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Dear Friends of Frisky's

We hope this finds you all in good health. Frisky's made it through yet another winter, believe we only saw snow a few times, although we did have our share of wind, taking out several limbs and a few trees.

Well we are into March and starting to get in wildlife babies, and of course rabbits and squirrels are scattering around everywhere making nests, birds are flying into windows trying to chase off other males.

The corona virus has every person we meet in major worry. I've always been big on cleaning and worrying about health matters... so we're on top of everything here.

This was one heck of a week, we set our clocks forward, we had a full moon, we had Friday 13th, on the 11th at 6 a.m. I turned 66 years young. I drove up to the Pennsylvania mountains and had a nice short visit with my very feisty mother, leaving the staff and my husband to manage while I was gone for six whole hours. The animal keepers here are great and volunteers were setting up the fundraiser. So all was in control.

That being said, oh yes they started setting up Frisky's annual fundraiser. We want it to be a great fundraising sale so if you have a few nice treasures to donate bring them by during the week. Oh and director Debbie sure could use some able-bodied help. Contact the sanctuary at friskyswildlife@yahoo.com.

My husband Scott... yeah the man, the myth, the legend, well he tries to keep up with all of our requests, putting things together, fix this & fix that, or go get this & go get that. And of course, going to the store, landfill / dump all the time for us. Oh yes, he spends his day trying to keep us all happy, he's tenacious in his mission to keep us all from unnecessary suffering.

I'm so glad we all got through these times together and I hope to see many of you during Frisky's fundraiser. And although we all care and are limited on what we can do, we still are

promoting serious and long warm air hugs! Making memories with love... You all know I have always worked hands on since I started the organization. I have been here everyday, I am here always so busy, with very little or no time to socialize with family or friends... 50 years. Always an active caretaker not just posing.. actually doing! I would never bring or cause harm to any, even those who do not like me. And not all these critters like me!!! Even when I'm trying to take care of them. Pampering and taking care of the animal's needs that have come on to our sanctuary over the years has been a true pleasure & challenging! I've often said I'm not great with humans, but I love meeting anyone who cares about the welfare of an animal in need. Yes we've all heard we should turn the other cheek and sometimes, it puts us in a tail spin, turning all 4 cheeks to be whipped.. I'm used to work with my own freedom of control, I even thought of a normal life today with much internal fondness, although some work relationships just leave too many casualties in its wake... So we/Frisky's will work with the kindness of strangers. Sometimes I/Frisky's will take on way too much, but truly I would not exchange my life with anyone I have ever met! Like they say when you enjoy what you're doing, you really don't work a day of your life.

OK, I'm rambling a bit, but you all know what I mean.

Love with hugs Colleen Layton-Robbins

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Colleen with Opossum

**Find out what you can do to help
the many animals in need at
www.friskys.org**

Spring Around the Corner

Krystal Marshall, Dedicated Frisky's Volunteer

With spring right around the corner, baby wildlife season is also approaching. If you encounter a baby wild animal, your first instinct may be to rescue it, but not all babies need rescuing. If you witness the mother deceased and know the animal is orphaned, that is your time to shine. Always use gloves or a towel to handle wildlife and place them in a secure box to bring to a rehabilitator such as Frisky's. It is also acceptable to rescue injured animals or babies that have fallen from trees or nests.

Baby birds tend to be the most common find in Spring. If you find a featherless or fluffy baby bird, known as nestlings, on the ground, the first step is to carefully place the bird back in the nest if possible. If you are unable to return it or locate the nest, then it belongs in the care of a wildlife rehabilitator.

If you locate a fawn or baby rabbit, it is possible that the mother is nearby, and the animal is not orphaned. You can carefully observe the animal to determine if it actually needs help. If you locate a baby squirrel out of the nest, it may seem tempting to try and feed it or give it milk. You should NEVER attempt to feed or care for wildlife without proper training. This can be very dangerous and life threatening for them. We all want to help out and be a friend to wildlife in need, but often the best thing you can do is carefully transport the animal to a licensed rehabilitator. They will thank you for it later!

Thinking of Adopting a Pet Hedgehog?

Krystal Marshall, Dedicated Frisky's Volunteer

I had the pleasure of adopting two male hedgehogs brought into Frisky's Sanctuary. If you are considering adopting a pet hedgehog, it's important to do your homework first. Always make sure to adopt from a responsible breeder. Most hedgehogs in captivity have an average life span of four to six years and only weigh about one pound. That being said, hedgehogs may not be the most suitable pet for young children as they are very sensitive and must be handled gently. Hedgehogs need a well regimented diet of store-bought hedgehog food supplemented with crickets, meal worms, and vegetables. They live on a primarily nocturnal schedule and need an exercise wheel as they can run up to 12 miles a night!

Hedgehogs also have some unique (and adorable) behaviors they will display. They love cat toys and small stuffed animals. They love to burrow under soft blankets and pillowcases. When enticed by a smell, they perform a behavior called anointing, which involves them building their saliva to spread the scent over their entire body. In the wild, they are believed to do this to camouflage their natural scent, but pet hedgehogs still do it for fun.

It is also important to remember that hedgehogs require periodic baths and regular nail trimmings, but they must always be kept warm (between 72-80 degrees Fahrenheit). Most hedgehogs are very solitary creatures and prefer to be housed alone. When cared for properly, hedgehogs can make wonderful, cuddly pets, but they do take time and handling to warm up.



Draco



Krystal and Draco



Mild Winter

We were blessed with a mild winter this year at Frisky's. As we strive to give our outdoor animals a shelter that keeps them cozy, there were still a few



Eileen with a ferret and Willie in the background

days we had to deal with frozen towels and water. But our goal is to help the animals. Many of them are just wintering with us and will be released when the weather is good and food will be available for them. It is amazing how God has equipped animals to survive the winter.

With the arrival of our early spring, baby animals are starting to arrive. Our disabled turtles are coming out of their winter hibernations. Winter is a quieter time at Frisky's. Not completely quiet. Now things are going into high gear again.

Fortunately, Colleen has help getting ready for the annual yard sale. Our only fund raiser. Helpers set things up for the sale while Colleen can devote her time to the animals. More volunteers and donations are always needed.

Eileen



Goat



Barred Owls



Seagull



Black Squirrel

Soon as Possible



Red-tailed Hawk



Robin



Bearded Dragon

Often while speaking to someone about bringing in a rescue, we end up mentioning more than once to bring the animal in as soon as possible. It might seem repetitive, but we do this for a reason. The time it takes to get an animal to a rehabber is often an important factor in its chance of survival.

For young animals this is especially true. Baby birds need to be fed every 20-30 minutes, going a day without eating properly can be very harmful. Baby mammals need to be bottle fed every few hours and kept warm. They need special formula, not cows milk. If you find a baby squirrel on the ground, you can't tell how long its been out of the nest or when it was last fed. It's very important it gets to a rehabber! Baby animals might imprint (bond to humans) which would affect its ability to be released. Some animals can imprint very easily, so its best to interact as little as possible with them.

Stress is another thing to think about. Wild animals do not like being around humans, especially not when they can't get away or are injured. Being captured, handled, and contained is an extremely stressful experience for wildlife. We want to shorten that as much as possible. Wildlife also carries many diseases and parasites some of which can be transmitted to humans. Wearing gloves, keeping the animal away from people/pets, and getting it transported as soon as possible helps lower the risk of spreading disease. So make sure to bring them to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator fast!

Julia Dagnello

Gloves

A Reminder; the importance of prompt removal of gloves after transporting wildlife

We want to thank all of our friends of Frisky's who take precautions by wearing gloves while handling the small furry and not so furry creatures they bring to Frisky's for care. These wild creatures can carry all manner of lice, worm larvae and mites. All of these parasites are barely visible without magnification, so we may not even see them hopping or rubbing off of the fledgling or baby animal. Since we cannot see them, we must assume any items that touch these animals are infected. As soon as the creature is delivered to one of the wildlife rehabilitators at Frisky's, it is very important to promptly remove contaminated gloves and dispose of properly to prevent human infection or infestation.

Some Do's and Don'ts to remember

- **Don't** touch door handles, a keyboard, your phone, any other surface with contaminated gloves
- **Don't** touch your face with contaminated gloves
- **Don't** remove one glove, then pull the other off by the fingertips...
- **Don't** use gloves once they have been removed
- **Do** change gloves when soiled or torn
- **Do** dispose of gloves appropriately
- **Do** cleanse your hands appropriately after removing gloves

Here at Frisky's we appreciate when people see something out of the ordinary and go out of their way to help our wild creatures and we want to keep you healthy and well while performing these acts of kindness.



Rabbit



Eastern Screech Owl



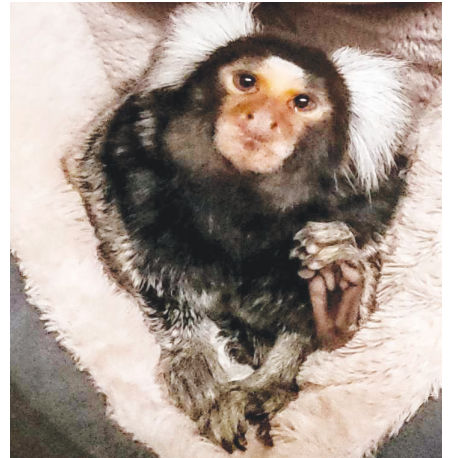
Hayden with a bearded dragon



Boa



Immature Bald Eagle



Marmoset

How to Prevent Bird Window Strikes

Many birds we get in every year are window strikes. Birds have a hard time seeing glass, often they'll see the reflection of the sky and try to fly through. Birds fly an average of 15-20mph, hitting a window can do a lot of harm. If you find a bird that's hit a window, you should put it into a ventilated container in a dark quiet area until you can transport it. Sometimes birds seem like they are only stunned and will be back up flying in 30 min to an hour, but they still could have injuries not immediately visible. It's best to get them to a rehabber so they can be examined and given a clear bill of health before being released.

The only way to completely stop window strikes is to have a physical barrier over the windows. There are companies that make bird screens/netting that fit over the outside of a window, or you can buy a roll and hang it yourself. Besides a physical barrier, there are several things you can do to deter birds away from the glass and lower the number of collisions.

- Put decals on your windows. There are many options for what you can put, it doesn't matter so long as the window is evenly covered. Be creative, add some color or an interesting pattern!
- Apply strips of tape across the outside of the window. This helps break up the surface and reflections much like decals would.
- Close blinds/curtains and keep the lights off whenever the room isn't in use.
- Move bird feeders within 3ft of the windows or at least 30ft away. Birds slow down as they approach the feeder; this will lessen the danger of an impact if it is close enough. Otherwise the feeder should be far enough that the birds won't be flying close to the building.
- Put a tinted or one-way transparent film over the window. Make sure not to use a mirrored film as this will not help.
- Consider installing UV patterned glass windows. Humans cannot see the UV spectrum, but birds can.

These are only a few ways to create deterrents, search online and you'll find many creative methods people have come up with. Find out what works for you and help create a safer environment for your neighborhood birds!

Julia Dagnello



Pigeon



Hawks



Sulcata Tortoise



Izzy the African Grey



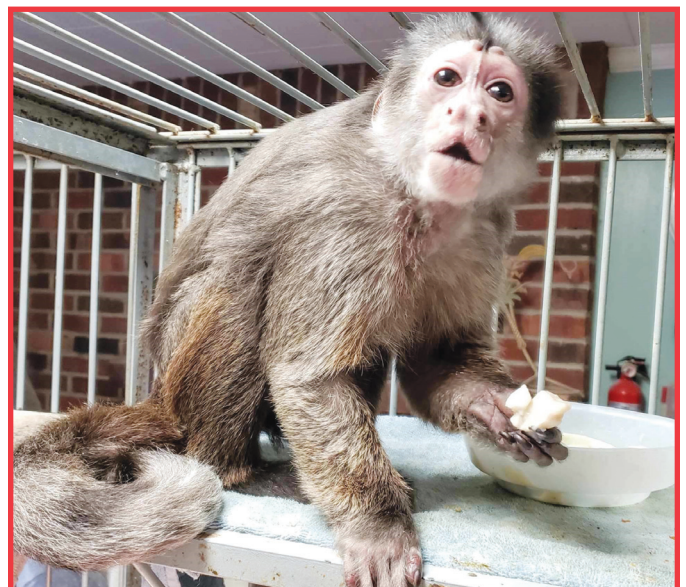
Eastern Cottontail



Field Mouse



Hatchling Snapping Turtle



Oogie

Fundraiser

Due to the coronavirus situation we are postponing our annual garage sale fundraiser that usually happens every weekend in April. We are looking into doing it later in the year and will keep you updated through our website and facebook. Thank you for understanding!



Fox Kit



Pot-Bellied Pig

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!

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