



THE RESCUE RECORD

Frisky's Wildlife & Primate Sanctuary

FALL 2022

VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS

Frisky's team provides rehabilitation for orphaned, injured, and displaced wildlife. Being experienced and licensed, receiving in animals is quite a responsibility for the whole staff of Frisky's. I greet everyone and remind them they are the lifesavers and transporters... we are the nurse, maid, and waitresses. Most of us are already challenged with one area or another in our lives. That being said, focusing on the animal that is here in front of us... well saving them saves us!

Personally I don't want to hear that people care and then do nothing. Our lives are a wonderful gift. Frisky's is doing something worthwhile with it. It has always been what I strive to do. I don't want to hear a reason, excuse, or apology for not doing anything at all. So many have IQ and money but don't use any common sense or put any manual labor into living. Empathy is the way of life here, I know that is not for everyone. Thank you again for caring. I realize I am venting... we all had many losses in our lives these last few years. Financially, family, friends... myself losing my mother who guided me in my many directions of caring and giving.

The brighter side is we have taken in thousands of animals for rehabilitation... releasing so many hawks, owls, foxes, raccoons, skunks, fawns, ducks, geese, hundreds of squirrels, bunnies, and a variety of song birds. Not to mention all the eastern box turtles we got in this year, as well as water turtles, snapping turtles, and snakes! Returning them back to the wild is always a wonderful pleasure. A pleasure strengthening our hearts.

So again thank you all for caring and your continued support.

Always yours, love with hugs

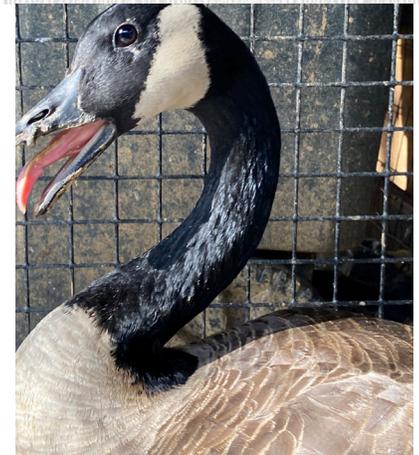
Scott & Colleen Layton-Robbins



Groundhogs

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Canada Goose



Colleen with Opossum

Find out what you can do to help the many animals in need at

www.friskys.org

VOLUNTEERING

By Eileen Sturgill

It has now been 12 years since I started volunteering at Frisky's. My only requirements when I looked for a place to volunteer were that it was close to home, involved animals, and would be a day that was convenient for me (no weekends on a regular basis).

When Frisky's met my requirements, I was open to wherever I was needed. I didn't expect the job to meet my needs - I was there to help Frisky's in whatever capacity they could use me. I started at the bottom, getting more responsibilities as I proved my reliability. Of course I made mistakes but learned from them. No one is perfect. There is so much to learn - the operations at Frisky's are so complex. Other staff members have more advanced training than I do but I am happy with what I do. I found monitoring and caring for Beauty the miniature horse, cleaning other cages. I know it may be hard to believe I like doing messy jobs but I look at the bigger picture that the animals are clean and cared for. I also enjoy helping Debbie with the online auction fundraisers. Debbie does an amazing job organizing and running the auctions. (Thank you to the many donors and bidders.) I have also been able to step in if Colleen needs short term coverage. Occasionally I help with raking leaves. Being retired allows me to be available for extra duties.

Another perk is working with the other volunteers. They are an incredibly hard working, caring group. Colleen and Scott appreciate all the support they give. Most volunteers find that they get more from volunteering than they give. Mainly, Colleen and Scott lead by example of selfless 24 hour dedication to the animals. Our community is blessed to have Frisky's here.



Hawk



Red Fox

BARRED OWLS

By Julia Dagnello

Owls are often the first animal you think of when talking about nocturnal creatures. They are specially adapted for hunting at night with their extremely light sensitive eyesight and exceptional hearing. Here in Maryland you can find 8 species of owl, one of the most common is the Barred Owl.

Barred owls can be identified by their dark eyes and the striped or "barred" brown and white markings that give them their name. They live in Maryland year round and mostly hunt small mammals but can often be seen going after other prey such as birds, reptiles, invertebrates, and even fish! The average lifespan of a barred owl is around 10 years in the wild, and they can live 20+ in captivity. The vocal calls of Barred owls are very distinct and sound like "Who cooks for you?". If you hear an owl at night in the woods it's most likely a Barred owl. They are one of the largest owls in Maryland, their only predators are the Great Horned Owl and humans.

Barred owls nest in cavities high up in trees, but they will also make use of human made nest boxes. They nest in the spring and their young can stick around the nest for up to 6 months after they hatch, an unusually long time for owls. If you want a good DIY project, you can look up how to build and place owl nests boxes. If you are lucky, a pair might just move in!

We get them in for rehabilitation most often because of vehicle hits, especially from trucks. It's a good reason to keep your eyes open when driving, especially at night. Barred owls are one of my personal favorites, it hard not to love their round faces and beautiful coloration. The best sight is them silently flying away when they get released back into the wild.



My husband and I have been a volunteer at Frisky's for over 2 years. We found out about Frisky's when we brought in an orphaned Fox (Todd). Todd could not be rehabilitated due to disabilities from hydrocephalus and will live out his life at Frisky's. We love going to Friskys each week to care for the animals as they are rehabilitated to be released back to the wild. We have learned so much about wildlife from Colleen and the other volunteers. Friskys is a wonderful place to volunteer and a great group of people to work with. By Cheryl Taylor

frisky's Wish List

- Disinfecting wipes
- Washcloths, towels, sheets, blankets, and comforters. New or used, must be clean.
- Batteries all sizes, especially triple A and 9v
- Heavy duty trash bags: kitchen size and 30 gallon
- Timothy hay
- Gift cards for feed, office, and groceries (Walmart)



Eastern Kingbird



Raccoon



Pepe the Skunk

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 wish list, or send in your tax deductible donation!

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