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 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-to-date. 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...
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 hear they were feeding it cow’s milk. 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. 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 comes in our door and the faster they can get to us the faster we can help. That fawn now has a very poor chance at survival because of what it was fed. No animal should ever be given cow’s milk except cows.

Some birds require feeding every 20-30 minutes, some mammals need to be fed through the night, most wildlife needs specific formulas. The best chance this animal has at being able to be released back into the wild is if it gets to a wildlife rehabilitator as soon as possible.

We get so many animals every year that come from people trying to keep them as pets or who delay bringing them in. Not only is keeping wildlife in captivity illegal, it’s inhumane. Wild animals don’t deal well with captivity and being handled by people stresses them out. There is a lot of misinformation online and some of it is very harmful. It’s heartbreaking to have someone bring in a fawn they’ve had for a week and hear they were feeding it cow’s milk.

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 20-30 minutes, some mammals need to be fed through the night, most wildlife needs specific formulas. The best chance this animal has at being able to be released back into the wild is if it gets to a wildlife rehabilitator as soon as possible.

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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 to 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,

Colleen Layton-Robbins

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 of refurbishment. Fences need replacing, areas need re-mulching and re-stoning, and dead trees which are hazardous to power lines need removal. General 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.
Wildlife

- Barred Owl
- Bearded Dragon
- Beauty
- Squirrel Monkey
- Canada Goose
- Duck
- Eastern Cottontail
- Eastern Grey Squirrel
- Grecia
- Gull
- Hawk
- Infant Squirrel
- Juvenile Red Tailed Hawk
- Robin
- Opossum
- Pigeon
- Red Fox
- Snapping Turtle
- Willie