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### LITTLE MIRACLES BY SANAZ NORGARD

Something is crying softly in the night. Although barely audible, I rouse to the sound of hunger. My eyes aren't adjusted to the dark, but without sight, I mix the formula and warm it. I gather the supplies and pick her up. In my hands, I hold a little miracle.

She weighed less than 10 grams, a couple of paperclips, when a kind

patience for this orphan. I have work in a few hours, so sleeping is just a fallacy, but I close my eyes thinking the world is a wonderful place.

I volunteer at a children's hospital sometimes after work and the wildlife sanctuary on the weekends. I also attend graduate school and aspire to be a doctor for both animals and people. They say it just isn't done. There are many obstacles ahead of me to achieve my dreams, and when I think of these I get discouraged.

When people bring in wildlife to the doorstep, sometimes they ask, how can we do this? It's a full time, around the clock job and on top of it, doesn't pay a dime. And if you're listening, I'll tell you how I can do this even when my body is tired and my mind disoriented.

You live through them, every little life, every tiny breath, every beat of a heart. They depend on you, and without you, they won't make it. And I depend on them, this is my sanctuary. This is my reward, for all the inadequacy I feel everyday, I'm now at peace.

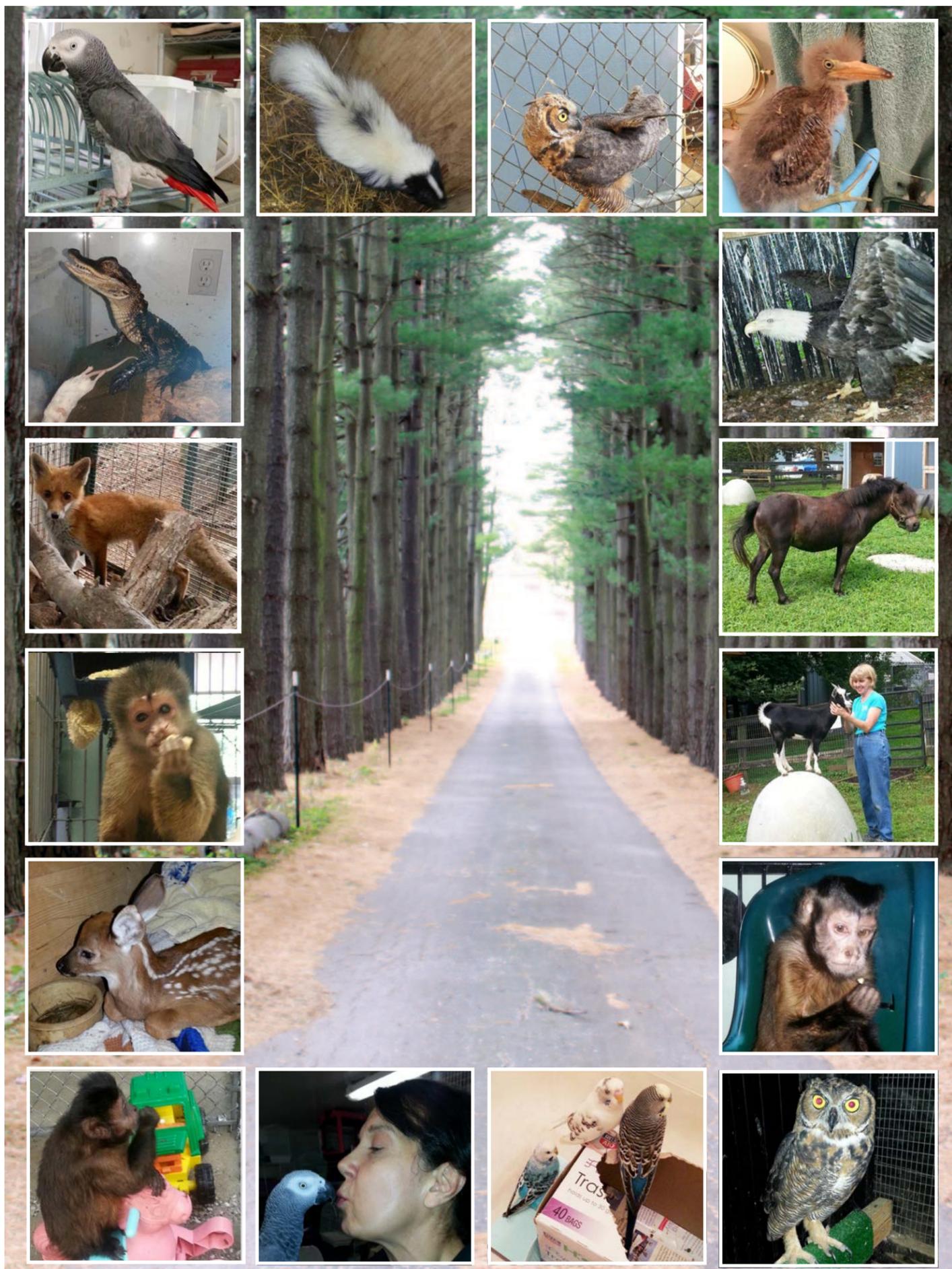
family brought her in. Dehydrated and hairless, she looked like death would be visiting soon. I bartered with fate, begging for a chance to let her experience life. But flying squirrels that fall out of trees, sometimes don't make it. They try, but sometimes they can't.

But that was weeks ago. Now, she's beginning to see for the first time. I'm sorry, little one, that you don't get a mother, you get me. But maybe if in some distant memory, this isn't a bad time for you, maybe you'll remember a strange place in foreign hands, but with love. I watch her nurse and in the darkness, I realize, everything I wanted in life, it's here. Watching her eat, I, myself, felt fed.

She's fed and burrowing a nest in my palm, but falls asleep before completing the task. I slip her back into her makeshift pouch I weaved out of fleece. I ask the world for a little



They may not remember me, they will grace the skies, or frolic in fields, never coming back to me, hopefully. But I will carry them with me for the rest of my life. You, who needed saving, have saved me. And to each of you, no matter how little or big.. Thank you, thank you, thank you.



# FRISKY'S KIDS PAGE

BY: DIANE BROWN

## Key Terms:

**Veterinarian (or vet)** - a doctor for animals

**Stethoscope** - an instrument that makes the sounds inside a body louder. Doctors and nurses listen to the heart with a stethoscope.

**Primate** - any animal in the category of mammals that includes humans, monkeys, apes, and some smaller, simpler animals. Most primates have large brains and flexible hands.

**Monkeys** - a small mammal that is one of the primates. Monkeys have very flexible hands, feet, and tails. Different kinds of monkeys live in Central and South America, Africa, and Asia.

**Vaccines** - germs of a disease that are dead or not active. Vaccines are used to help the immune system protect against the disease.

Definitions from <http://kids.wordsmyth.net/we/>

Every year the monkeys at Frisky's have to have a check-up by a veterinarian just like kids do when they go to a pediatrician. And just like at the check-ups for kids, our monkeys have to have their whole bodies checked out from head to toe to make sure they are doing okay. The vet listens to their heart and lungs with a stethoscope, which helps him hear how their hearts are beating and how their lungs sound when they are breathing. He puts them on a scale to see how much they weigh - and just like people, some of them weigh too much and have to go on a diet, others weigh just right, and others don't weigh enough and we have to feed them more! The vet also gives monkeys

shots to make sure they don't get sick (called vaccines), and a blood sample is taken to make sure everything is working right inside the monkey's body. The vet also does the job of several types of human doctors, including an eye doctor (called an ophthalmologist) and a dentist. The vet checks their eyes to make sure there are no signs of eye disease and their teeth are checked and cleaned. We even cut their nails to make sure they don't scratch themselves! All of the results are written down, and if there is any monkey that needs special attention, he will have a follow-up visit. During both the monkey physicals and their follow-up visits the vet will make sure all of the monkeys will be healthy until their visit with the vet next year.



## FRISKY'S FUN FACTS:

Not all monkeys like bananas. One of our monkeys will just throw it right back at you if you try and give her one. Another of our monkeys will smash it on his cage floor or hide them. So the extra bananas we give to other animals at Frisky's like the squirrels and fawns. Frisky's does have primates, but only monkeys. Monkeys are primates that have tails. We do not have gorillas or chimpanzees, which are both types of apes.

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# FRISKY'S WILDLIFE AND PRIMATE SANCTUARY'S THANKSGIVING

BY: COLLEEN LAYTON-ROBBINS



Hello Everybody, I cannot tell you how much it means to us all here that you also care. It means a lot to me that we've all connected on some level.

I have always worked hard, physical labor even as a kid. Yet everything I did, from work to feelings, was in all ways

always filled with passion. This includes my life here at Frisky's.

And everybody who brings in wildlife talks about orphaned, injured, or displaced wildlife. Well it gets a little challenging when they say they care about animals; I usually want to tell them that they should care about the people who are caring for the animals at any facility. It is not glamorous. We work through all holidays, cancel going to our family and friends' gatherings, work through nights where we needed sleep, or took care of the animals before we took care of ourselves.

Of course, there are people who will go out of their way to try and take care of wildlife themselves. Although we know their intent is good, helping rescued critters get back to their natural habitat; an injured animal is very unpredictable, keeping it in captivity for rehabilitation even for a short period can be very stressful for all involved, as well as expensive. It is critical that any injured or orphaned wildlife is brought in ASAP!

There are perhaps a limited number of individuals suited for the life of a wildlife rehabilitator. The dedication can take a snowball effect on lives. Time alone stresses out everyone since they cannot put the animals' lives on hold. Not to mention you seek out what is in your home to use for the welfare of the animals. Everything from bath towels, bedding, even food from your own kitchen.

Therefore, if you have a skill or any area that you would like to share or donate to the Frisky's Team, please let us know, as this is the best way you can help. The dedication I have always felt will continue with the staff at Frisky's and everything we do depends on your contributions. At this time of Thanksgiving, please think about it. Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving!

Colleen Layton-Robbins

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



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# WILDLIFE PROOFING

BY: SANAZ NORGARD

Many of the animals brought to Frisky's are the result of the animals occupying human homes and properties. In order to avoid animals being injured or orphaned, it is a good idea to prevent their entry into these areas. In addition, this also provides less damage to the house and surrounding vicinity.

During the fall season, as the days get colder, animals are looking for a place to stay warm for the winter. In addition, before they start seeking places to make nests for their young in the spring, it would be a good time to wildlife-proof your house. Before starting any projects to keep animals out, make sure there are no animals that can become trapped within any spaces. Although it unusual for the animals to have young this late in the fall, it is possible.

## Chimney:

**Raccoons:** In the spring, or early summer, usually they will have young, so check for them first. Sometimes you can hear a soft chattering sound, which means the kits are 2-3 weeks old. If they are present, they will leave in about 6-7 weeks. DO NOT set a fire in the fireplace since they will become trapped and likely die a horrible death. The adults usually leave around dusk every evening. Once you are sure everyone has left, installing a chimney cap will prevent reoccurrence.

## Attic:

**Bats:** Since bats can be very small, they can squeeze into spaces that are 1/2 an inch. In the WINTER, it is the best time to seal any gaps that may be present. If bats are present, wait until the babies (called pups) are old enough

to fly (around September.) If the pups get trapped, the mothers will frantically try to enter any part of the house in order to get to them. In addition, any trapped pups will die without their parents, so use precaution.

**Raccoons and/or Squirrels:** For both species, always check first for young, which are usually present in the spring or early summer. If they are present, they would need about 6-7 weeks to be old enough to vacate the nest. If there are no dependent young, the adults can be scared away with humane mild harassment. Some methods include keeping a radio on that has human voices, having bright lights on in the area, scattering mothballs, and keeping vinegar in open bowls or jars. Once it is certain they have left, cover any gaps or entry points.



## Ventilation:

**Birds:** As always, check to see if there are any young birds in the nest. Starlings tend to nest in areas such as stove exhaust and dryer vents. Wait until they have left the nest and once empty, clean out any debris, then cover the vent with half inch hardware cloth.



## Garage:

**Mice:** Mice can enter under the door with 1/4 inch gaps since they are very small. Check and replace any old

weather stripping, caulk any cracks around the foundation and metal flashing can be applied along the door's bottom edge. DO NOT poison or trap them, since other animals are also susceptible.

## Deck or Porch:

**Groundhogs:** During Winter, these animals hibernate and in the spring to midsummer, they will have their kits, so DO NOT frighten these animals away. Similar mild harassment techniques will keep them away, including beach balls tethered around the yard. Once the area is vacant, three foot folded hardware cloth can be applied to keep them out. Check patios and porches for signs of erosion and fill any gaps with one inch gravel if necessary.

## Basement:

**Snakes:** Snakes can enter the basement through the openings around ducts, piping, or vents. Caulking around all openings and using steel wool with caulk around it for larger gaps.

## Additional Checklist:

Keep grass short in order to be aware of rabbit nests.

Keep pet food indoors, or only during daylight hours.

Treat lawns with environment and animal friendly solutions to remove grubs.

Use heavy trash cans with locking lids. Place containers only on day of garbage pickup.

Trim branches and shrubs to be at least one foot away from the house.

Fix window screens and repair windows.

# BEING A PET OWNER

BY OMAR FAKHRI

Growing up in a family without pets made me always yearn for an animal of my own. My family always told me that we couldn't really afford it. Being a child I never really questioned it, their word was law. Looking back now, I feel like I missed out on a lot of valuable life lessons kids learn through experience with a pet in their household. Such as: what it means to care for a sick animal, and the responsibility it instills. These animals are in our household, they are completely dependent on us and, if it suffers, we suffer. As an adult, I remember telling my parents as soon as I had my own place, I was getting a pet. Luckily my fiancé came with a few animals that I adoringly call our kids, so objective complete!

Since I was new to pet ownership, my wonderfully patient fiancé had to teach me everything I needed to know, most of these lessons I take to heart and would like to share some of them. I feel like every pet owner should know and live by these lessons.

- Getting a child an animal just means that they're allowed to play and visit the animal; no child should be solely responsible for a life when they can't even take care of themselves. Sometimes when I hear "it's our kid's dog" I just roll my eyes. Your kid can't even count to a hundred, how is it his puppy?

- Chemicals outlawed in human food because they are carcinogens exist in animal food because FDA regulations aren't up to standard. I cringe now

every time I see a woman with a coach purse purchase cheap dog food. They're almost guaranteeing that their animal will meet a painful end quickly. Investing a few more dollars on food can ensure a much higher quality of food. A cute little quote that we both live by, "our animals eat better than we do."

- First thing you do when you move to a new area is find a great vet that won't charge you an arm and a leg for just walking in. We've had our experiences with both good and bad vets, in my opinion Chadwell Animal Hospital has given me some of the best experiences. Dr. Gold of Chadwell Animal Hospital used to work at Falls Road Animal Hospital, but realized most of his patients couldn't afford treatments for their animals. He broke away and started Chadwell Animal Hospital, by creating his own facility he was able to cut costs in half. He's a brilliant vet who has worked with everything from domestic dogs and cats to exotic ferrets and sugar gliders to even monkeys and alligators.

All these lessons have only been reaffirmed at Frisky's. We at Frisky's dedicate everything we have to the animals and put ourselves second. We read and practice the latest in animal care techniques to ensure their standard of care. When I go through pet adoption applications at Frisky's I try and see if these potential homes know these life lessons.

Message from Colleen Layton: "Frisky's is looking for species specific pet owners to give our animals a forever home."

## FRISKY'S ADOPTABLE:

We currently have two little female ferrets who need a home, one is a blaze silvermitt and the other is a beautiful cinnamon color. They're both over a year old and come with 2 very large 5' cages that are attached. They are wonderfully playful, very friendly, and sweet enough that volunteers can trim their nails without the use of ferretone.



## FYI FRISKY'S FACT:

*Our newsletter is only published a few times a year, wanting to share all 3 spheres of our mission helping wildlife, exotics & domestics as well as informative education. If we can assist in educating the public about wildlife and animal issues, we feel we networked in some form. What skills would you like to contribute?*

# PRIMATE PHYSICALS 2013 BY OMAR FAKHRI



This year, on October 8th, 2013, the monkeys underwent their Primate Physicals to ensure their health and safety, as they do every year. We had over 27 people at the physicals this year, including veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and volunteers. The veterinarians, Dr. Keith Gold and Dr. Tamie Haskin and their staff from Chadwell Animal Hospital led the physicals this year. These annual physicals are very important for the well-being and fitness



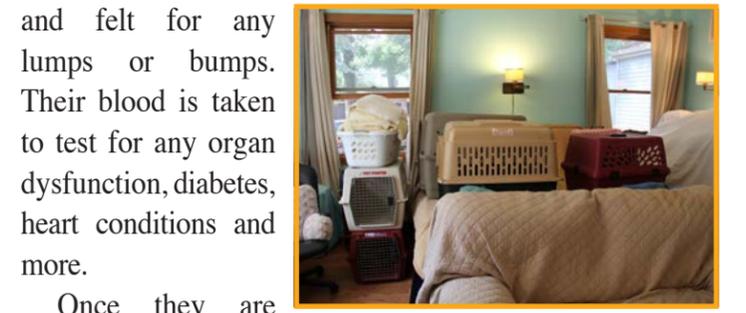
of our monkeys as well as our volunteers. Although we have 19 monkeys total; Angel, Willie and Oogie did not participate and will be done later this year. All the testing and analysis is one of the most costly expenses seen by Frisky's. Medical examinations, supplies, and laboratory work, make up the bulk of this price. In addition, all the volunteers donate their precious free time and effort. However, the generosity of our supporters has always been the key to this process.

The standard procedure for each monkey is to be caught and sedated before their examinations and treatments. While they wake up, their enclosures are thoroughly scrubbed clean. Colleen and Joyce catch the monkeys either through a net or Havahart trap. They are then injected with anesthesia depending on their weight and health. Once sedated, they are carried into the infirmary for their examination.



The examination usually takes only twenty minutes, but during that time, many different procedures are being done. Each monkey is given vaccines for rabies and tetanus. They receive anti-parasitic medications and de-wormers and are tested for TB. They also have their teeth scaled, their nails cut, and their ears cleaned. During the physicals, they are assessed for the condition of their coats, eyes, ears, teeth, and felt for any lumps or bumps. Their blood is taken to test for any organ dysfunction, diabetes, heart conditions and more.

Once they are done with any treatment at the end of their examinations, they are carried up to the recovery room. Our beloved Bonnie was in charge of the recovery room and she kept everyone informed on the status of the monkeys. In the recovery room, the monkeys are held by the volunteers until they are awake enough to be placed in a kennel cab before their return to their enclosures. Some of the monkeys will feel ill from the anesthesia, so they are carefully watched over. Gizmo usually takes the longest to wake up, but this year Jackie beat his record, sleeping most of the night. Grecia, a marmoset, is one of the fastest to wake up as he is the smallest.



The recovery room is a special place for all of the volunteers as they get to bond with the monkeys that they have cared for. As one of our volunteers, Diane states, "I had a great opportunity with Vito (weeper capuchin), who I have formed a special bond with during my time at Frisky's. I was able to follow him from his sedation to his exam and through his recovery"



Once the monkeys are alert enough, they are returned to their enclosures. They are brought in kennel cabs to allow

themselves a soft private place to finish recuperating. Usually, Colleen will open this once they are ready, but Willie decided to open Babe's kennel for her.

Some of the volunteers had arrived at Frisky's when it opened, and others came directly from work. Scott was gracious enough to have supplied pizza, snacks and drinks, since many of us had not had a chance to eat before the physicals. Peggy stopped by with Mexican food from Mi Casa of Ellicott City, which included a large platter of Mi Casa Nachos and vegetarian friendly nachos. Thank you both!



Overall, the monkeys were in good health as the results from their physicals have shown. Kiko had to have additional dental work done at a later date. Gizmo had polyps that were determined to be benign. Cheechy is the oldest at 44 years old, and has cataracts in both eyes. All of the monkeys were given clean bills of health, and for that we are all very thankful to Dr. Gold & the Chadwell Animal Hospital staff for coming out tonight and to the volunteers for making the night a success.



**Monkey Business—37 Better Business Practices Learned Through Monkeys** — Author, Heather Wandell, has observed thousands of hours of human workplace behavior and hundreds of hours of monkey behavior and has found there is a connection! Each chapter includes a mindfulness practice to increase possibility thinking, create harmony in relationships, and reduce unnecessary suffering. The monkeys of Frisky's are the stars in this on-going fundraiser. A portion of every book sold will go to support Frisky's Wildlife and Primate Sanctuary, Inc. in Woodstock, MD. The book is available now at amazon or through your local bookseller. Watch the book trailer on youtube by typing in the full title of the book.

