

## Call to Action for Frisky's

We all know the choices we make can affect tomorrow or our future. So normally when someone gets here with an orphaned or injured wild animal or bird, they feel so helpless. Not knowing if they did the right action. I usually step back look them in the eye and share my thoughts. Noticing something out of the ordinary when the whole world seems to be distracted including myself...we are ...Doing something, in the forward motion, in the right direction, without a reason, excuse or an apology and showing up here with the little animal. Letting us all know that we can network! We can do something, so now, it is not out there suffering, with no assistance. They can't help each other and a lot of times they can't help themselves and yes sometimes you feel like a fool that keeps trying to do something and maybe somebody's laughing at you for caring! Telling you it's just an animal and sometimes you will feel like your actions are futile. But your actions are a very deep sign of your being... you knowing that you did something and it is not out there starving, suffering, dealing with the predator or the elements or with its own pain and helplessness!

Because we're caring and working together. Thank you, thank you, thank you! God Bless you for being you! Know also, we do need your continued support so Frisky's Wildlife Center can be here for the animals. We are a 501 c 3 tax deductible center. If not a monetary donation to cover the expenses then maybe you can gather up towels, sheets and blankets for their welfare while being here.

*Thank you, Colleen Layton-Robbins*



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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

### WHAT CAN I DO?

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### Year "2018" in Review BY COLLEEN LAYTON-ROBBINS

Dear friends of Frisky's,  
 Wow! So another year has come and gone. Believe me we are kept so busy here it surprises me more each year. I have been the main nurse, maid, waitress and facilitator for over 48 years! Yes since 1970. I started when I was pregnant with my first son and my first husband was in Vietnam, and so it all started. Now I used to send out monthly newsletters then 6 times a year then quarterly but now it's all we can afford to send out 2 or 3 a year. So now let's catch up thousands of animals birds and reptiles have come into Frisky's Center and we all face the challenges caring for them all and to all their needs while here. Rehabilitating them back to health and to the woods ASAP. These challenges faced by not only the staff here but also those who bring them in, getting them

into a secure box or enclosure then finding out where to take them or what they can or can't do. Then of course getting it here. By the time they get here they are a bit flustered, they fill out forms and find out what we will do. Then, I ask are we leaving a donation at this time? No, donations are not mandatory, but it sure helps to cover essentials and expenses. Most people, just leave the animal and a promise to give... that's upsetting, but okay. Like I said donations are not mandatory. Somehow it all comes together with the people who do donate. Please remember we are a 501c3 and nobody here is paid. We are all volunteers including myself. But donations are sure down so if you can do anything, Thank you!

*Colleen of Frisky's Wildlife*  
[www.friskys.org](http://www.friskys.org)



Colleen Layton-Robbins and DMV Mike Cranfield

## 2018 Frisky's Primate Physicals BY COLLEEN LAYTON-ROBBINS

Yea Done! The annual primate physicals are always a special challenge we have to go through early fall, every year. Now of course we had all the veterinarians lined up, DVM Mike Cranfield from the Maryland Zoo, DVM Keith Gold and several of his staff of vets and vet techs from Chadwell Animal Hospital. Frisky's staff of volunteers set up all the food and drinks to keep everybody energized. Of course, every area and room of the infirmary were sterilized. The primate's toys and hammocks were removed so not to be in the way when we go to get them to sedate them. Oh yes, they can play hide and seek under a cover or under one of their teddy bears when they recognize what we're up to. After they are sedated and carried to the infirmary, we confirm

who they are. There are forms to be completed, weighing them, TB tests done, drawing blood, catching up on all their vaccines, and even cleaning their teeth. Eyes, ears, nose, throat, from toenails are checked.

The whole kit and caboodle is done to them in a matter of 20 minutes. Then they are carried to the recovery room, my bedroom. The staff was ready to hold them, wipe their bottoms, and do their nails. They are cuddled and closely observed until they start waking up. They are then put into a fleece lined kennel cab until completely awake. Meanwhile while other staff is cleaning their enclosures and giving them extra towels, blankets, and fleeces to pamper them. The staff prepare slices of fruit and little

bottles of cranberry juice. They're watched closely until they're fully aware of where they are.

Wow now all is back to normal. Not one held a grudge everything went well. I can never thank everybody enough! Besides preventive medicine, it gives us an update on any health issues that may arise. Most of our primates are past their life span expectancy. So thank you to everybody. They put a smile not only on our faces but also in our hearts and soul. As well as everyone who contributed and was a part of seeing them continue being happy, healthy thriving!

*Colleen of Frisky's Wildlife*  
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Eileen and Oogie

Dr. Gold

Bonnie and Jamie



Colleen and the Bald Eagle



Julia with Sulcata Tortoise

Scott and Cheechy



## Shared Joy. Frisky's 1st Otter BY EILEEN STURGILL

I have loved otters all my life. I watched them on the Disney Wildlife shows. Several years ago I went to see sea otters when I was in California. They were wonderful. In the spring a baby river otter was brought into Frisky's Wildlife Center. Apparently it was separated from its mother during the bad storm. This was the first river otter ever to come to Frisky's Center. The baby river otter thrived on a bottle, having to become accustomed to a special formula. I was thrilled when I got to hold her. Frisky's

knew that she could not be return/rehabilitated back to the wild, since she had not been taught to hunt. A search was made to find a home. Finally the Kansas City Zoo in Missouri agreed to take her. The DNR officer Michael Lathram and Frisky's staff arranged the flight for her. She was flown to the zoo with all her documentation. She has made great adjustments and the staff at the zoo say they just love her! So another happy ending for a frisky story.

For those unfamiliar with otters, river otters and sea otters

are different. The river otters live near rivers, they hunt in the river but live in dens on the land banks. Sea otters live in the ocean. In the California area they are suitable mostly for swimming not walking. They are very gentle. The otters further north, like Alaska, do come on land. If there is a storm at sea, they can walk better than their California cousins. Their very thick fur keeps them warm. What a wonderful life we get to share with our Wildlife here at Frisky's even for short periods of time.

*Eileen Sturgill*

## Safety First BY JULIA DAGNELLO

Its easy to get caught up in the moment when rescuing an animal in need. We want to help this distressed animal and often its easy to forget that no matter what state it may be in, its still a wild animal and needs to be respected as such. This is especially true with injured wildlife as they may be in pain and feel cornered which makes them defensive. The top priority in these situations is always human safety. If you think you are putting yourself in danger, step back and reevaluate. Get help and make sure you have the right protection for yourself.

Blankets, towels, heavy gloves, boxes, or even a snow shovel can be very useful for getting an animal into a container it can be transported in. It's usually simple to use a towel to gently scoop the animal into a box. Keep your

hands away from the head and feet, its important to avoid getting bitten or scratched. A towel over the head will help keep the stress from capture down and make sure to put the container in a dark and quiet place until you can get it to a rehabber. If the animal is in the road, don't go out in traffic! Call animal control or DNR for help.

Not all dangers are as obvious as teeth or talons. All wildlife has internal and external parasites. Just because you don't see them doesn't mean they aren't there. Don't pick up anything with your bare hands, always use gloves! And be aware that whatever touches the animal is also contaminated. The towel used to handle it, the kennel cab it was transported in, any dishes given to it, etc. All these things need to be disinfected. Some parasite eggs are sticky, invisible to the naked eye,

and will live through bleach, you must be very careful to wash and sanitize appropriately.

When you use gloves be aware they are for your protection but also protection for others. If you use them to pick up an animal then also use them to open your car door, you just transferred everything onto your car. Take off gloves after handling wildlife, once the animal is contained there shouldn't be a need to wear them again as the animal should be left alone until taken to a rehabber.

Use common sense and think things through and you can stay safe while helping an animal. Remember that human safety always comes first and a successful rescue is one that both you and the animal come out unharmed.

*Julia Dagnello*

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## Otter BY JULIA DAGNELLO

We have a lot of different animals that come through Frisky's every year so when we get something we've never had before it can be exciting. On Mother's Day we ended up with a special little critter, a North American River Otter. This is the first one we've had come to us at Frisky's, we knew we were in for an experience.

The otter was around 9 weeks old and had been found along the river after heavy rains caused flooding. She came in soaking wet, cold, and hungry. After getting her stabilized we had time to think about just what we took on and what an opportunity this would be. Everyone was thrilled about being able to work with an otter! Having never rehabbed one before we wanted to make sure we did everything right. We did a lot of research and worked with our vet to ensure we were giving her everything she needed.

The first week was the most stressful, as it usually is with baby mammals. It takes time for them to settle and get used to their new environment, being handled, and switching to formula. She was reluctant to nurse at first, understandably unsure about the new formula instead of her mother's milk. Once she deemed

it acceptable, she had a complete 180 and turned into a little feeding monster always demanding a bottle. We closely monitored her weight and were pleased when she started growing fast.

Soon enough the otter was starting to eat solid foods and we could begin to wean her off formula. It was a big relief once she



wasn't having to be nursed every four hours a day and night. She got upgraded to larger enclosures as she grew and soon enough was in a two-level outdoor enclosure. She got a small basin of water to start exploring and really started getting her independence. As the otter grew, so did her personality. She went from a cautious baby into a playful and smart juvenile. She

loved hiding in blankets and would bunch them up to be able to slide around underneath them. She also would flip the water container and go under it to shove it all around her enclosure. Her favorite foods were salmon and wet cat food. Whenever her caretakers were around, she would sprint up and down the levels of her enclosure and try to beat us to whichever door we were trying to use. She always was excited when people came around, as it usually meant a treat!

When she first came in, we looked into what our options were in regard to rehabbing her. Unfortunately, Maryland regulations do not allow otters to be rehabilitated. This meant we had to find somewhere else for her to go. Thankfully she found a place at the Kansas City Zoo. They had another otter as well, so she would have a roommate. We were sad to see her go but we were so glad she was going to a place she would be well cared for. She took a plane ride to her new home and after a quarantine period she is now enjoying her enclosure on display at the zoo. If you are ever in Missouri and have a chance to get to the Kansas City Zoo, make sure to give her a wave!

*Julia Dagnello*

## Our Lives Enriched

Our lives were so enriched with the time we shared together they will be missed and thanks for all the memories.

Cody, coatimundi 8-4-05 to 1-2-18. Darwin, Gothic squirrel monkey 7-10-97 to 1-11-18. Clyde, Australian Shepherd 2-28-16 to 3-10-18. Darrow, Gothic squirrel monkey 7-10-98 to 8-04-18. Angel, Mona guenon monkey 10-12-98 to 10-21-18. Gizmo, rhesus macaque monkey 9-15-89 to 10-23-18.

Thanks for sharing your lives with all of us, it surely was amazing experience!!!



Angel



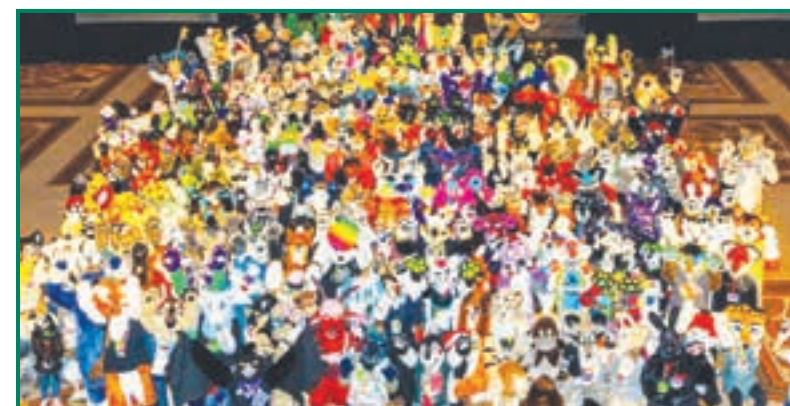
Cody



Darwin



Gizmo



## Year "2018" in Review Part 2

So that all said, a little of Frisky's past year in review. Spring babies are coming in earlier every year starting in with baby squirrels and foxes as early as February and March. Global warming?

So then to cover all overhead expenses we had our only annual fundraiser which is every Sat. and Sun. 9 to 5 only in the weekends of April. Director Debbie Travisano and her staff of helpers set up the barn + 3 party tents with outside tables. With donated items cleaning, pricing, arranging, and asking for donations is such a challenge! Weather of course never seems to cooperate, but we did bring in just under \$10,000. So big thanks to all who gave and came to fundraiser.

The Furthermore group raised \$10,192! They have been our biggest supporters every year. I pray they continue to have us as one of their charities. We still owe their whole staff a large extensive tour of our sanctuary.

We did have the roofs of our main building and small primate house repaired and shingled. We also had a 6-foot by 200-foot long fence on the back pasture for our hoof stock.

Frisky's has a great staff of volunteers, although we see several come and go each year. I believe since that it is not only hard work, but that it sure can wear on your nursing heart. So thank you to all!

We still need enclosures, doors, walls, parking lot, and fences to name a few to be replaced or refurbished. Thank you so very much to all of you who have brought in a critter and help with you our goals here at Frisky's wildlife.

We all made memories! So love and hugs to you all!

*Thank you, Colleen Layton-Robbins*



Wildlife

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African Spurred Tortoise



Babee



Beauty



Dawson



Deer



Fox



Cheechy



Hawk



Hummingbirds



Groundhog



Grecia



Iguana



Mandy



Oogie



Otter



Owl



Pigeon



Red Shouldered Hawk



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Sulcata Tortoise



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