donated regularly and help with our newsletter mailings.

I am sure as time goes on, I can learn how to help with the feeding, watering and cleaning of the animals. Summer will be a busy time. Eileen is currently our oldest volunteer. She showed up at our front door one fall day with an application for volunteering. After Colleen spoke with her, she told her we would check her references and then call her. Considering her age, we weren’t sure what she would be able to do, but she was quick to show us. Eileen had noticed on the way in an announcement for everyone to get involved and began to gather them. When she did leave, she took a truck full of leaf bags with her, filled to the top. All the leaves from our parking area and our flower beds found their way to the landfill on her way home. We are thankful that we made it to the top of her list. Eileen will soon be learning to work around the animals, because we will need all hands on deck for the abundance of baby animals that the Spring brings to us.

**CAROLYN CLOUGH**

Carolyn began volunteering in the beginning of April this year. She is a very quiet, shy woman who wanted to do anything she could to help the animals. She has grown immensely and we quickly learned we can depend on her as she spent all her free time preparing for the fundraiser here and then working every weekend in April for the event. She is like the flower of spring that stuck its head out of the ground quietly and almost unnoticed. This flower has come into full bloom and will bring a smile to your face when you see her. She’s still quiet but has left her shyness behind. She fits right in with the family here and she’s about as Frisky as the rest of us. Welcome Carolyn!