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NEIGHBORS UNITE TO SEND A COUNTY RESIDENT HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Frisky's Wildlife and Primate Sanctuary, Inc. and the Howard County Conservancy partnered in releasing a Great Horned Owl back to its natural home and life of freedom on Monday, November 24th, 2008. A mature adult Great Horned Owl was found "stunned" and unable to fly, on the shoulder of Route 70, under the Bethany Lane overpass, on November 11, 2008. It was Howard County Animal Control that transported him safely to Frisky's. "He may have been stunned by the wind velocity of a passing truck to which he got too close to," says Frisky's Manager and Master Wildlife Rehabilitator Colleen Layton-Robbins. "He was brought to us unable to fly, but with no visible injury. We gave him some time to recuperate in one of our flight enclosures, out of harm's way." And time to regain his strength was apparently all he needed.

On Monday morning, November 24th, 2008, Heather Wandell, Director of Community Outreach at Frisky's Wildlife and Primate Sanctuary, phoned Meg

Schumacher, Executive Director of the Howard County Conservancy, to ask permission to release an owl at the Conservancy. The two organizations are located off of route 99 in Woodstock, MD, only 2 1/2 miles from where the owl was found. The Conservancy graciously gave Frisky's permission for the release and it was at 4:00 pm that afternoon that Colleen Layton-Robbins and Heather Wandell from Frisky's, met Meg Schumacher and daughter, Anna, at the Conservancy to send this Howard County resident back to his natural home for the holidays. "It was a perfect release," said Layton-Robbins. After giving Layton-Robbins one quick look of disapproval for the ride in the truck inside of a box lined with hay, the owl flew about 500 yards up to a tall tree. There he sat just long enough for some photos to be taken and then he flew beautifully to another tree about 500 yards away. After watching this magnificent being for quite some time, each woman felt the awe of what had just taken place and began to discuss heartfelt possibilities for future partnering.

The Howard County Conservancy (www.hcconservancy.org) is a local non-profit environment education center and land trust.



MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER OF FRISKY'S



Dear Friends of Frisky's:

Hello everyone. I hope you, your family, friends and animals are all doing well.

All of us here at Frisky's Wildlife & Primate Sanctuary's home front are still working hard - providing welfare to the critters in our care. I, Colleen Layton-Robbins, am so proud. I cannot find the words to describe how honored I am to have met so many of you. We all have had the same goals when we have met. We love animals and want happy, healthy and thriving animals, so your lives have connected with mine.



Scott making breakfast

It always, in all ways, warms my heart and renews my faith in mankind to see with frequent regularity kind people assisting animals in need by bringing them into our Sanctuary. Yet, I could not do it all alone. You all know that - so. Thank you all very much!

I am so blessed in my life. I have a wonderful husband, who not only loves me, but also the Sanctuary and all its critters. Scott Robbins came to us in 1988, saying "I love animals too." He started out as a volunteer and continues to donate about half of his paycheck to Frisky's from his job as a mechanic for a utilities subcontractor. The rest comes from your donations. He married me on 12/2/91 to assure us we had his love and support. His work, though, takes him south during hurricane seasons to restore utilities. He was gone over three months this year. The volunteers and Directors fell into place when extra needs came about. From going to the landfill with truckloads of trash - to the grounds maintenance work - such as mowing grass, raking leaves, refurbishing and repairing enclosures. They have all been amazing!

This year, while Scott was gone, somehow I caught the flu after bragging that I had not had a cold in 15 years. Without missing a beat Frisky's Directors and volunteers sent me to my quarters to recover and not spread germs. They took over the care and management of Frisky's. The work did not pile up and the critters had excellent care! Wow, I have always said I only meet people who love animals and who are willing to take on the responsibility of providing for their needs, I also have them here caring and working!

As a Master Wildlife Rehabilitator and an exotic animal handler, you know I do more than care - I teach. But, I am also always learning more. I have always said I haven't known it all since I was 16 years old. I am so thrilled to know that if something were to happen to Scott or myself, or worse, both of us, Frisky's' caring work would continue on without missing a step.

We have a big wall in our office filled with licenses, permits, degrees and education certificates that must be renewed each year with our non-profit status. They are not to impress anyone. In fact, they are thumbtacked to the walls. They are so we can continue legally and with education, so we can provide for our visitors, animals and humans alike.

I want to take this moment to say thank you to my husband Scott, to our staff of Directors and volunteers, and to you. All lives deserve consideration and you have provided compassion in fulfilling Frisky's' ongoing mission - a second chance for all creatures so they may be happy, healthy and thriving.

Thank you for your continued support of Frisky's!
Colleen Layton-Robbins



Thank you for making the lives of those in need, a little more cheery



MEDICAL

- >> Pedialyte Fluid Replacement
- >> Drapes, Gloves, Masks
- >> Bandage Wrap
- >> Exam Gloves
- >> KY Jelly

FEEDING

- >> Parrot Food
- >> Timothy Hay
- >> Finch Food
- >> Guinea Pig Food
- >> Dog Food (Dry/Canned)
- >> Gerber Pasta Pick Ups
- >> Wild Bird Seed
- >> Nuts (All Kinds, Prefer No Salt)
- >> Fruits & Vegetables (Fresh & Canned)
- >> Juices (Light & No Sugar Added)

CARE

- >> Bales of Hay
- >> Avian Mite Spray
- >> Flea & Lice Sprays, Powders, Dips, Foggers & Bombs
- >> Sevin 5% Dust
- >> Heavy Duty Pet Dishes (Stainless or Ironstone)
- >> Kitty Litter (Plain) NOT Scoopable
- >> Frontline
- >> Plastic Baby Bottles & Nipples
- >> Pet Water Bottles
- >> Bottle Water

HOUSE AND BEDDING

- >> Critter Care Bedding
- >> Pine Shavings (NO CEDAR)
- >> Blankets & Sheets (New or Used)
- >> Wash Cloths & Towels (New or Used)
- >> Bird Toys & Baby Toys

HOUSEKEEPING

- >> Clorox Bleach
- >> Clorox Clean-Up
- >> Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
- >> Simple Green Cleaner
- >> Rubber Gloves
- >> Dial Soap (Liquid & Bar)
- >> Garbage Bags
- >> Zip Lock Bags (All Sizes)
- >> Paper Towels
- >> Scrub Brushes
- >> Sponges
- >> Antibacterial Dish Detergent
- >> Tide with Bleach
- >> Glass Cleaner
- >> Baking Soda
- >> Hand Sanitizer

MAINTENANCE

- >> Batteries (All Sizes)
- >> Flashlights
- >> Pressure Washer
- >> Diesel Generator

ADMINISTRATIVE

- >> Stamps
- >> #10 Envelopes
- >> VHS Tapes

MISCELLANEOUS

- >> Big Fish Net Poles
- >> Animal Catch Poles
- >> Smoke Detectors
- >> Fire Extinguishers
- >> Heavy Duty Ropes
- >> Bungee Cords

>> GIFT CARDS

- Wal-mart, Sam's Club, Costco, Home Depot, Lowes, 84 Lumber, Pet Stores, Grocery Stores, Office Supply, ANY and ALL cards can be used.
- >> = Most Needed Items
- For a full list please see our website.
- Revised 12/9/2008

We can't say Thank-you enough to those that have gone out of your way to help us over the past year. We feel very grateful and blessed to have so many wonderful supporters.

It doesn't matter if you donated money or came by Frisky's to drop off some items from the wish list. Every time you donate to Frisky's you are helping save the animals.

We have the best supporters and volunteers in the world. Your donations help us to continue our mission to save Wildlife and to give our Residents the best life possible. We are truly grateful to each and everyone of you. We go into the coming year knowing that we can continue to count on your support of Frisky's.

We hope that this Holiday Season leaves you and your families (human and furry) happy and healthy. Our heart felt wish for all of you in the coming year is to have a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Every Dollar Helps: Please remember that we are enrolled in 2 Charity Campaigns: CFC (Combined Federal Campaign) Code #37712 & Maryland Charity Campaign Code #7150. Frisky's has NO paid employees. Therefore, every dollar you give goes directly to help care for the animals.

As always, you can go to our website and safely donate through paypal!



WHAT CAN I DO?

Frisky's is a 501 (c) 3 Organization. Frisky's DOES NOT receive any county, 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 an item from the wishlist, or write us a check! Donations, no matter how small are always needed, and they do make a difference. There is a mailbox in the circular driveway at Frisky's where donations may be dropped off.

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(DESCRIPTION OF GOODS)

If you are interested in collaborative opportunities or donating your time and expertise, please write us with your thoughts, call or email Frisky's.

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With a donation, your name will be placed on our mailing list to receive The Rescue Record.

At this time of year we have time to reflect on our lives. We look back on the year or the years past and ask if we have done enough to help. If others have helped us when we needed it and why we give to others.

We are so grateful to the volunteers that give of their time and energy to help at Frisky's. We asked some of them to share with everyone why they give their time, why volunteering is important to them.



FOR THE LOVE OF ANIMALS

I decided to apply to volunteer at Frisky's Wildlife & Primate Sanctuary, because I have always had a love for all animals, and I wanted to gain experience in handling animals while helping a good cause. I had a strong desire to help Frisky's above all other places, because I have a passion for raising awareness about helping wildlife and exotic animals that have been hurt or abandoned.



Shelby

The first time I visited Frisky's, I was very excited to see what a wildlife rehabilitation facility looked like. I was very impressed with the natural look and feel of the wildlife enclosures and the large amount of toys/enrichments the primate enclosures contained. Colleen, master wildlife rehabilitator and founder of Frisky's, took a lot of time to explain the different parts of the sanctuary, the jobs of the volunteers, and the rules of the organization; I could tell that she was very enthusiastic about the sanctuary and very welcoming of volunteers.

Actually volunteering at Frisky's has been a very good experience for me. Colleen and the other volunteers have been very warm and friendly, and they share my love of animals. Volunteering at the sanctuary isn't always a glamorous job, however. The animals that come to Frisky's have mostly been injured or abandoned, and there isn't always a happy ending to every story. Volunteers also have to be a nurse, maid, and waitress to all of the animals, which can sometimes be an exhausting and disgusting task. A volunteer must be a very mature and responsible individual who is willing to learn. Although there are difficult times, the joys of learning about the different wildlife and exotics that come into the sanctuary and being able to know that we are making a difference in their lives has helped me to look past the hardships and gain a sense of satisfaction.

Frisky's Wildlife & Primate Sanctuary has become an integral part of my life, and I am very proud to be able to volunteer there.

Piper



Hawk

PRIMATE PROFILE



GRISHA

Male/ White Headed Marmoset
D.O.B 10.15.2005

Grisha is a funny little guy, he is the smallest of our primates. He makes a squealing noise when he sees those that he likes. He is always looking at himself in the mirror, he is his own best friend. Grisha came to us in the fall of 2007 when his owner realized that she could no longer handle him. He is small but crafty. She felt that it was best for him to find a place that could care for him on the level that he needed.

Grisha's favorite foods are Superworms, papaya and most other fruits. He loves his mirrors and stuffed animals.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Baby Bird

The Earth and the animals mean everything to me. Animals evolved from the Earth just like we humans did. We evolved after the animals. So to me, it's our job to help them survive as much as they have helped and continue to help us survive. I don't look at any animal and think that they are less important than myself or anyone else. They may not live in a brick house, drive loud cars, or wear clothes from a store, but they do share the same Earth we live on, need food, water, and shelter. If you break it down to the very basic things/needs they really are not all that different from us. Just because humans are bigger and have a more developed brain than most animals does not mean that they are not worthy of the best help and care we can give them. Frisky's is a place that completely, unselfishly, whole-heartedly cares entirely for every animal they come across. At Frisky's nothing matters except for the animal's welfare! To see how hard it is for animals to survive is unbelievable. To realize how many unfair situations bring these animals to Frisky's is unjust in itself. They are just trying to live in a world we as humans have claimed to be our own. I do not volunteer at Frisky's for my own benefit, it does not make me feel like I'm a better person, I do not need to give myself a pat on the back. I do it because it's what I want to

do. I am lucky to have found an amazing place like Frisky's to help do what I feel is right. I go to Frisky's hoping I can make a difference in an animal's life that day, even if it's just for one day. Animals do not have a voice (that we can really understand) to speak for themselves. They are just doing what they have instinctively been doing for years that we humans cannot even recall. They need someone with enough ability to help them, and speak for them. These animals need our help more than ever. So please stand up for those beings around you that you may not have ever noticed before, or cared for before, because along the chain somewhere they helped you become you, so please help them too!

Mary



Andy



WHY DO I VOLUNTEER AT FRISKY'S?



Isadora

I first came to know and understand the mission of Frisky's when I brought my son there five summers ago because I felt he needed to have some volunteer work experience. He had too much free time on his hands. Each time I dropped him off and picked him up, I got to chat for a few moments with Colleen, the sanctuary director. I soon came to really like her sense of humor, dedication to her mission, and how grateful she was for her volunteers and especially, her husband. Without ever a vacation, shopping at the mall, nights out to dinner with friends and/or her husband, or getting away to see the occasional movie, she devotes herself unconditionally to those needy critters in her care. I have never known anyone so completely selfless. I know that having Colleen in my life has made me a better person.

When it was time for daily football practice to begin, my son ended his time at Frisky's, but I was hooked. I started to bring trays of envelopes home to stuff for mailings. Then, when I was taking the nature unit for the Applied Healing Arts at the Tai Sophia Institute in Laurel, I noticed that I would start to get teary eyed when there was any mention about the treatment and relationship with animals. What is this about? I asked myself. So, I decided to commit more fully to being at Frisky's at least 1 day per week to work with the animals. I have been doing this for almost five years now.

During my time at Frisky's, I get the sense that this is all that really matters--that we care for each other and about each other. I have learned that we are all one. We may be here on earth with different faces and bodies, different meal plans, and different concerns, but the one thing I have learned for certain, is that we need each other. We are in partnership, figuring out how to co-exist with each other and learning how to respect that we are sharing this time here on earth together. It makes me feel good knowing that at least one life was nourished or enriched one more day because I showed up and cared about them.

Heather



Young Raccoon