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MONKEY BUSINESS

BETTER BUSINESS PRACTICES LEARNED THROUGH MONKEYS

SMILE

Nothing starts the work day off better than being greeted with a smile and words as simple as "good morning!" It is a beautiful gift to receive. If you've ever worked in an environment where such courtesies are missing, then you know what I mean. That acknowledgement, that smile, says "I notice you—this has been a worthwhile interaction." The simple act of turning up the corners of your mouth provides an instant connection between you and someone else.

In the video *SMILE—The Singing Bus Driver*, Reggie transforms a dreary bus ride into an experience to which his customers look forward. He doesn't always feel like smiling, but he makes the choice to smile for the sake of his customers.

Many woodland Indians, including the Cherokee and Iroquois, carried a medicine pouch. These bags were used to hold plants for medicine and also to hold personal items and good luck charms. Dianne Connelly, in her book *Medicine Words: Language of Love for the Treatment Room of Life*, offers us words and practices that remind us we are creating heaven or hell with each thing we say and do. She says, "Smile is a medicine word. It belongs in our medicine pouch as a daily practice, as a gift, as a way of life."

Your enthusiasm and your smile are remembered by your clients and create business referrals. BE the person your client looks forward to hearing from. When on the phone, put a smile on your face. It will come through the phone in your tone of voice. Practice smiling at the people you pass on the street, or in the hall, and notice how life shows up differently for you. All kinds of opportunities and interactions will come your way that didn't before.

Bimbee is a 39-year old weeper capuchin monkey who lives at Frisky's Wildlife and Primate Sanctuary in Woodstock, MD. When I greet her with a smile on my face and say "hello Bimbee!" what I get in return just melts my heart. I know my heart is melting because I get a warm sensation and "liquid heart" starts to form in my eyes, often rolling down my cheeks. She comes to greet me at the edge of her enclosure with glistening eyes and a smile from ear to ear. She rubs her belly at the same time



Bimbee

as if to say, "This is delicious! You are noticing and acknowledging me. I feel so special--You are special." Bimbee is a reminder that we all crave acknowledgement.

In a study done by Harris Interactive of over 1,000 people, 94% of the respondents said they are likely to notice a person's smile before they notice height or appearance and 75% of the respondents felt that an attractive smile is important for success in the workplace. So, perhaps it is not necessary to wear a \$500 suit every day--a smile is your best accessory, giving you an instant facelift to boot! And besides that, Bimbee doesn't care what I am wearing.

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Heather Wandell

We're NOT Quitters, We're SURVIVORS!





“OH MY...I FOUND THIS TINY NEWBORN FAWN. THERE’S NO MOTHER IN SIGHT. IT’S BEEN THERE FOR HOURS... WHAT CAN WE DO?!”

The calls have been coming in, sometimes over two dozen fawn calls in a single day! I usually hear the panicked incoming calls and quickly grab the phone asking the caller to please calm down and listen to my story.

At night between 3 to 5 am, your yard is like a sanctuary for a pregnant doe looking for a safe place to have her baby. This may confuse some of you, especially if you have loud kids. As I like to say, by day it might look like a Turkish bazaar, but I can guarantee that at night it is peaceful. As deer forage and walk through your yard, a doe may decide that it is the perfect area to have and leave her fawn for a few days.

Here’s what happens while you are sleeping. The doe has the fawn, cleans it up, and usually spends time nursing and cuddling the new baby. Then the fawn lies down, curled up like a baby in a manger scene. The mom walks around the baby in a 20 to 50 ft circle. As she walks, the doe periodically leaves urine droplets around the perimeter of the circle. We call this a scent nest, and it works better than an invisible fence. When the fawn wakes up and walks around, it will smell its mother’s scent and stay in the area.

Now, in the morning you will not see the

doe, but this DOES NOT mean that the fawn has been abandoned. It is natural for the doe to go forage alone and she will not return during the day. She leaves the fawn so that she will not attract predator attention to her baby. But, the doe WILL RETURN AT NIGHT. So, please, if you see a fawn do not assume it is abandoned and do not stress it by getting too close. Stay far back to watch it or take pictures.

I know you care about the animals, but you are a big, scary alien to a fawn. No matter how gentle you are, you could seriously harm the baby by stressing it with your presence. The fawn does not need anything from you, not even water, berries, food, or blankets. The best thing you can do for the animal is to give it quiet hospitality.

I feel this shared sight and trust is God’s gift to make your heart smile. Enjoy it!

By Colleen Layton-Robbins (July 2009)

Note: If something is wrong with the fawn, it should be pretty obvious. You should see a wound, flies, flailing, wild movements, or bleating cries (“Mahaad!”). There are a few wildlife rehabilitators licensed by Wildlife Heritage to help injured deer. Please call us if needed.

“I could not have slept tonight if I had left that helpless little creature to perish on the ground.”

(Reply to friends who chided him for delaying them by stopping to return a fledgling to its nest.)

Abraham Lincoln, Sixteenth President of the United States

A GOOD YEAR FOR ADOPTIONS AT FRISKY’S

Thank you again to all of the supporters of Frisky’s Wildlife and Primate Sanctuary! Each person—the volunteers, donors, adopters, and all the fantastic friends and family of Frisky’s has made it another successful year for our adoptions. The adoptions outweighed the actual amount of furry friends that were unfortunately, for a variety of reasons, surrendered to Frisky’s this year for care and love until a permanent loving home could be found. We placed some long-term residents of Frisky’s, which is why we actually found more permanent homes than the amount of new residents brought in. We are truly grateful for all that you have done, supporter of Frisky’s, to make this happen.

As more and more animals are abandoned and surrendered to us due to the economic and housing crisis, we call upon you again for your continued efforts and generous donations to see us through another year of successful adoptions to loving homes. Frisky’s does not take in dogs or cats, but we do get in other furry friends. We usually always have Rabbits and Birds. But we also at times have Sugar Gliders, Chinchillas, Guinea Pigs, Ferrets and Hamsters. If you are interested in adding another member to your family, please consider adoption. We are currently looking for potential adopters with species-specific experience for a variety of feathered friends—a variety of types and personalities, particularly our sweetheart Moluccan Cockatoo Peach. Please check with us through PetFinder.com for a current list of who is waiting to find their new forever home!

*Amy Daugherty
Licensing Secretary*



Marsha



Peach

FERRETS AS PETS

So, you want to adopt a ferret, do you? Frisky’s Wildlife and Primate Sanctuary often has ferrets available for adoption provided you meet two conditions: first, you are willing to provide your new ferret a home for life, and second, you have previous hands-on experience with ferrets. Don’t have any prior experience? Don’t worry. You can volunteer at Frisky’s until you obtain the experience required to adopt your ferret.

Fun facts about ferrets:

Ferrets are curious, playful, energetic, and friendly companions who love people and other animals. They make excellent pets and can often be trained to use a litter box. Male ferrets are called hobs and are significantly larger than female ferrets, which are called jills. Baby ferrets are called kits.

Ferrets eat commercially prepared dry ferret food, but can occasionally be given snacks that are high in protein and low in fiber and carbohydrates, such as boiled eggs or chicken.

It is very important to have your ferret spayed or neutered, as spaying your female will help prevent reproductive health problems, and neutering your male will significantly reduce aggression and improve overall scent. Ferrets can be very mischievous. They hide your socks, dig in your plants, get inside your couches, rearrange your desktops, and tear your papers... but they are so darn cute!

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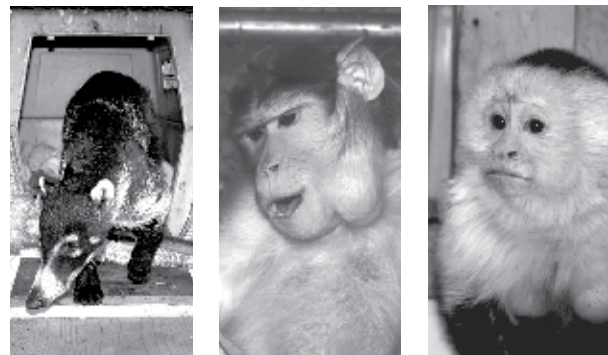
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TIPS ON TRANSPORTING INJURED OR ORPHANED WILDLIFE



young chipmunk

The requirements of animals are almost as varied as the number of different kinds of animals. Obviously it would not be possible in a small publication to go into details concerning requirements for all species of animals that might be encountered, or concerning all the afflictions and accidents to which they may be subjected. Therefore, the aim in this is to outline a few general principles for the care of wildlife—a short abridged first-aid manual.

When a wild animal is found, the first question that should be considered is: does it really require assistance, or is it able to take care of itself either at the location where found or in some adjacent, more favorable location? Often, especially in the case of mammals, the mother will leave her babies hidden at a certain location while she forages for food, so do not assume infant animals have been abandoned just because they appear to be alone. A fledgling bird just out of the nest, learning to fly, does not require human help. Indeed, it is much better to go quietly away and leave it alone so that its parents can continue to feed until it's ready to make another attempt at flight.

If an animal is determined to be injured, the first course of action should be to contact the local wildlife rehabilitator prior to taking the animal into one's home. NEVER attempt to rehabilitate the animal yourself. Master rehabilitators, like Colleen Layton, the proprietor of Frisky's Wildlife and Primate Sanctuary, have taken classes, exams, and through years of practical experience, gained the legal license to care for indigenous wildlife. The law prescribes that wild animals are to be rehabilitated only in these licensed facilities. Many animals arrive at shelters malnourished by improper food and treatment. This can happen very quickly - especially with birds - and some animals subsequently die or are unreleasable. Some species of wildlife can carry zoonotic diseases transmittable to humans. Some common zoonoses include

Lyme Disease, Ring Worm, Salmonella, and Rabies. The various viruses and diseases are caused by bacteria and parasites that live in the fur and digestive tracts of wild animals. These are easily transmitted to humans and therefore it is crucial to wear protective clothing and maintain personal hygiene when handling wildlife. Approach and handle any wild animal with extreme care; carelessness or lack of respect for the animal's space will inevitably result in injury to the human and additional stress to the animal. A heron or egret's beak can cause severe damage; a hawk's talons can go right through your hand, and everyone should know the harm a bite can cause. Try to have a second person on hand as backup. Do not even attempt to handle large animals, skunks, and bats.

In general, if the transportation of an animal is necessary, use a towel or blanket to toss over and cover it - then place it quickly and gently in a cardboard box, plastic container, or animal carrier. Use gloves, especially with mammals and large birds - and a firm, confident grip. Protect your eyes! Try to keep the animal in a quiet, dark place, to decrease stress before and during transportation. You can do this by covering the container that contains the animal with a blanket, sheet or towel. The best way to ensure the animal's survival is to bring it immediately to the closest rehabilitation center. DO NOT allow children or family pets to approach the wildlife and try to minimize human contact as much as possible. On the way to the shelter, leave the radio off and keep conversations to a bare minimum. NEVER attempt to feed an animal.

Often, when people are confronted with an injured animal that is in a state of extreme nutritional depletion, their first inclination is to "feed the poor thing." What they don't understand is that successfully treating starvation involves much more than filling an empty stomach! In the first place, if the animal is injured, it is not likely disposed to

eat at the moment. Inside a starving animal, radical physiological and biochemical changes occur. Blood proteins and digestive enzymes are utilized as energy, stored energy reserves are mobilized, and an insufficient intake of fluids results in severe dehydration. Essentially, a severe depletion of fluids in the body will result in a decrease in blood pressure, perfusion of kidney, and motility of gastrointestinal tract, rendering the animal incapable of digesting any form of solid food. Only licensed rehabilitators are qualified to apply fluid therapy to the animal, so the most any well-intentioned individual can do is ensure the wildlife is kept warm while under his or her care. Providing an injured or starved animal with an external source of heat is a crucial supportive measure. This will help to minimize the energy the patient must exert to keep itself sufficiently warm.

In the instance where a person is obliged to offer assistance to an injured wildlife, careful consideration must be given as to the treatment of the animal. With each different bird, mammal, or reptile, a varied method must be applied. The following paragraphs give specific information on common animals we get at Frisky's:

Baby, juvenile, and adult birds are found by the public in great numbers and in all stages of development. Many fledglings or nestlings cannot yet fly and perch on branches in the nest tree or bush, where the parents continue to feed them. If the birds are uninjured, the best course is to try to replace them. The parents will continue to care for them - they are the real experts. Look for the nest, or if it has fallen, see if it can be put back. This will cause much less distress to both the parent birds and the babies than it would to remove them. It may not be possible to find a nest, so they can be placed in a bush or tree about 5-6' from the ground to remove them from the vicinity of dogs and cats. Of course, if you can see or suspect that the babies are



baby birds

injured, then they should be brought to the nearest wildlife center as quickly as possible. Be sure to wear gloves, as most birds are often infested with mites. Check the legs and wings for any sign of breaks, and the neck for any abnormal twisting but don't attempt to make any corrections. Cardboard boxes work well for most birds and should include the following features: large enough not to cramp the animal in an unnatural position, small enough to restrain large movements, sufficient enclosure to reduce visual stimuli but with ventilation through small holes, and a non-slip substrate such as old leaves, grass or paper towels. Don't use materials which can entangle feathers, toes, limbs, and necks.



newborn fawn

Fawns are particularly appealing to most people, which create special problems for them. Most people, upon discovering a fawn, immediately assume it needs to be rescued, which is not usually the case. The doe leaves her baby in one spot while she goes out to feed, where it is protected by stillness and disruptive coloration, its primary protection. If you leave the fawn alone, its mother will return to care for it at night. Never remove a fawn unless you are absolutely sure the mother will not return to care for it (i.e. if she is hit by a car or missing for more than one day) or if it's obviously severely injured. Fawns are difficult to raise in captivity and it must NOT be done by any unauthorized personnel at home. For one thing, their diets are very specialized. Wild animals can only live on food natural for their species. DO NOT ever attempt to feed a fawn cow's milk or anything else. Immediately get the fawn to the nearest wildlife center, which will have a suitable diet replacement on hand. Try not to hold the fawn consistently, as human odor and touch will only add to its stress. A light cloth placed over the animal's head will sometimes calm it, and



baby opossums

if the weather is cool, a blanket may be placed over its body to minimize heat loss.

Rabbits are another animal whose apparent helplessness makes them a target for uninformed "rescuers". This helplessness is far from real, however. Rabbits share many similarities with fawns. The mother leaves them to feed, where they are protected by camouflage coloration. Their diet is also very restricted, and they should also be brought quickly to a wildlife center only if it is absolutely necessary. They require especially careful handling as they are likely to injure their backs in struggles to escape. Complete containment of the body and limbs in a towel or pillow case is the best way to restrain them.

Most of the animals discussed so far are not considered particularly harmful. However, bats are a different story. It is essential to wear gloves and other protective clothing and keep contact to a minimum, as they have the potential of carrying Lyssavirus, (rabies-like disease). Scoop the bat gently up into a suitable sized box lined with a soft cloth to give it something to cling to and immediately take it to your wildlife center.

Snakes and Snapping Turtles should NEVER be picked up; even if you are certain that it is non-venomous, it can still deliver a serious bite. In addition, they can carry salmonella's bacteria. Simply place a box over it and call your local rehabilitator for further directions. Be sure to note distinctive patterns and features of the snake to help the rehabilitator identify the species so he or she can get a good idea of what to expect.

Snapping Turtles have very powerful bites. For smaller reptiles which you feel comfortable in handling, there is little in the way of first aid other than to catch the animal, and place it into a warm container such as a cardboard box or plastic aquarium. Remember, some reptiles go into shock when they have had some trauma. This makes them dazed and compliant (easy to handle). BEWARE, as they emerge from shock, they can suddenly become active and aggressive. However, it is extremely important to note where you found the animal and notify the rehabilitator of it. Certain species may become disoriented and incapable of hunting if they are placed in a strange territory.

FYI

IT IS NOT AGAINST THE LAW TO TRANSPORT SMALL ANIMALS OR BIRDS TO A LICENSED WILDLIFE REHABILITATOR. IT IS AGAINST THE LAW FOR YOU TO KEEP THEM IN CAPTIVITY EVEN IF FOUND IN YOUR OWN YARD.

While specific knowledge on the natural history and behavior of all wildlife in the area is ideal, it is highly improbable. The following steps are the basic guidelines that can be followed when applying first aid to most mammals, birds, and reptiles:

Preparing to Transport to a Rehabilitator

1. Prepare a container.

- Place a soft cloth on the bottom of a cardboard box or pet carrier with a lid
- If it does not have air holes, make some
- For smaller animals or birds use a paper sack or shopping bag with air holes punched in

2. Protect yourself.

- Wear gloves, if possible
- Some animals may bite or scratch to protect themselves, even if sick; wild animals commonly have external parasites (fleas, lice, ticks) and may carry diseases

3. Cover the animal with a light sheet or towel.

4. Gently pick up the animal & put it in the prepared container.

5. Warm the animal (80°) to prevent shock.

- Put just one end of the container on a heating pad set on low (do not put the animal on the heating pad)

OR

- Fill a hot water bottle with warm water (make sure it does not leak) and wrap in a soft cloth or towel and place near animal

6. Leave the animal alone - do not handle or bother it.

- Do not force feed anything - the wrong food is harmful
- Keep children and pets away

7. Tape the box shut or roll the top of the paper bag closed.

8. Keep the animal in a warm, dark, quiet place. This helps the animal feel secure.

9. Note exactly where you found the animal. This is very important for re-release.

10. Contact a wildlife care center in your area.

11. Get the animal to a wildlife care center as soon as possible.

12. Wash your hands and anything the animal was in contact with to prevent the spread of parasites and/or diseases to you or your pets.

Thank you for caring about nature too.

WHY CAN'T I KEEP HIM?



Compassionate people are often tempted to take into their homes that baby squirrel or bunny they found orphaned in their back yard and care for it themselves. When temptation arises, please ask yourself, what is the best thing I can do for this animal? The stress of living inside a house with all its foreign sounds and movements is enough to cause an animal to die, who might have otherwise survived under the proper care and conditions offered by trained Wildlife Rehabilitators. Many wild animals carry parasites that can cause serious illness to humans and perhaps kill the family dog. It is illegal to take a wild animal into captivity for any reason unless you have the proper licenses and permits to do so. Remember, when finding an injured, orphaned, or abandoned animal, every hour counts. Please contact your local wildlife rehabilitation center for information on safe capture and transport.

COLLEEN NOMINATED FOR THE HEALTH CARE HEROES AWARD

Howard County's very own Colleen Layton-Robbins, Master Wildlife Rehabilitator and Founder of Frisky's Wildlife and Primate Sanctuary, Inc. has been nominated for the Daily Record's Annual Health Care Heroes Award. Colleen is being recognized for the outstanding service she provides in the field of Wildlife Rehabilitation and Exotic ex-pet animal care. Colleen began her mission of "giving animals a second chance at life" in 1970 in Gettysburg, PA. She moved the sanctuary to Elkridge in 1976 and to its current location in Woodstock, MD in 1991. Frisky's has given a second chance at life to thousands of animals in the past two years alone. Colleen considers this "a life mission. It's not a job. I love my life. I truly believe this is how I was meant to serve. I'm so happy I don't have to go home. I get to live here."



Colleen Layton-Robbins and her Mom, Cathy McDannell

The Daily Record will honor eight categories of Health Care Heroes: Advancements, Community Outreach, Volunteer, Physician, Nurse, and Health Care Professional, First Responder and Animal Care Provider. There will be a breakfast to honor all the nominees on Wednesday, March 24 2010 at the Hyatt Regency in Baltimore.

Health Care Heroes was created in 2003 to honor the heroes that change lives.

LETTER FROM FRISKY'S FOUNDER FYI AND FRISKY'S QUOTES SURVIVING BLIZZARD SNOWFALL 2010

Hi! Not once, but twice, we all received a snowfall with drifts that put our lives in turmoil. I/Frisky's, had one simple prayer - Please God, don't let us lose electricity, lives or structures.

In your name, we live. Amen

Our prayers were answered. I hope our newsletter finds all of you in the same rewards. When I was asked to write a letter for Frisky's newsletter I remembered when I used to do the whole thing myself. Putting it all together was, and is, a challenge to share all we do and also be educational at the same time. How are ice-filled gutters on a dozen buildings and hundreds of downed limbs educational?

You Know We: Rehab wildlife and help them return to the life they were meant to live;

You Know We: Have pet give-ups, but not cats and dogs, that we are trying to find experienced lifetime homes for;

You Know We: Have exotic wildlife, like monkeys and coatimundis, that we will be nurse, maid and waitress to for the rest of their lives.

I want to educate, if I can. What I end up doing is taking something from your own subconscious and having you remember it. Like ... don't try to make pets out of wildlife; don't try to care for something if you are not experienced with the species; and don't get a pet that you cannot care for it's entire lifetime.

O.K. - something educational - we all worry about internal and external parasites. But, multiply that when it comes to wildlife. We do try to educate with everyone from drop-ins, to callers, to e-mail. Wildlife apprentices learn first - gloves, container, warmth, fluids, proper diet, and do not cuddle or talk to wildlife. Enough for you to think about? That's our job. Right? But, you all help and care and can do something. Please think about what you can do.

HELP THE ANIMALS - HELP HAITI

It's simple. Frisky's needs money to purchase medications and to feed the animals at the Sanctuary who have been injured, orphaned, or displaced. Haiti needs money to purchase medication and feed the people who have been injured, orphaned, or displaced. So, for every \$10.00 donation to Frisky's Wildlife and Primate Sanctuary, Inc. received through Paypal during the months of March and April 2010, Frisky's will donate \$1.00 to Haitian Disaster Relief. Help the Animals Help Haiti. Donations can be made through Paypal on Frisky's website www.friskys.org

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank the kindergarten and first grade classes at Monsignor Slade Catholic School, their teachers and parents. The children chose Frisky's for their community giving project. The children collected items from our wish list and they did a wonderful job. We appreciate the time and effort that made this a huge success. You should be proud of yourselves, we are very proud of all of you