

Albino Bull Snake



Anole



Bandit



Barred Owl



Fox kits



Gizmo



Grebe



Kingfisher



Sweetie



Dominic (Right) and Lucy (Left)

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Don't forget Frisky's Fundraiser Every Sat. and Sun. in April 9-5 Donations being accepted now!

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

Visit us online at [www.friskys.org](http://www.friskys.org)

Ladies and gentlemen, spring is upon us! That means the influx of cute cuddly wildlife is just around the corner. We here at Frisky's have just started getting our first babies of the new season. We here at Frisky's would like to take the time to inform individuals what to do if they come upon these little creatures.

**Bunnies:** Bunnies dig a little burrow called warrens to have their babies in. It is hidden with grass over the entrance. People easily walk on or mow over the warren. Here's a few pointers on avoiding these warrens, usually have tufts of fur around it (indicating that it's near) and if there is a sudden slope inward with grazed grass nearby, that could be the entrance. If you do find one and suspect the mother abandoned her young, please understand that they only visit the warren twice a day at dusk and dawn, and only for a few minutes. You can put a few sticks outside the burrow, if they move significantly, that means the mother came by.

**Squirrels & Birds:** Have their nests in trees and when strong winds or storms occur, it's usually the time we get the most amount of babies. If you do happen to find baby squirrels or birds, first try to find the nest nearby and put it back. In the case of squirrels, microwave a water bottle, put

in a sock and then place it next to the squirrel. Mother squirrels will climb down and snatch the baby to put it back in the nest. If this doesn't occur after 2 hours of discovering the baby, bring it inside.

Here are some tips on what to do when you do find orphaned wildlife:

- Place it in a box with shredded paper towels and blankets along with a heat source of some sort. (Microwave water bottle or bag of rice)
- PLEASE DO NOT FEED IT!! We cannot stress that enough, you may give the animal water droplets but that's it. Feeding it will cause it to have diarrhea which will quickly dehydrate the baby and put it in critical condition.
- Bring it in! We're open from 8am – 8pm every day. You don't have to call or anything, just bring it in!

Baby Bunny



# Frisky's Call for Action and Support

BY COLLEEN LAYTON-ROBBINS

Dearest Friends of Friskys:

Greetings 2014! Clearly we all made it through our winter trials. I hope this finds you all did too. Frisky's biggest challenges were as expected! We got through a few setbacks, some of the staff members were missing in action due to cold and Flu viruses, utility – i.e. propane and electric bills running average of 1200 a-month each.

Snow and ice damage with repairs and cleaning up for dealt with by my husband Scott, and Eileen Sturgill. Megan Kratz and Dennis Raines, were a very huge help in cutting up and removing falling limbs. Only one structure suffered major damage from a neighbor's falling limbs... Frisky's funds were depleted... so if we are to continue to be there for



Scott

those in need of us, we really really need your support to help us help them.

That being said we are in full gear for setting up and planning our only fundraiser here at Frisky's. It's a huge garage/yard sale held at our big pole barn and tents, from 9-to-5 Saturday and Sunday every weekend in April. Please come and support.

Now on some sad Frisky's personal notes we had two losses at Frisky's that will be greatly missed by all of us and some of you. On January 16, 2014, we lost our 22-year-old pygmy dwarf goat "Dominic" due to old age and digestive disorders. On March 5th, 2014, we also lost our 18 year old weeper capuchin monkey Vito. Vito had died of complications from diabetes and a weak heart at Chadwell Animal Hospital. The staff there did a wonderful job for him and his last days. Thanks to them we know that all that can be done was.

When I think of Dominic and Vito's fates were all a part God's plan. I pray that I'm on his plan as well, it's just that every one of these guys that passes, they hold my hands look into my eyes as let me know this is more than they could come back from, the time is here to move on. I want to see those eyes again when I move on.

As for me I turn 60 on March 11, learning all my lessons the hard way myself. While carrying sheets of plywood over my head, the wind tried to take from me, later I carried 100 wheelbarrows of

heavy stones for the sanctuary then I roped our horse so she could jerk and drag me across the back pasture. MRI showed that all these events left me with a full tear 3/4ths the way through my shoulder's rotator cuff that is going to need surgery.



Colleen

Anyone who is seriously willing to learn to become an understudy and member of Frisky's staff, we are always looking for REAL, dependable, trustworthy, seeing the task completely through, people. We need everything from kitchen, laundry, landscaping, and animal care staffing.

Refusing to go over the hill, Still Frisky,  
Colleen Layton-Robbins

## VITO IN MEMORIAM



Vito

**Pattie....** He was one of my favorites

**Colleen....** He had a way of holding your hand and stealing your heart.

**Heather....** My beloved Vito, holding your hands and looking into your sweet little face will be forever etched into my heart

**Diane....** Although I didn't know him long, Vito quickly became the animal at Frisky's I looked forward to seeing the most when I volunteered and who stole a piece of my heart now that he is gone. I am going to miss his calls when I walk through the door and our visits during break time.

## FRISKY'S ADOPTABLES



Parakeets

Four parakeets brought in by animal control to Frisky's their names are Huey, Dewey, Louie, and Donald. Fee is \$12 each!



Ferrets

Pictured here is Bandit, snuggled up against Smokey. They were given to Frisky's by their owners who moved. They come along with 2 giant cages that are attached. Fee \$125 for both this includes cage!

**Our adoptable pets can be found under our petfinder!**

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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*Thank you for your support!*

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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.

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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.

## 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 Vegetables Saltine Crackers
- Nuts Shelled and in Shell - (NO Salt)
- Healthy Cereals
- Dry and Canned Cat Food
- Comfort Care Bedding Timothy Hay
- Parakeet, Cockatiel and Parrot Food
- Any Pet Food – Chinchilla, Mouse/Rat, Ferret, etc.
- Rabbit Food – (Wild Harvest Brand - May be Purchased at Wal-Mart)
- Milk Replacement - KMR & Esbilac Brand (Liquid or powder –Found in Pet Stores)
- GIFT CARDS for Feed, Office, Grocery, Wal-Mart, etc.
- PLEASE.. No Rugs, Carpeting or Pillows**

# Frisky's Kids Page

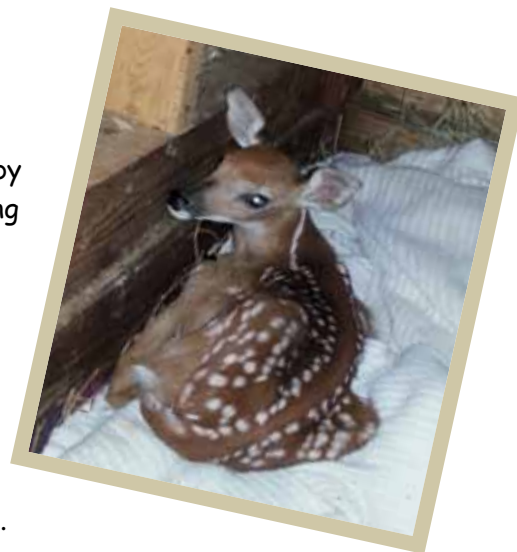
BY DIANE BROWN

## Spring is near...

Spring is near and that is a very busy time of year at Frisky's. During the winter months, some animals sleep (called hibernation), some birds fly south (but it is a myth that all do), and others adapt or change what they do to live in the colder weather, like have thicker feathers and fur and store up food and fat. Now that winter is ending and the weather is warming up, we will see a lot of different animals. We can see rabbits, foxes, squirrels, fawns, duck, songbirds, owls, and opossums here at Frisky's, just to name a few.

Last year, on February 22 the first set of baby squirrels came to Frisky's and the first baby rabbits came to us on March 18. There are many different ways that baby animals come to Frisky's. Sometimes baby birds can fall from their nests and hurt themselves and nice people bring them to Frisky' for care. They are then nursed back to health and released back into the area where they came from.

There are also times when you may see baby animals outside and think their mother is gone and you need to bring them Frisky's. Many times, their mother has just gone to get the babies food and you should not touch them. They also may be sick or have bugs. If you think something is wrong, get an adult and have them call Frisky's for help on what to do.



### Gizmo's Fun Fact!



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### Frisky's Word Search

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 E C O P O S S U M G  
 R F A Z R O K F O X  
 W A Y R M B K U W N  
 R W C R D E K T N J  
 K N A C M I A W O K  
 D M E R O B N A A G  
 M I N K V O D A O W  
 K B Z F G Y N U L I

BAT  
 CARDINAL  
 DOVE  
 FAWN  
 FOX  
 MARMOSET  
 MINK  
 OPOSSUM  
 RACCOON  
 SKUNK

## WHAT IT TAKES TO VOLUNTEER?

BY OMAR FAKHRI

Frisky's is currently looking for volunteers to help at the organization. People are often interested but wonder what it actually takes to volunteer here.

I'm Omar Fakhri, Director of Operations at Frisky's Wildlife & Primate Sanctuary and I've volunteered at Frisky's for 4 years. What initially drew me into volunteering was that my fiancée wished to volunteer and I wanted to interact with the animals. When I first filled out the application, I was a little intimidated about it. The length and the amount of work I needed to put into volunteering, especially the cleaning. A lot of people fill out applications thinking that it'll be like playing with animals most of the day, that's not the reality. When you first start a Frisky's your primary goal is to educate yourself on how we take care of these animals.

Initially we do this by observation you learn how we interact with the animals, preparing their meals, cleaning their enclosures, and administering medication. A lot of people don't wish to do the cleaning but everyone at Frisky's from the top of the hierarchy to bottom does cleaning, no one is an exception. As Colleen says if you wouldn't eat, drink, or

sleep on it, don't expect them to. Once we have 80 hours of observation, new volunteers can begin interacting with the animals.

Our education doesn't just stop at Frisky's, there are lots of textbooks and reading materials that we read to consistently update ourselves in new techniques and information in order to do our jobs effectively. Frisky's encourages us to take courses with the National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association, there we learn techniques from other rehabbers to add to our own repertoire. For example, this past weekend 3 other volunteers along with myself went to the Smithsonian National Zoo, to take a course on the introductory rehabilitation. The Volunteers were Sanaz Norgard (Outreach Director & Master Wildlife Rehabilitator), Diane Brown (Primate Care Facilitator), and Julia Dagnello (Administrator & Master Wildlife



Alligator

Rehabilitator). Even after becoming a Master Wildlife Rehabiliator, you need to keep up your credits as required. Even Colleen Layton-Robbins (Executive Director & Owner of Frisky's) who has done this for 43 years has come with us to many of these courses. Education isn't just important at Frisky's, it's vital.

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# COMMONLY FOUND BABY BIRD IDENTIFIER EDITED FOR FRISKY'S BY SANAZ NORGDARD

## Starling

**Mouth Color:** bright yellow →  
**Gape Flanges:** bright yellow, very prominent  
**Beak:** very wide  
**Down:** grayish, long, plentiful  
**Feathers:** brownish



## Common Grackle

**Mouth Color:** deep red  
**Gape Flanges:** cream/white  
**Beak:** long and wide  
**Down:** dark gray to black  
**Feathers:** dark gray to black gapes often

## Blue Jay

→ **Mouth Color:** deep red  
**Gape Flanges:** not prominent  
**Beak:** long and wide  
**Down:** none  
**Feathers:** gray-blue  
**Skin Color:** greenish skin



## Goldfinch

**Mouth Color:** red  
**Gape Flanges:** light yellow; red dot at corner of mouth  
**Beak:** short, conical  
**Down:** gray with pink skin  
**Feathers:** greenish/rust, yellow belly ↓



## American Robin

← **Mouth Color:** yellow to orange  
**Gape Flanges(sides of inner mouth):** pale yellow  
**Beak:** wide  
**Down ("fuzzy" feathers):** sparse, cream on head/back  
**Feathers:** rusty, speckled breast  
**Skin Color:** often yellowish skin



## Sparrow

**Mouth Color:** dark pink or yellow  
**Gape Flanges:** pale yellow, prominent  
**Beak:** short, conical  
**Down:** none  
**Feathers:** brown to gray



## Tufted Tit-mouse

← **Mouth Color:** pale yellow  
**Gape Flanges:** pale yellow  
**Beak:** short, pointed  
**Down:** blue/gray on head/ back  
**Feathers:** drab gray, crest on head

## Mourning Dove

→ **Beak:** short, narrow  
**Down:** scraggly yellow  
**Feathers:** brownish/gray  
**Other:** football shaped



## Eastern Phoebe

**Mouth Color:** orange to red  
**Gape Flanges:** yellow  
**Beak:** broad, flat  
**Down:** sparse, gray  
**Feathers:** gray

## Cowbird

**Mouth Color:** dark pink  
**Gape Flanges:** white to cream, not prominent  
**Beak:** heavy, long, conical  
**Down:** long and white  
**Feathers:** brown, yellowish breast  
**Other:** bald face

## Cardinal

**Mouth Color:** red  
**Gape Flanges:** cream  
**Beak:** short, conical, prominent  
**Down:** brownish gray  
**Feathers:** light brown/rusty tinge  
**Other:** "Bug-eyed" appearance, tend to shiver when gaping

## Wren

**Mouth Color:** yellow  
**Gape Flanges:** whitish  
**Beak:** slender, curved  
**Down:** dark gray, scanty on back  
**Feathers:** brown, rusty  
**Other:** upright tail

## Mockingbird

**Mouth Color:** yellow, crescent marks on roof of mouth  
**Gape Flanges:** yellow  
**Beak:** wide  
**Down:** dark gray, plentiful  
**Feathers:** gray and white

## Finch

**Mouth Color:** dark pink to red  
**Gape Flanges:** white/yellow  
**Beak:** short, conical  
**Down:** long, white, plentiful especially on head  
**Feathers:** brown

## Crow

**Mouth Color:** deep red  
**Gape Flanges:** white  
**Beak:** very long, large  
**Down:** sparse, gray on head & under  
**Feathers:** black