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Thank you, Colleen Layton-Robbins

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Rescue Record
Winter 2018 Issue

Dear friends of Frisky’s,

Wow! So another year has come and gone. Believe me we are kept so busy here it surprises me more each year. I have been the main nurse, maid, waitress and facilitator for over 48 years! Yes since 1970. I started when I was pregnant with my first son and my first husband was in Vietnam, and so it all started. Now I used to send out monthly newsletters then 6 times a year then quarterly but now it’s all we can afford to send out 2 or 3 a year. So now let’s catch up hundreds of animals birds and reptiles have come into Frisky’s Center and we all face the challenges caring for them all and to all their needs while here. Rehabilitating them back to health and to the woods ASAP. These challenges faced by not only the staff here but also those who bring them in, getting them into a secure box or enclosure then finding out where to take them or what they can or can’t do. Then of course getting it here. By the time they get here they are a bit flustered, they fill out forms and find out what we will do. Then, I ask are we leaving a donation at this time? No, donations are not mandatory, but it sure helps to cover essentials and expenses. Most people, just leave the animal and a promise to give... that’s upsetting, but okay. Like I said donations are not mandatory. Somehow it all comes together with the people who do donate. Please remember we are a 501c3 and nobody here is paid. We are all volunteers including myself. But donations are sure down so if you can do anything, Thank you!

Colleen Layton-Robbins

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Colleen Layton-Robbins and DMV Mike Cranfield
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We have a lot of different animals—thousands during Frisky’s annual “ certify we’ve never had before it can be exciting. On Mother’s Day we ended up with a special little critter, a North American River Otter. This is the first one we’ve had to come to us at Frisky’s, we knew we were in for an experience.

The otter was around 9 weeks old and had been found along the river after heavy rains caused flooding. She came in soaking wet, cold, and hungry. After getting her stabilized we had time to think about just what we took on and what an opportunity this would be. Everyone was thrilled about being able to work with an otter! Having never rehabbed one before we wanted to make sure we did everything right. We did a lot of research and worked with our vet to ensure we were giving her everything she needed.

The first week was the most stressful, as it usually is with baby mammals. It takes time for them to settle and get used to their new environment, being handled, and switching to formula. She was reluctant to nurse at first, understandably unsure about the new formula instead of her mother’s milk. Once she deemed it acceptable, she had a complete 180 and turned into a little feeding monster always demanding a bottle. We closely monitored her weight and were pleased when she started growing fast.

Soon enough the otter was starting to eat solid foods and we could begin to wean her off formula. It was a big relief once she loved hiding in blankets and would bunch them up to be able to slide around underneath them. She also would flip the water container and go under it to shove it all around her enclosure. Her favorite foods were salmon and wet cat food. Whenever her caretakers were around, she would sprint up and down the levels of her enclosure and try to beat us to whichever door we were trying to use. She always was excited when people came around, as it usually meant a treat!

When she first came in, we looked into what our options were in regard to rehabbing her. Unfortunately, Maryland regulations do not allow otters to be rehabilitated. This meant we had to find somewhere else for her to go. Thankfully she found a place at the Kansas City Zoo. They had another otter as well, so she would have a roommate. We were sad to see her go but we were so glad she was going to a place she would be well cared for. She took a plane ride to her new home and after a quarantine period she is now enjoying her enclosure on display at the zoo. If you are ever in Missouri and have a chance to get to the Kansas City Zoo, make sure to give her a wave!

Julia Dagnello

Otter by Julia Dagnello

Our lives were so enriched with the time we shared together they will be missed and thanks for all the memories.

Cody, coatimundi 8-4-05 to 1-2-18.
Darwin, Gothic squirrel monkey 7-10-97 to 1-11-18.
Clyde, Australian Shepherd 2-28-16 to 3-10-18.
Darrow, Gothic squirrel monkey 7-10-98 to 8-04-18.
Angel, Mona guenon monkey 10-12-98 to 10-21-18.

Thanks for sharing your lives with all of us, it surely was amazing experience!!!

Thank you, Colleen Layton-Robbins