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made of pine branches and lots and lots of climbing branches, perches and nesting box areas to hide out. Joyce likes to hide their food among all the branches throughout the enclosure, so that they can make a game out of finding their food. We have a red female fox kit that has been here since April and a male kit that we inherited from Phoenix. Fox kits do not fare very well individually, so we had asked The Phoenix Center if they had one to put with ours. Foxes need to keep company with their own kind and red foxes and gray foxes do not do well with each other. Phoenix had several fox kits and traded a red male over to keep our female company for a smaller gray we had. These two red foxes are doing well and will be kept here most of the summer until they are big enough to be on their own, and the little gray fox now is keeping company with others like him. At that point, they will be released on an approved site to live out the lives they were meant to live. Our thanks goes out to Kathy Woods of Phoenix!

Ryan Hill, with Troop 882, created a uni-
versal enclosure for Frisky’s as his Eagle Scout Project. It has a lot of safety features, everything is chew-proof, with metal covering all the wood areas. It has wheels to make it portable and it has a solid back which creates a windbreak from the weather. It has locks, a clean-out tray and many other extras. Ryan has great leadership skills, does quality work and Frisky’s is very Thankful.

Joyce and Matt, both Wildlife Rehabilitators at Frisky’s, updated Cody’s enclosure. Cody is one of the two resident Coatimundi here at Frisky’s. They opened up the summer side of the enclosure and made a lot of changes, expanding and upgrading the area. Cody now has new ramps and running boards. His enclosure includes grass, plants, areas covered in tree bark, tree stumps and hollow logs. It’s become a new playground for Cody. Joyce also created a natural setting for our fox kits. They have sleeping boxes, a den area...
AMPUTATING A BALD EAGLE'S WING TIP

BY: JANICE ELLIS

Sounds terrible doesn’t it? But it was necessary to save her life. Let me start at the beginning. We received a call from a fisherman who had spotted an injured Bald Eagle several days before and had run across her again. He called DNR and was directed to Frisky’s. He told his story of seeing the Eagle but not being able to do anything a few days before and hoping that she would have recovered and that he wouldn’t see her again. But here she was again, in an area that had to be accessed by boat, and it was obvious that her wing was seriously injured. It hung at an unnatural angle and he could see one of the major wing feathers hanging as though it was about to come off.

We were fortunate to have Brian Loeper as a volunteer here that very day. Brian had come to us the year before with an interest in volunteering for Frisky’s. He was a volunteer at Soldier’s Delight and had experience with raptors, so we were very interested. He came during a community tour and I quickly took him aside to give him a personal tour once I realized who he was. It was almost a year later before he actually became a volunteer and that put him in the right place at the right time to help with this injured Bald Eagle.

He agreed to meet with the fisherman the next day, March 31, and we gave him the contact number and had him make the arrangements. He was given all the tools necessary to do a proper capture for a raptor, heavy duty gloves, nets, blanket and an appropriate enclosure. Even though he had the experience necessary to do a proper capture, Colleen reminded him that it is always Safety First. If Brian or the Bald Eagle were in any danger, or if either one was stressed out, Brian would need to abort the capture. They would come up with another answer if need be.

Fortunately, Brian was able to make the capture without any problems. He was taken out to where the Bald Eagle was on the fisherman’s boat. The capture was simple. Once he had her in the enclosure he returned to his vehicle and drove her to Chadwell Animal Hospital where Dr. Gold and Dr. Urie directed to Frisky’s. The operation took place at Chadwell Animal Hospital and it all went very well. They removed the injured wing tip enough so that there will not be any bone showing when it heals. She was kept overnight, then sent home with new antibiotics and pain medication. Colleen is watching her closely to make sure she is getting her medicines properly.

We are keeping her in a smaller nesting box inside the flight enclosure, so she cannot injure herself. It is a task just to keep that smaller area clean, but we don’t want any chance of a new infection.

Even though her wing is healing, she is not happy in the small enclosure. She wants out, but for her own safety she has to remain in there until she is completely healed. As much as we enjoy having a Bald Eagle here at Frisky’s, we want to do what’s best for her and will work with The US Migratory Bird Department to find the best possible placement for her.

Be sure to read about the Bald Eagle’s rescue from Brian’s point of view.

COMMUNITY TOURS

Frisky’s posted the dates for our annual community tours on our website and on Facebook. The tours are offered to educate the community about what Frisky’s offers and about rehumanizing wildlife in general. We consider the tours a success if the public leaves with an understanding that wildlife, both exotic and native, belong in the wild, not kept as a pet. Each tour is held on a Saturday 10:30 – 12pm. Our tour dates for 2012 are: June 16 – July 7 – August 8 – September 11. We also continue to offer educational tours to scout groups and school groups. Pictured are Girl Scouts from Clerkstown on tour.

SIMIAN SOCIETY CHAPTER 13 MEETING AT FRISKY’S

June’s meeting for Chapter 13 of The Simian Society was held at Frisky’s on June 3rd. It was a small but very productive meeting and we enjoyed having Mel Orr and Cliff Lewis here as much as they enjoyed visiting with us!

ANNUAL USDA INSPECTION

Inspections are not scheduled, but come when we least expect them. APHIS came to do our annual inspection towards the end of May, on a day when boots were needed just to walk around the property. But the sun was out, so this was to be the day. Gloria checked primate numbers and enrichments, toured the property to see all the animals, how they were being treated and their proper enclosures. She also looks through our records for tours over the past year and also the records for all the animals that came in over that same period of time. Even though an inspection can make our busy schedule even more hectic, we do not panic when DVM McFadden shows up. We know that we do everything required of us and then more, so it’s just a matter of having it put on record.

WHAT CAN I DO?

Frisky’s is a 501c3 Organization. Frisky’s does not receive any grants, 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 on line from the website, or send in a tax deductible donation!

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EAGLE’S CALL FOR RESCUE

BY: BRIAN LOEPER

Few enterprises require more flexibility than that of Wildlife Rehabilitation. A call comes down the line, plans are put together quickly, and everyone involved works together in perfect tandem for the good of a single animal.

That was certainly true when the call came down that a group of buddies on a fishing trip on the eastern shore of Maryland found a downed Bald Eagle hopping along their lakefront. Plans were put together quickly and the next morning their outboard rig was motorizing us along the banks where Great Blue Herons took off around every corner.

Following the final bend was a sight every nature-lover would travel great lengths for but was terrible news—a sight every nature-lover would travel great lengths for but was terrible news—our mighty Bald Eagle laid down and surrendered. She didn’t thrash once as her malnourished frame in a thick blanket; her ending would not have been so happy if those fishermen had not interrupted their vacation to take action.

As our boat breached the sand, our crew of three climbed the steep slippery slope. The eagle made a few clumsy attempts to fly before taking off running. We knew we had our work cut out for us. Bald Eagles are great runners and will occasionally take down land animals on foot. Like a military exercise, our rescue crew silently fanned out to establish a perimeter and then began to systematically close in. The eagle took off through the woods, but we managed to keep one step ahead, educated of any exits and containing her with natural barriers like fallen trees and thickets of thorn brush.

Finally our crew members were all within arm’s reach of the raptor. The grab was nearly at hand and there was no telling what kind of fight would ensue. The Bald Eagle is known to be a scrapper. They will evaede, steal, and bully in the wild, but when cornered our national bird becomes a formidable opponent. The curved three-inch-long talons are supported by feet that can squeeze with up to 500 lbs. of pressure (the average human squeezes with 60 lbs.). The Bald Eagle is also one of the few birds of prey who will make use of its beak to bite and peck. As we prepared for our fight, our mighty Bald Eagle lay down and surrendered. She didn’t thrash once as we pinned her ankles and gathered up her malnourished frame in a thick blanket. She was exhausted, starving, and defeated.

The final saving grace came from the wonderful staff at Chadwell Animal Hospital. They took our eagle in with no appointment, performed a thorough exam, took x-rays, and sent her home with much-needed medicine. Two weeks later the talented surgeons at Chadwell successfully performed the necessary amputation of the eagle’s infected broken wing. Now safely at Frisky’s, the Bald Eagle has made an incredible comeback in both strength and vigor. She gobbles up fish with a tyrannical appetite and fights being handled as expected of a mighty apex predator. With her rehabilitation recovery period almost complete, her ending would not have been so happy if those fishermen had not interrupted their vacation to take action.

Whether you bring us a baby bunny in a shoebox, help us catch an injured eagle on a rainy morning, or are willing to donate funds or supplies to our cause, everyone here at Frisky’s thanks you for caring about the animals.
and early to help sort, organize and price all the many items that kept coming ready for sale. Janet is another veteran fundraiser and she showed up bright in need of a slight repair often went home with Rose overnight and came back of the fundraiser and the volunteers who offered to help. Rose is moving people who had only helped once or twice before, or maybe this was their first challenge of getting a better price. Those who asked Rose to lower the price found them make a donation on top of their purchase! I guess for some, its the chal- see old friends and to make new ones. Very few people questioned our prices, every weekend to see what new treasures they could find. It is always nice to begin. But we were blessed with volunteers that gave of themselves to make that had been stored since last year were sorted, and again the items we kept ends. We removed everything from the tents to put down new stone floors. Scott with changing the canvas covers on the tent frames. Their family helps before we could use them. The Kratz family came in and assisted Colleen and Scott always showed his appreciation to the volunteers by providing us with coffee, tea and donuts every Saturday and Sunday of the sale. Rose probably worked the hardest. She was there even on the day that she was having her daughter’s baby shower and was unable to be here. Rose also hosted a volunteer appreciation party at her house. We were all together to celebrate our success at the fundraiser and also to be with Rose as a group to say goodbye and thank you. True Love and Hugs to you all! Each and Every One of You, Colleen Layton-Robbins

\textbf{FRIENDS OF FRISKY’S:}

Dearest Friends of Frisky’s:

Well, here we go again, into full throttle for all of Spring and Summer. April’s Annual Fundraiser was a real success. It pulled us out of debt and then some. It was our greatest year to date!

This year the pollen is all around us, on everything to an extreme and so many of us have allergies that have been acting up. Our small orchard is blossoming. The sweet and sour cherry trees are load- ed, the limbs are covered in shades of red. Even our garden is coming in great. Grape vines are loading up and the raspberry bushes are really tinting in after receiv- ing an earlier trimming.

Scott, my husband, and I have pulled off the tarp from the outside enclo- sures. The primates, the avians and the mammals are all enjoying the sun.

We’ve been refurbishing enclosures and doing spring cleaning. The gutters seem to keep us going up and down the ladder. Scott, who works 50 to 60 hours a week as a mechanic/welder, comes home to make our dinner before cutting the grass and doing whatever repairs and chores need to be done each day. On the weekends he cooks for the monkeys too and we all enjoy it because he’s a good cook, provid- ing us with healthy meals, made with love. But this all work leaves little time for rest or sleep for either of us.

It takes the whole staff to keep up with the enclosure cleaning for almost two dozen primates and hundreds of birds and mammals. I’m often asked how I do it all. Well, I have lots of help. I’m thankful for the cooking, the preparation, the feeding, the cleaning, the donations and all the love that goes into Frisky’s to make this all possible. Your compassion, empathy and giving for animals in need, makes us the amazing team we are.

True Love and Hugs to you all! Each and Every One of You, Colleen Layton-Robbins

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than we had ever thought possible on just a few items that hadn’t seemed special to us at all. Thank you Alex. Bruce was quick to ask if someone needed help and helped many people find what they were looking for. All three ladies also came in throughout the week to get the new donations ready for the following weekend. Rose’s niece, August, was able to help prepare for the fundraiser as she has done in past years. There was one other veteran volunteer, Cecelia Toth, and this marked 20 years that she has been part of our fundraisers.

Colleen and Scott were there every two to set-up to and close-up. In between all her daily routine chores with the animal feeding and care, Colleen found time to sort and organize the clothes throughout the day and help with the sales and run the cash register. Julia, our Jr. Administrative Facilitator, assisted with the daily animal care throughout the weekend so that Colleen could have some time for the fundraiser. Julia also helped at the fundraiser, with sorting, organ- izing and helping carry purchases out to the vehicles. Scott was responsible for the yard sale signs each weekend. Each sign had to go up on Friday even- ings and come down on Monday mornings each weekend. Scott was hanging signs in the early morning hours when most of us were still sleeping. He did have a little help from Janice, our Administrator, who placed some signs in the Columbia/Ellisville City areas. Whenever the phones, computer or the wildlife coming in did not have her attention. Janice also came down to help with the pricing, and the customization of the resale items.

We had some security stationed around the grounds, because there is always someone who takes advantage of the situation, and takes something without paying for it.

Thank you Mike, Maria and all those of you who were asked to help out with this. Many of our other animal care volunteers came in on their regular days and came in on the weekends to help with the fundraiser. Izzy, Omar, Jackie and Ashley were there to do whatever was asked of them. Other animal care volunteers came in on the weekend to help make clothes and other items ready for the sale. We had a young man, Brian, who started as a new volunteer about the same time the fundraiser began. He had no hesitations about working at the ‘hen party’ and was a great asset to the volunteers by providing us with coffee, tea and donuts every Saturday and Sunday of the sale. Rose probably worked the hardest. She was there even on the day that she was having her daughter’s baby shower and was unable to be here. Rose also hosted a volunteer appreciation party at her house. We were all together to celebrate our success at the fundraiser and also to be with Rose as a group to say goodbye and thank you. To our families, thanks for allowing us to focus all our energy on the fundraiser. To those who supported us by reposting our Facebook info and notices, to those who just told all their family- 

\textbf{FUNDRAISER RECORD... continued}

Frisky’s 2012 Fundraiser came to an end and we all waited as Col- leen started adding up all the numbers. We knew that we had broken the record for one day early in the week and we all were hoping to break the record for the year’s total sales. But not even one of us had thought we would do so as well as we did. Colleen told us the total and we were all surprised. Even with our expenses from advertising and the extra electrical necessary to the cost of putting in a portable pot, we still cleared over $10,000. Our best year before this was only $7,000. What a wonderful way to end the year!

Before the fundraiser even began there was so much preparation. We needed to bring all the sale items outside from the barn and make deci- sions, depending upon their condition, of keeping, tossing, cleaning and price- ing. This went on for weeks. Tables and clothing containers had to be cleaned before we could use them. The Kratz family came in and assisted Colleen and Scott and with changing the canvas covers on the tent frames. Their family helps making and return them the same day, ready for sale. Ingred, of Westwood Unique Furnishings & Antiques, helps every year by giving us advice on vintage items. Some of the items we thought would be worth a lot turned out to be almost worthless, and items that seemed ordinary were not so ordinary. We are learning. Richard and Gail, local neighbors and longtime supporters, every year bring in lots of donations and also help with distributing the items that are left after the sale is finished. They take donations to The Joseph House in Baltimore, which is a shelter that provides food and basics for the needy. Thank you Maruener, Brian, Alex, Bruce, Ingred, Richard and Gail.

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Frisky’s wants to express their apprecia- tion and gratitude for everyone involved in the Fund- raiser. New volunteers, staff volunteers, veteran fundraiser volunteers, animal care givers, those who made repairs and those who gave advice, we thank you. To our families, thanks for allowing us to focus all our energy on the fundraiser. To those who supported us by reposting our Facebook info and notices, to those who just told all their family- and friends, we thank everyone for everything you did, no matter how small it may have seemed, because it all added up to the success of our Fund- raiser and we couldn’t have done it without you.

Due to the generous donations from our supporters, Friskys’s continues to raise money by offering many of our donated items on eBay. We have raised over $400 so far and will continue as long as we have items to offer. So... It’s not too late to donate! Collector’s items, one of a kind items, there are many items that do well. Dog carriers have done very well, brand name purses, well loved and very useful, like new. Pet carriers have also done well. Continue to watch our Facebook page for new items and offers. When you see an item you think we could auction to help raise money to support Frisky’s.

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

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