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Well hello again dear friends

of Frisky's. We all adjusted but of course survived through another bizarre winter. The blizzard was a real challenge for us here at Frisky's Wildlife & Primate Sanctuary Inc. The news kept us all well informed of all the possibilities. I went outside and looked upwards and asked for three major prayers to keep us all. Don't let us lose electricity, don't let us lose any lives, and keep our hearts and our backs strong. After a fretful night for us all, upon awakening I drop to my knees in thanks we made it. Then of course our work began upon going outside, surveying hip high and drifting snow, all the enclosures and the plowing that needed to be done to get to each animal. My husband Scott shoveled pathways to all the buildings trying to stay ahead of the wind drifting the snow! No one was allowed on the roads so we were on our own. We were hip deep in our area of Howard County, Maryland. Scott plowed and shoveled our driveway without any help. And people finding stranded animals and birds



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## Frisky's Wild March Madness

**BY COLLEEN LAYTON-ROBBINS** 



in the snow started coming in, one of our supporters brought in food and cleaning supplies, even cases of cookies!

So now let me catch you up-todate. It is that time of year since February 19th baby animals have been coming into Frisky's, first the baby squirrels, then baby foxes, and now the bunnies. Even the newly hatched doves are coming in. Turtles are coming out of hibernation, the hawks and owls as well as all migratory birds are now in season for romance.

Now we are looking for volunteers to help with the work around here. So if you have experience and education or

## Volunteer Name: John Marlow

"Not to hurt our humble brethren (the animals) is our first duty to them, but to stop there is not enough. We have a higher mission—to be of service to them whenever they require it...if you have men who exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men."

My family has known Colleen Layton-Robbins and her husband Scott Robbins since 1997, one year after we moved from Charlottesville, Virginia to Woodstock. I was ten at the time and although my attention span, like my height, was short, it wasn't hard for me to see what a boon Frisky's Wildlife and Primate Sanctuary was to this community and the surrounding areas. Whenever a neighbor found an injured bird, squirrel or other form of native

wildlife in need, Frisky's was always contributed. Fences need mending, foremost in their thoughts not just solely out of convenience but because of the quality of care, utmost concern for the welfare of the animals, and the overall enthusiasm Colleen and her volunteers embody in their handling of the sanctuary's day-to-day operations. My mother has managed to procure items, from time to time, for use by Frisky's furry and feathered nurturing institution. It is my hope that inhabitants over the years and my father has offered his time as well as his pick-up truck to help with tasks such as dropping of excess pet food to those in need as well as delivering canned goods for human consumption to a downtown shelter. I myself have to the overall community. I am aided both parents with their time and donations, having given items used in Frisky's annual yard sale, though to uphold the values and standard of I know more, much more needs to be care Frisky's has come to represent.

areas need re-stoning and there are many other general maintenance needs along with the everyday, around-the-clock care of the animals. Recently, I have made the decision to join the Frisky's family as a volunteer to aid in their efforts to help animals in need. I am excited to be a part of such an integral, long-standing and my education, skills and experience will be of use and service to Colleen and Frisky's in a myriad of beneficial ways from relatively minor tasks such as raking and cleaning to helping increase awareness of Frisky's works extremely happy to have been given this opportunity and will do my best

## How Long is Too Long?

So you've found a baby animal. Maybe it's an infant squirrel that's fallen out of its nest, its eyes are still closed and its completely helpless. You pick it up and take it home. You found a site online that tells you how and what to feed it. You might think to as possible. yourself, maybe I can keep it for a day, take some cute pictures and cuddle it a little. What harm would a day do?

The answer is a lot. Every hour longer the animal is kept is decreasing its chances of survival. The intent might be sincere, but it is harmful to the animal. There is a good probability that it's not being kept at the right temperature, the food is not ideal or is actively harmful, its injured somewhere, and its being stressed out. Some birds require feeding every 20-

chance this animal has at being able to be released back into the wild is if it gets to a wildlife rehabilitator as soon

We get so many animals every year that come from people delay bringing them in. Not only is keeping wildlife in captivity illegal, its inhumane. Wild animals don't deal well with captivity and being handled by people stresses them out. There is a lot of misinformation online heartbreaking to have someone bring can get to us the faster we can help. in a fawn they've had for a week and hear they were feeding it cow's milk.

30 minutes, some mammals need to be That fawn now has a very poor chance feed through the night, most wildlife at survival because of what it was fed. needs specific formulas. The best No animal should ever be given cow's milk except cows.

If you find an orphaned animal, the priority should be getting it to a licensed rehabilitator as soon as possible. Put it in a box with ventilation holes and make sure to keep it warm. trying to keep them as pets or who Do not try and feed them, they can aspirate if fed incorrectly and develop serious respiratory issues. Keep stress to a minimum, do not handle more than is required to get them into a secure container. We do everything we can for each and every animal that and some of it is very harmful. It's comes in our door and the faster they



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sometimes too, most importantly the common sense and knack for this kind of work. We here at Frisky's need you! The loving care and responsible attitude to see it all through from cleaning to refurbishing can be rewarding as well as exhausting. Believe me I know; I've been doing it year round for 45 years.

We are now setting up our annual fundraiser, the only one we do here at Frisky's. So it is very important that it is a real success.

Please please please, if you have any wonderful items to donate for us to sell. Please get it here before the first weekend of April. And of course come during the fundraiser see what you cannot live without or are interested in buying to support Frisky's. It is held every weekend of April Saturday and Sunday 9 to 5. No early arrivals since we are caring for the animals before we open tents and barns for the fundraiser. I, Colleen, really want to thanks you all so very

much for anything you have done or will do. I'm very grateful, I want you to know personally how grateful I am for you sharing your blessings, so we can give the best in care to each animal that comes to our sanctuary.

Always yours in sincere gratitude,

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Colleen Layton-Robbins

#### BY JOHN MARLOW

September 15th 1970 is a date that may hold minor importance to most people, but to Colleen Layton-Robbins it signifies the beginning of her lifelong commitment to the care and conservation of wildlife, a commitment she has not regretted for a signal solitary moment. Her sanctuary, Frisky's, is well known to the residents of Howard County as well as most surrounding areas. For forty-five and a half years

Colleen has utilized all she has had to offer physically, mentally, and financially to promote the well-being of injured and displaced animals. And in forty-five and a half years, many tangible components of her sanctuary have become worn and in need or refurbishment. Fences need replacing, areas need re-mulching and re-stoning, and dead trees which are hazardous to power lines need removal. General



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maintenance needs such as new rakes. tools, and washing equipment are also integral to the success of Frisky's. Frisky's is widely known as a boon to the community it serves but in order to continue of good works, upkeep and rejuvenation are vital. Please consider donating your time or money in order to further advance Frisky's cause of care for all our furry and feathered friends.



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Duck











Willie