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*to find out what you can
do to help the many animals
in need at Frisky's*

ILLEGAL TRAPPING - BY SANAZ NORGDARD

The weather was hot, sticking to my skin like steam from a shower. I peered into the steel trap, the cottontail's nose was severely lacerated and probably infected. The rabbit had spent several days in there without food or water, the fur jaunting awkwardly over its ribs. It was still alive, perking up when it saw me, scratching to be let out. The family was unapologetic saying that they had meant to catch groundhogs from ruining their garden and it was a magnanimous gesture to even bother bringing the animal in. The concern was if they would be in trouble with the law for trapping as they just got back from vacation and had not checked the trap for days. At the end, they were reluctant to leave a donation.

These days are very hard on my conscious, I believe in the potential goodness within us all. Carelessness, arrogance, and malice are a constant struggle for some, but the futility of teaching the few that believe animals are this below us is astounding. Even without debating intelligence, importance, or emotional awareness, when we are cut, we bleed. When starved, we suffer. It is the same for them.

I ask for something quite crazy, just to be the superior creatures we claim to be. Think of it as another reason to pat ourselves on the back, we just did something for someone who will give us no thanks and will grant us no luxuries. The bunny lived through the night, but I am not sure if how long this can continue.

Trapping is illegal in almost every county during this time of year because

it is considered cruel to separate a potential mother from her young should she have them. It is illegal to trap in most counties at all, except for Howard and Harford, which also have the strict laws governing this practice. It is also illegal to trap without a license, not check the trap every single day, trap within 150 yards of another person's home, or even to release the animal on someone else's property. For further information: Maryland Department of Natural Resources has a webpage that can be accessed at: <http://dnr.md.gov/>

This also brings up another, but often accidental, trapping of animals. Glue traps, we hate them! Often people will buy these to trap bugs, but other small animals will get caught in these. In addition, birds, small reptiles, and small mammals will break their wings, or legs, trying to get free. Although we have been told that animals will easily come off these with vegetable or olive oil (while taking care not to get scratched or bitten), we advise never to use these! It is a very cruel fate to die of multiple broken bones and if not, starvation. (Please note, the tufted titmice in the picture survived.)



Ground Hog



Mice



Bald Eagle



Gray Fox



Barred Owls



Fawns



Alligator



Kestrel



Oogie



Bunnies

FUR THE 'MORE

BY COLLEEN QUINN-HOUSE

I am holding a check for \$5,500 that the Furry organization graciously donated to us for an event that they held in our honor. They held an auction and donated all the proceeds to Frisky's! Because of their generosity, we have been able to rehabilitate an Eagle with a broken wing which will hopefully be set free soon. Concerned humans bring lots of baby birds and animals to us during the spring months that have been separated from their mother. Every wind and rain storm ends up shaking little birds and



Fur The 'More Staff

squirrels from their nest and they are brought to Frisky's. This requires feeding with specific diets and around

the clock feedings. All young, injured, and abandoned animals will be nursed until they are mature and healthy to fend for themselves and are then released. Also this money will be used for supplies and vet care. More information about this organization can be found at www.furthemore.org. Frisky's is so truly blessed to call

Gretchen Smith and the Furries organization as our friend.



AVIAN KNOWLEDGE

BY COLLEEN QUINN-HOUSE

Let me introduce myself, I am the "other" Colleen. Not to be confused with "the" Colleen. I cannot compare. I started volunteering at Frisky's in April of 2013 and have learned so much from Colleen and all the other staff members. They are an amazing group and I am so happy to be a part of the organization. Recently, I learned some very valuable information about a bird's health and well being. I have a question for you --- How many people have brought bread to bodies of water to feed the birds; or saved that donut or loaf of bread to throw out to the birds? Go ahead, raise your hand. For those of you who cannot see, I too have my hand raised. I thought I was providing food for them. Plus when my children were younger (years ago), they loved the birds gathering around fighting to get that piece of bread. Little did I know that I was doing harm to these birds? This is especially true for young juvenile birds that need good nutrition to form strong muscles and bones for

proper wing development. Birds when fed bread, crackers, chips and cookies, get filled up quicker with carbohydrates which make their stomachs feel less hungry. They are not interested in hunting for fish, worms, or eating grass. Plus bread with its "processed stuff" is not a suitable form of nutrition for the birds. Breads and other starches have very little protein which birds need and it does not contain fat that is needed for energy.

If you really want to give an occasional "treat" to birds make sure it is a healthy snack using whole or multi grain breads (organic would be even better). You can add toppings on the bread which would be extra beneficial like peanut butter, fat drippings or softened suet. Take the bread and spread the peanut butter or fat drippings and then press birdseed into the bread. Put this bread treat on a limb of a tree or branch of a bush, as shown in the picture. By keeping the bread off the ground, you won't have uninvited ants

come to your picnic. Don't offer the treat until mid-summer which will allow the young birds to have matured. View these "treats" for birds like "candy" for children. You would not give candy to children every day which is how these treats should be reserved for the birds --- not every day.



Cedar Waxwing

So next time you see the sign that says "Please don't feed the wildlife." Please obey and allow the birds to develop into healthy mature adult birds. Or do what I do now and just throw away that stale donut.

FRISKY'S WISH LIST FOR THE ANIMALS

Frisky's is a Non-Profit Organization (a 501 (c) 3 Organization) and is NOT Federally, State or Locally Funded.

Frisky's survives solely on the generosity of the public for funds.

- Medium exam gloves and heavy work gloves
- Paper Towels
- Simple Green
- Disinfecting Wipes (Any Brand)
- Long Handle Scrub Brushes
- Tide with Bleach Laundry Soap and liquid bleach
- Hand Sanitizer Gel
- Baby Wipes - Unscented (Any Brand)
- ZipLock Bags - Gallon & 2 Gallon Sizes
- CLEAN Wash Cloths, Towels, Sheets, Blankets, Comforters:
- (New or Used - Must be Clean)
- Pedialyte - Unflavored Cases of Bottled Water
- Batteries - Any Size
- Flashlights
- New Battery Operated Smoke Detectors
- Heavy Duty Trash Bags - Kitchen size and 30 Gal.
- Canned Fruits / Canned Vegetable
- Saltine Crackers
- Nuts Shelled and in Shell - (NO Salt)
- Healthy Cereals
- Wild Bird Food
- Comfort Care Bedding
- Timothy Hay
- GIFT CARDS for Feed, Office, Grocery, Wal-Mart, etc.
- PLEASE.. No Rugs, Carpeting or Pillows**

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 wish list, or send in your tax deductible donation!

www.friskys.org • friskyswildlife@yahoo.com

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Your donation is 100% Tax Deductible

Retain this receipt for your records.

DATE _____

CASH \$ _____ GOODS \$ _____

CHECK \$ _____ CHECK # _____

(DESCRIPTION OF GOODS)

Thank you for your support!

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Please remember to detach this form and leave it with your donation so we can thank you.

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DATE _____

YES, You can count on me to help support your efforts to care for the animals of Frisky's!

My check/gift is enclosed. Donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Frisky's is a 501(c)3 organization and receives no financial support from federal, state or county government.

CASH \$ _____ GOODS \$ _____

CHECK \$ _____ CHECK # _____

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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. _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

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

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK ONLY 1 HOUR, BE PART OF A SOCIAL CLUB, TALK ON THE PHONE, AND TEXT YOUR FRIENDS! INTERESTED????

Well Frisky's doesn't have that type of job available. Darn! But we do need volunteers who can spend a minimum of 2 – 4 hours each time they volunteer, clean cages (lots of poop) and feed the animals, keep phone stowed away and available only for calling other staff members, NO texting, be dependable and conscientious. Seriously, volunteering at Frisky's is very rewarding work and you get a sense of accomplishment after you have finished cleaning the animal's cages. After all, the animals cannot clean or feed themselves and when they are mature and healthy enough to be set free, you feel good to know you were a part of that animal's freedom back to the wild.

Also, if you are a tradesman or handyman and you could volunteer your services for roof repair, door replacement, power washing siding, electrician, plumber, or odds and ends job, Frisky's could use your help. Frisky's would gladly pay for materials if you could donate your labor and time.

Anyone interested in helping Frisky's, please send an email with your contact information to this address. friskyswildlife@yahoo.com Thank you and hope to hear from you soon.

FRISKY'S ADOPTABLES



Lime



Ashi & San



Reno



Star

FRISKY'S FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS BY OMAR FAKHRI

Q: When are you open?

A: 8 am - 8pm. Everyday, yeah that's right, everyday.

Not before and not after, even if it is an emergency.

We are operating out of the home of Colleen Layton, the owner of Frisky's and that needs to be respected, we're not a 24hr emergency room.

Q: Where are you located?

A: 10790 Old Fredrick Rd. Woodstock MD, 21163. Nearby the snowball stand.

Q: There is a _____ in my house, can you come get it?

A: Sorry, we don't have enough manpower to make house calls but we can give you the number of someone who can.

Q: I found _____, what should I feed it?

A: Do not feed the animals no matter what, they have very sensitive digestive systems that can easily cause them to have diarrhea, which can distress them and turn any situation they are in fatal. Nursing young improperly can also cause fluid/aspiration in the lungs, which is nearly always fatal.

Q: There is a fawn in my yard, should I bring it in?

A: Depends on the situation it's in. Is it just lying there quietly and not moving? If yes, this means that mom told baby to stay there and she will be back later. (Not while you're around trying to watch!) If there are no flies or other reasons to think the fawn is unhealthy, please leave it alone. But if the fawn is walking around and crying constantly that means mom hasn't been around for a few days, so you can bring it in.

Q: I found a baby bunny den in my backyard, I didn't see mom. should I bring it in?

A: First, how can you be so sure that mom isn't around? Mother rabbits only visit the den at dusk and dawn. Put a pattern of pick up sticks at the den's entrance, if the sticks shift that means mom is around and their best chance is with mom. If not, something may have happened to mom and you can bring it in.

Q: There is a deer with an injured leg on the side of the road and I don't want to call Animal Control or the Department of Natural Resources because they will come kill it.

A: See number 2, also AC and DNR are the best resources to assess the situation. Car strikes are usually fatal and the kindest route of action may be euthanasia. Is it better for the poor animal to sit there and suffer only to have a fox rip its throat out, or to have AC and DNR put the poor creature down?

Q: I found a fox with some type of skin disease, can you treat it?

A: It's probably mange, which is highly contagious and can spread like wild fire. We aren't allowed to treat adult rabies vector animals (bats are the exception) because of control handling issues and most of Animal Control/DNR won't even come to put the poor fox down.

Q: I found a _____ in the woods and have been raising it as a family pet for the past 10 months. Now it suddenly is aggressive towards us. Can you take it in?

A: First off housing wildlife is illegal and we are legally obligated to report you, which can lead to fines and jail time. Second, whatever you took isn't domesticated and may turn aggressive once reaching sexual maturity. Many of the creatures that people have taken in come to Frisky's in terrible distress. If they are not with their own kind, these animals may not be releasable. In most cases, the animal may not like people, and ends up living its entire life alone and stressed out whenever someone approaches. And finally, they carry a plethora of diseases that can be fatal to humans.

In order to love them more than ourselves, we need to realize that taking in an animal is not in their best interest. They may seem attached or very sweet, but they will be healthiest and happiest with their own kind.

Q: In a rush to save this animal's life, I forgot my purse/wallet, is there anyway to donate from home?

A: You can send a donation with our envelopes that are pre-addressed or you can donate online using PayPal: friskyswildlife@yahoo.com

Didn't see your question answered? Email us and we will answer it in a timely manner.

BECAUSE OF YOU BY COLLEEN LAYTON ROBBINS

It all started one fall day in 1970. My first husband was in Vietnam with the Marines and I was pregnant with my son, Rick. A young couple hiking on the railroad tracks in Gettysburg found four baby bunnies. It was suggested they bring them to me. I could only guess they figured a backwoods hillbilly farm girl, would know how to care for critters. So I committed myself. Over the years, I took in more wildlife and then domestics and exotics were added to our farm. Learning early on: No Matter How Much You Do, It Can Never Be Enough.

But because of you we can help what is suffering; we receive support that is needed. We have a future for Frisky's natural and exotic wildlife. I am surrounded with people who want to help us thrive. I want happy healthy Thriving Animals, Friends, and Life.

On July 20th, 2014, my father took his own life. He was 80 years old and was not ill. He was an alcoholic and unhappy for many years. He only seemed to enjoy his two bottles of port every night. Though he was supposedly proud of my accomplishments and dedication to the wildlife and exotics here at Frisky's Wildlife and Primate Sanctuary, however, my father was a very abusive man, especially to his family. My regrets are that issues were not resolved between us. And I pray he has now found peace after death.

There comes the time in life when we should walk away from drama and the ones who create it. And we should surround ourselves with the ones who focus on living with all that is nature and life to enjoy.

God bless you all for what you can do. Stay happy and healthy. Love to all. [Colleen](#).



I'm glad you all got my back!!

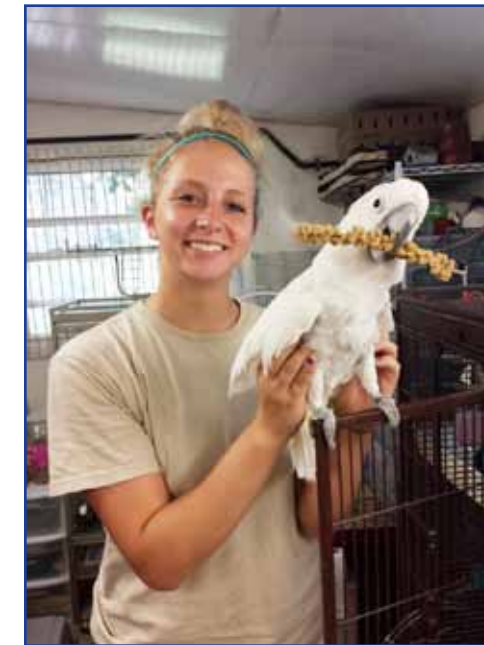
On another subject Frisky's has a dilemma: Please help!
I have surplus enclosures for your donations of 20 to 100 dollars.
And our barn is full of garage sale items we want to sell as a whole lot for a reasonable offer, I.E. Storage Wars!

MY EXPERIENCES AT FRISKY'S BY KELSEY KATZ

Have you ever wondered if your degree would actually help you out in your field of interest? Well, I have many times over and my time at Frisky's has answered that question for me for the most part. My name is Kelsey Katz and I have been volunteering at Frisky's for a month now. Over the past five years, I have been a student at Frostburg State University and I am doing a field experience here at Frisky's for my last four credits of college. My degree will be a Bachelors in Liberal Studies with a focus in animal care and behavior, so Frisky's is my idea of the perfect job. I am required to volunteer 180 hours in my field of interest by a certain date, which is quickly approaching. Needless to say, every day Colleen allows me to be here at Frisky's, I have been for as long as possible, not only to satisfy my hours but because I have found that I love this place. Frisky's is amazing and teaches me exactly what I want to learn more about through hands-on experience and observation. There is no amount of school that could teach me anything like what my time at Frisky's has taught me so far. Interestingly enough, after being in college for five years, and taking countless classes, I have found that only about three or four of them have actually given me the knowledge I could use here at the rescue. The rest is that which I've learned while being here and experiencing it first-hand.

When you first enter your freshman year of college you are thinking that everything that you are going to learn there is going to help you in your major and then help you get a job. Yes, I learned things about my major in college but what I learned the most about in those five years, was myself, who I am, and my strengths and weaknesses. It was not until my last year and a half of college that I actually started to really take classes that I loved and that really applied to things that I thought I could really use in my field of interest. Also, it was not until I volunteered at places like the Tri-state Zoo in Cumberland, the Maryland SPCA, had animals of my own, and of course been here at Frisky's, that I realized that yes, I may know how to identify these animals, know their scientific name, and may know a million facts about them, but the classes I took did not prepare me for actually caring for

them, handling them, or the responsibility that is an animal. So this is when Frisky's became my teacher.



Kelsey with Reno

Volunteering at Frisky's has opened my eyes to many things. The first thing is that not many people realize that these types of wildlife rescues have to be run out of your home...your actual home you live in day after day. The kind of dedication, passion, devotion, patience and love that actually takes someone to do is very special and incredible. Colleen is that person and she holds true to all of those. The second thing is that Frisky's has animals coming into the rescue every day, not to mention the animals that are unreleasable due to a list of reasons, and domestic and exotic animals that are here for life. There is always something to do around the rescue, and when I say something to do, I mean to say something to clean or to be fed. Animals are a 24/7 job, they never stop eating and they never stop making a mess. So volunteers are always needed to clean and help tidy up around the rescue. It is a misconception that when you are going to volunteer at a place with animals that you are going to play with those animals or always be with them because the reality is that you have to maintain the property. Some days I may be cleaning out enclosures and washing dishes, away from the animals all day, but that is what it takes to keep the rescue going so it must be done. But as

long as you keep thinking that this is all for the animals and that is why you are here, then it really is not that bad at all, it actually makes you feel great! Another thing people need to understand is that Frisky's is purely run on donations and with animals constantly coming in along with the animals we already have, money is something that we are in constant need of. There is medical care, food costs, cleaning supplies, bills, and so much more that goes into running a rescue. People just cannot drop an animal off at our doorstep and just assume that we have the funds to pay for it. It is frustrating at times and I did not completely understand how much a donation of any amount meant until I started volunteering here. Any donation of any amount at all is greatly appreciated. Everything goes directly to the animals and their care. Lastly, every day everyone that comes in to volunteer experiences amazing things. We get to see how wild animals behave up close and we get to really see what those natural behaviors mean and we get to see them come alive. What I read and what I learned in schooling is not actual experience. It is one thing to learn something in school and it is another thing to apply it and experience it on a day to day basis. That is what I do every day here at Frisky's. I get to see how animals act when they are scared, hungry, sick, tired, happy, upset... everything. I feel so lucky to be able to witness all of these up close from so many different animals every day.

All in all, college did not prepare me on how to clean or let me know how much work goes into running a sanctuary or how to handle specific animals, but after all of that school, I knew I could handle all of this because I learned that I am an extremely hard worker and I went through five years of school because I love animals more than anything. Also, volunteering at Frisky's does not even seem like work to me, it is pure fun and joy! I show up there every single day with a smile on my face because I know I am making a difference in these animal's lives...even if it is to just clean out their enclosure and feed them. I like to leave there knowing I made their day better until they can get a home or go back out into the wild because that's what it's really all about, right