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This month most of us will celebrate Thanksgiving with family and a large turkey dinner. But how many of us will give thanks for all the wonderful gifts and Blessings in our life?

At Frisky's, we are thankful for so many blessings each and every day. These are just a few of the things we are thankful for this year:

Being able to keep the monkeys. We thank the **Zoning Board members** for seeing the truth of the circumstances and voting compassionately to allow Frisky's monkeys to remain in their home. We thank our lawyer, **Fred Lauer**, for his patience and perseverance in this matter. We

thank those of you who came to the hearings to show your support, wrote to the newspapers, posted on Facebook, called with your Prayers and Wishes, or came to share your feelings with Colleen and the Staff.

We are thankful for the wonderful years we spent with **Bimbee, Weeble and Bindi** while they were with us.

We are thankful for the opportunity to work with Bald Eagles and a baby beaver, both new and exciting **rehabilitation experiences**.

We are thankful that no harm came to Frisky's property or any of the

animals during the **earthquake and the hurricane**.

We have 3 new wildlife rehabilitators, **Joyce and Matt Dietsch, and Pat-tie Bontz**.

We are thankful that our dear friend and volunteer, **Heather Wandell**, is home in the states for the entire month of November and is sharing her time with us. All the animals remember her and

love her. **MiCasa Restaurant** donated food to feed the volunteers during our annual Primate Physicals.

Roots in Clarksville made sure we had Goat's Milk during fawn season, to use in creating their formula. Thank you Kevin for being available at a moment's notice.

Bobby of Royal Flush Mechanical in Pasadena gave his time to make repairs on Frisky's furnace.

Wayne Carlile for all the electrical work he did for Frisky's.

Keith Ellis who keeps our computer system working properly.

Chadwell Animal Hospital

Thanks to **Dr. Gold** and his entire staff at **Chadwell Animal Hospital** for all they do. They helped with the Bald Eagles and Chewey, the baby beaver, along with all the other animals. They all came to Frisky's for the annual Primate Physicals to make sure the monkeys had all their health needs taken care of.

Thanks to **Cat and Dog Hospital of Columbia** for working with us to have

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LOSS OF A BALD EAGLE

PART FIVE OF THE ONGOING BALD EAGLE SAGA

BY: JANICE ELLIS

The FEMALE BALD EAGLE was found on the ground of the flight enclosure on Friday, 9/16. Much like her illness, her death is still a mystery. It had been determined that she did not have any contagious disease, so she was placed into the larger flight enclosure with the male bald eagle. They seemed to be very happy to have each other for company. She had recovered, or so it seemed, from her septic condition and began to fly after a short treatment time here. She had a relapse and was put through the treatment again. She began to fly again and her flight looked stronger each day. Then we noticed she had grounded herself one day and over the next few days she was quiet. She was scheduled for another round of treatment when she was found lying on the ground and she looked as though she was sleeping with her eyes open. We scheduled a necropsy to determine the cause of her illness and death, but the results did not give us any answers. Her body was sent to the National Repository where all deceased bald eagles' bodies are turned over to Native American groups to be used in their spiritual practices. She will be missed by all of us at Frisky's, including the male, who seems to do well in spite of his companion's disappearance from his life.

The MALE BALD EAGLE is still in good health and flies the length of the enclosure easily, but he does favor one wing. So, we have decided after talking to one of our vets, to extend his stay for further rehabilitation. We have contacted The Wildlife Center of VA, where they have specialists to work with bald eagles. We wanted to see if they would be able to work with him for further therapy. If they are interested in working with him, he can receive therapy to strengthen the wing that was gunshot. Nothing has been decided about moving him yet. Whether he stays or is moved, he cannot be released until his wing recovers completely. Even though we really would like to see him all the way through to complete his rehabilitation, we will do whatever is necessary for his best chances of recovery and release.



MALE & FEMALE BALD EAGLES

DONATIONS



Caroline Swan, 9 yrs. old, asked for donations from Frisky's Wish List in lieu of birthday gifts for herself. She and her best friend, Cole Hudson, walked door to door taking up a collection to bring in to Frisky's. Caroline and Cole are from Eldersburg. Thank you both!

Eli Henslee - 13, collected items from Frisky's Wish List as a project for his bar mitzvah. His sister, Julia, and friend Carlos helped with the collection.

Amena, Asgar, Megan and Severin collected \$45 for Frisky's by selling lemonade.

N. VA. Community College brought a small group of students to talk with Colleen, to learn more about wildlife rehabilitation and Frisky's. They donated \$98.

William from Columbia came to Frisky's after learning about us on tv and donated \$100, while many others donated monies, some brought flowers and others brought baked goods. We received many cards throughout the year, "sorry the hearings are still going on", "sorry about your loss" and finally "congratulations on keeping the monkeys". Sometimes the support of phone calls and cards is just as important to keeping Frisky's open, as the monetary donations. We have to keep up our spirits.



N. VA Comm. College

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 send in your tax deductible donation!

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

We try very hard to use your contributions for the most urgent need at the time we receive them. If you would like to restrict this contribution for a specific project, please mark here. _____

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



all our rabbits and many other animals spayed or neutered.



We want to thank **Billy Heinbuch of the Caitlin Dunbar Nature Center**, for all the times he comes to help with snakes and turtles. We call him our reptile specialist and he is going to do an apprenticeship with Colleen at Frisky's.

Thanks to the **Kratz Family**, who always make themselves available when we need help.

Thanks to **Howard County Animal Control** for assisting Frisky's. When they get a call for wildlife and think it has a chance for survival, they take the time to bring it to Frisky's.

Tom Greenbank of Dead Pet Pick-Up handles all the animals that come through Frisky's doors, but do not survive. We wish to thank him for the compassion and loving concern he has shown us with the personal service he gives us that is far beyond what one would expect.

Thanks to the volunteer staff who Colleen depends upon

to keep things moving smoothly. **Joyce, Matt, Bonnie, Pat-tie, Amy, Julia and Janice.** Thanks to all the volunteers that Frisky's relied on for a helping hand. **Mike, Eileen, Carolyn, Brittany, Heather and Heather, Izzy, April, Omar, Cong, Olivia, Matt.**

Friends and supporters, we asked for things that Frisky's needed in the newsletters, on Facebook and on our Wish Board on our front porch and you came through. Linens were needed and they started showing up right away. Pedialyte came in as an answer to a request on Facebook. We have a friend who drops off food for the monkeys regularly, one who dropped off fresh veggies several times over the summer. Dog and cat food which are used for many different animals has been coming in regularly. Someone donates eggs which the humans and animals at Frisky's enjoy. We have medical supplies donated from hospitals and doctor's offices. Thank you all!



Last, but not least, Allied Quick Print. Thank you Ian and Doug for all you do to make our newsletters and mailings possible. Thank you!

GOODBYE TO BINDI

BY: JANICE ELLIS/ FRISKY'S ADMINISTRATOR

• November 3, 2011 was yet another sad day at Frisky's. Bindi was an elderly Australian Shepherd that had heart problems and was nearly blind. She took her last breath that morning.

• Bindi was adopted from Little Wonders Animal Rescue in Sept. of 2007. She came to Frisky's as an older dog, so we are uncertain of her age. She was a great companion over the years to Colleen and Scott and loved to roughhouse play with Dusty, the smaller Lhasa mixed dog.

• Colleen and I both used to tell Bindi that we old women needed some alone time, taking her away from the hectic energy of the two younger male dogs whenever we got the chance. It gave her the attention she needed but had never asked for. For the past week, she has stayed in the office with me and the other two dogs during the daytime, very unusual for Bindi. She began to cling to Colleen during her last couple days, following her, sitting at her feet as Colleen studied and just staring off into space. In the early morning hours of Nov. 3, about 3am, Scott got out of bed to get ready for work. Bindi got onto the bed and just stood over Colleen, she wouldn't lay down, she just stood there. Colleen

let her outside for a moment, then Bindi got a lap of water as she came back in. Colleen crawled back into the bed and was awakened by Scott at 4:15 with the news that Bindi was in the doorway of their bedroom and had taken her last breath. She was at peace.

• Bindi had always announced my arrival, whether she was outside or inside. When I come to the front door now, there are only two faces to greet me, one is missing. But Dusty and Tripper try very hard to make everyone feel welcomed and Tripper has started to announce my arrival, picking up where Bindi left off. Bindi has been cremated and returned to Frisky's where she will be lovingly remembered by all who were so touched by her presence.



A HAPPY THANKSGIVING WISH

BY: FOUNDER COLLEEN LAYTON-ROBBINS



A real Happy Thanksgiving is what I wish for all the friends of Frisky's Sanctuary. The closeness and the caring work we've all shared... well, it just makes me cry! And no... it's not menopause. I truly feel how much you are behind us and want to help. Now don't get me wrong, I am no quitter and never will be, but there have been times when I felt overwhelmed.. I have even excused myself to go have a good cry.

Recently, I lost a very close friend quite unexpectedly, our dear old Australian Shephard, Bindi. Her old heart stopped and she died peacefully in her sleep. She was a constant friend and she was by my side every chance she had. I will truly miss her and I am thankful for all the wonderful memories I have of her.

I am thankful that the merits of Frisky's honest, hard caring work has been recognized by our County Zoning Board. I was shocked that after 41 years of passing all inspections, renewing all licenses and permits, I still had to prove myself in countless

hearings. But that's over now and despite all the stress that I've been put through I'm still very healthy. The care of the animals was never compromised and they too are doing well. For this, we are thankful.

Most rehabbers love this time of year. It's kind of a break in our hectic and stressful schedule. Baby wildlife season is over. Most of the wildlife has been rehabilitated and returned to nature where they belong, only a few wildlife animals will stay at Frisky's for the winter. Anyway, my demanding manic schedule is a little more relaxed now. I have time to study each night until sleep takes over. We still have inventory, repairs and the end of the year paperwork to do along with more than a hundred animals to take care of daily. But it is mostly very quiet and cozy now. In 41 years of actively being immersed in Frisky's I still truly love it. I am thankful that I am surrounded by caring, giving people who share my goal of helping wildlife in need.

There are demanding schedules in all our lives. After reflecting, I ask you to count your Blessings and I hope you truly enjoy what you have. We all have so very much to share and to be thankful for.

Love and Compassion Always, Colleen

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GIFT SHOP



Frisky's does not have an on-site Gift Shop, however you can purchase custom items such as t-shirts, mugs, caps, sweatshirts, thermos, etc. with many of Frisky's animal photos online at www.cafepress.com.

If you do not see the item you want, please contact us and we will try to make it available for you.

ADOPTIONS

We have adopted the two ferrets to a wonderful family. We adopted 2 mice to someone who has a release site on his property. We also adopted 2 chinchillas to one of our volunteers and two parakeets to another volunteer's Mom. Seven pigeons went to an aviary in Elkridge. We still have 2 cockatiels, one mouse, four chinchillas, one guinea-pig and many rabbits that need homes. If you are not interested in adoption ask yourself if you know a friend, neighbor or relative who might be.

RELEASES

We released dozens of squirrels, rabbits, opossums, hawks, ducks, geese, turtles and many, many songbirds. Most of our enclosures are empty and the ones that are housing animals have been protected and conditioned for the winter months ahead with heavy duty tarps.



EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

We had 3 recent Eagle Scout Projects at Frisky's. Jimmy Rollin, Troop 649, gave us a very organized outside storage area. This consisted of first adding stability to existing fences in the area, putting in dividing walls that are removable for the option to make changes, painting, and organizing all the outside materials that had just been sitting in different areas of the property. Evan Johnson, Troop 737, added individual stalls with removable walls, a rain gutter and a rain barrel to our fawn house, He built a shelf unit for the fawn storage shed and he also added mulch pits to the entrances of the fawn and goat pastures. Adam Comeax, Troop 75, removed an existing flight enclosure and built a new flight enclosure with a gravel floor. This consisted of building and painting the frame of the building, and enclosing the walls with heavy gauge wire. These projects all took a lot of planning and a lot of muscle. We are grateful to these Scouts for the work they have done for Frisky's and proud to have been part of their Eagle Scout Projects. Thank you, Ryan, Evan and Adam.

We have a new Eagle Scout project beginning Thanksgiving week and we would like to hear from you if your troop would like to do a project for Frisky's.



PRIMATE PHYSICALS 2011

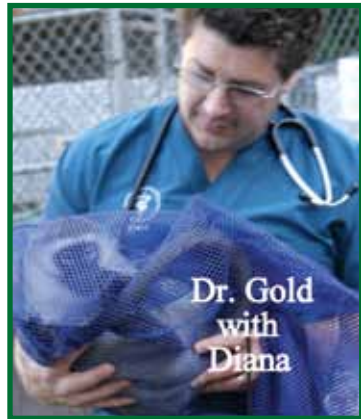
JANICE ELLIS - FRISKY'S ADMINISTRATOR

This was my first year to participate and I was not alone. There were seven of us who had earned the privilege to be part of this annual event for the first time. We had all moved beyond the training period and had become regulars at Frisky's during the past year. There were an additional nine volunteers from Frisky's who had participated in the physicals before. The monkeys needed to see familiar faces as they began to wake up after their physical.



The monkey's exams were simple in theory, catch, sedate, examine, treatments when necessary, wake them up and return them to a clean enclosure. It all sounded quite simple to me until we got started.

Colleen and Joyce gently caught the monkeys by netting or with a combination Hav-A-Hart/Squeeze cage. Then Dr. Gold or Colleen would give them the appropriate sedative for their weight and size. The monkey would be carried down to the infirmary where each one was examined by Dr. Gold and Dr. Haskin who were assisted by seven of the Chadwell Animal Hospital Vet. Techs. Besides having their weight and general health checked, each monkey might have individual needs. One monkey had broken teeth that needed to be extracted. Others have special needs regarding diabetes, blood pressure and issues similar to those that humans might have.



The plan for the evening was to have volunteers in the recovery room holding some of the monkeys as the sedative begins to wear off, and another team of volunteers cleaning the empty enclosures before the monkeys are returned. The volunteers switch



from holding the monkeys to cleaning and back again so that everyone has some bonding time with the monkeys. The cleaning is done on a deep level that cannot be done when the enclosures are occupied. The cleaning needs to be done very well, a complete maid service, yet it needs to be done quickly. It is necessary to have the enclosures completed before the monkeys are ready to go back into them.

I was very thankful that Bonnie was supervising the recovery room. Bonnie has been a Board Member who has volunteered at

Frisky's for 12 years and this was her 11th annual Primate Physical. She knew which monkeys were quick to revive and which ones would seem to sleep for hours. She knew which monkeys were likely to need special care in the recovery room. She kept us all informed about the monkey we were in charge of. We simply had to give the monkeys a little TLC while they were still sedated and as they began to wake up. It was quite a rewarding experience. I was able to hold several of the monkeys, including Oogie who is a special friend of mine. Oogie and I spend time together each day, we hold hands and sing together. So as Oogie was waking up slowly, I kept speaking to her softly so she would know I was close by. For the next two days, she was unusually quiet and did not demand attention, yet she was happy to see me each time I entered the room. She definitely remembered that I was there when she was coming out of the sedation, and if she was holding a grudge about anything it was not directed at me



Some of the volunteers had been at Frisky's all day, and others were coming straight from work. So food was required. Scott supplied pizza, fruit, drinks and deserts. Peggy brought a wonderful array of Mexican food, which is donated yearly by Mi Casa of Ellicott City. It included chicken taquitos, MiCasa Nachos and chips with salsa, all handmade and delicious! The volunteers took breaks as needed and ate whenever they could.

It was a long day, but the last sedative shot was given at 7:40 which was earlier than the previous year. Even after all the monkeys were returned to their clean enclosures, our work was not done. We needed to put away all the items that had been used, clean up the food area, the infirmary and the recovery area. It was after 10:30 before the last volunteers left for the night. It had been a long day and we were all tired, but no one would complain. We were all so content with how smooth our evening had turned out. I look forward to having this bonding opportunity again next year, a chance to spend time again with the monkeys, the vets and good friends.



FRISKY'S MONKEY'S ARE SAVED!!!

It was a long drawn out journey to get to the finish line, but Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2011, a decision was made to allow Frisky's to keep the monkeys. The Howard County Zoning Board had met 14 times for this hearing with nearly 40 hours of testimony before they voted to allow Frisky's the right to keep the 22 monkeys that live here.

There was only one condition, that new monkeys could only be taken on a seven day, temporary basis. This would be time for a veterinarian examination and for appropriate arrangements to be made for transportation to a permanent sanctuary. All other conditions that the neighbors asked for were dismissed.

Our lawyer, Fred Lauer, gave quite a wonderful summation. He asked that the Board weigh the witnesses for both sides, not in numbers, but in value. Frisky's had witnesses that had visited Frisky's, worked at Frisky's and worked with the animals in question. They had testified that Frisky's was a safe place for both the animals and the humans. They each had first hand experience with our safety rules, regulations and precautions. The witnesses for the petitioner had not visited Frisky's and even Mr. Wyckoff and Ms. Tuttle had not been to Frisky's in almost a decade. How could they know what safety precautions were or were not in place?

The Board voted Unanimously to recognize Frisky's legally as an animal sanctuary. They voted 3/2 in favor of allowing the temporary, seven day visit for new monkeys.

During the hearing, Colleen sat quietly, expressing no emotion to what was going on around her. But in the hallway after the hearing was over, I watched as tears of joy and relief ran down Colleen's cheeks. She was hugged by all the loyal supporters who had stood beside us during the hearing and she was taken aside to do an interview for a newspaper. I could see it was hard for her to contain herself, she was about to burst with joy! It wasn't until we stepped outside that she allowed herself to fully express what she was feeling. She took a moment to call her husband, Scott, who had been holding down the fort at Frisky's and was waiting to hear the results. She told him briefly that we had won and that she would be home soon to tell him all about it. We all crowded around her to talk

about our experiences and heard that the neighbors weren't sure whether they would appeal or not. When Colleen was asked in her earlier interview what would she do if they appeal, she replied, "I'm no quitter!" And... Colleen hasn't quit smiling since the hearing was over. She wakes up smiling and finds herself smiling all throughout her day. Thanks to the understanding of the Board Members and the perseverance and loving dedication of our lawyer, Fred Lauer, the monkeys at Frisky's are finally safe and have legal sanctuary at Frisky's for the rest of their lives.

