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A FACE ONLY A MOTHER COULD LOVE BY JANICE ELLIS

What would it be like to take a walk along a beautiful pathway if there was no clean-up crew in the animal kingdom? What if there were remains of dead animals everywhere, some recent and some old, on the road, in the woods and even in your front yard? Without Earth's "clean-up crew", dead animals would be found wherever they took their last breath. I'd like to talk about vultures and opossums for a moment.

Most people think that vultures are an ugly, greedy, disgusting creature, they have a crooked neck and a face that only a mother could love. But, they do a necessary job, they clean up dead animals everywhere. Road kill or animals that have died in the forest, perhaps in your own yard, will be cleaned up by these wondrous creatures or one of the many others that eat carrion. They are a vital part of our ecosystem. By cleaning these carcasses down to the bone, they give bacteria no place to survive to cause disease.

Frisky's is fortunate to have a resident Turkey Vulture that shares the hawk flight enclosure. This guy does not mind cleaning up anything that is left behind by the hawks. He makes cleaning up this enclosure much easier. He came to Frisky's because he had a wing that was injured and would never be strong enough for flight again. He could not survive



in the wild and needed sanctuary, so he will live the remainder of his days at Frisky's.

During the year, we had many vultures for rehabilitation. At one time we had two black vultures in this same hawk enclosure and they were being fed very well. So well in fact, that other black vultures would come to Frisky's daily and sit up on the roof looking for a free handout. It took weeks before they realized that "room service" did not include those perched upon the roof.



Black Vultures are about two feet high with a four and a half foot wingspan, with a gray unfeathered head. Turkey vultures are slightly larger with a red unfeathered head. Both types can be found in small groups of their own kind whenever there is a carcass to be found. But they actually fare well together in the same enclosure here at Frisky's. They both can look down upon you as though you were on their food chain, but in fact, they are passive here in the enclosures, recognizing those who feed them mean them no harm.

Colleen recently took a video of a turkey vulture being released. He was on the ground with his wings outstretched to dry them out. He spread them as wide as he could and stood with the breeze passing over, under and around his feathers. It appeared as though he was in a stationary effortless fight. He then began to turn slowly, as though he was listening to a slow steady rhythm. He appeared elegant and beautiful as he turned, I could almost hear the music. I had watched Native Americans do a similar dance; with their arms covered in feathered wings they too had circled as though in effortless flight. Never once did I think this vulture was anything but graceful and elegant in his movements.

Many vultures around the world are endangered, most from being poisoned. This poisoning comes from the vultures eating animals that have been poisoned by humans as a method of control. All of our actions have consequences, let us hope that education about the good the vultures do will help to save them for future generations. Let us hope that they gain a respect for all they do to keep this earth in balance. I hope that when you see the vultures circling high in the sky next time, you will take the opportunity to enjoy their effort-

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BY JANICE ELLIS

less flight rather than wonder what they are looking for.

What do you know about opossums? First, the proper name is opossum rather than possum here in the U.S. They are two different animals actually. Opossums are rather unique in their behavior. They actually have no true defense, although they have a prehensile tail, feet made for climbing and 50 razor sharp teeth which can make it look ferocious. Much like the vultures, an opossum has a face only a mother could love. When threatened they tend to growl, hiss, urinate and defecate to rid themselves of the threatening situation. If this does not work, they can go into a coma like state and appear to be dead, while they are actually conscious of what is going on around them. They are often seen "playing dead". This is where we get the term "playing possum". Unfortunately, playing dead in the street often causes their actual death.



If you run into an opossum, it may appear very dangerous at first. It will try to convince you that it is. If that doesn't work it will play dead, hoping you will lose interest and go on your way. This is how it protects itself and its young. Although rabies and other viral diseases are rare in opossum, it is still a danger to handle any wildlife, dead or alive. They do carry fleas, ticks and other parasites, some of which are very dangerous around horses.

Opossums are marsupials and carry their young in a pouch on their stomach. We often have babies from the mother's pouch brought to us after a mother has been injured by a car, a dog, or other type of animal. While we have had adult opossums, it is rare, and we see mostly the babies that were orphaned.

These babies are very young in the pouch and are very delicate, but the utmost care is given to each one. They need to be carefully handled and stroked to encourage bowel movements. It can be a tedious but very rewarding job. Mother opossums carry their young around on their backs for several weeks once they leave the pouch. Sometimes a baby falls off the mother, perhaps as she is running from a predator, or simply climbing over something. These opossum young ones may also make their way to Frisky's for rehabilitation when found by a human. These older opossums are easier to care for, as they eat on their own and are not quite as delicate. But they get the same quality of care that the young ones do. They need to be kept away from human voices as they get closer to the time of release. We want them to be self-sufficient and not be dependant or trusting of humans. We want to avoid imprinting. This way when released they will live a more natural life.

Opossums are beneficial ... they clean up dead animal carcasses, which is their preferred meal. But if they can't find carrion, they will eat mice, rats, insects, (they are especially fond of cockroaches), snails and slugs. They have a resistance to some snake venoms, making them capable of eating poisonous snakes. What else will do all that for you? Much like other wildlife, they will come very close to your house to eat from your cat or dog bowl. They don't mind sharing at all!

Perhaps you might find an opossum living under your porch or shed and want to rid yourself of what you may see as a vicious, ugly animal. You can safely do this by turning on a light, turning on a radio and using towels soaked in ammonia or Pine-Sol to deter them from the area. You will also need to clean

up whatever has drawn them into your area, whether that is pet food or garbage, etc. Also, when you remove the opossum from your area you are creating an opening for another animal to possibly come in, one that might not be as harmless or defenseless, such as a fox, skunk, raccoon or even a coyote.

If you see a young opossum on a tree limb, know that its mom left it there and will most likely be back for it if you just leave it alone. Once I was worried because I saw a young one in a tree three early evenings in a row. Of course you would think that the mom was not coming back, but that would be wrong. When I went out later that second night, I saw the mom climbing up higher in the tree with the young one holding on tight to her back. It is unusual to see just one young one rather than several, but there was only this one. It was the same one I saw earlier each evening. The mom had found a safe place to leave the young one while scouting for food. The young one was almost too large to be on its mother's back and I'm sure this "tree babysitter" made her hunting easier and at the same time kept the young one safe, up off the ground and away from most of its predators. So when you see an opossum, think twice. Remember they are beneficial and not a threat to you when left alone. opossums

Remember that you can not care for wildlife on your own. It is illegal to have wildlife in your possession unless you are transporting it to a rehabilitation center. It is also illegal to relocate wildlife. If you have questions or need help, please contact the Department of Natural Resources, (DNR), or a licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator.



HAPPY ENDINGS

After Dennis was gone, we had only one Dwarf Pygmy Goat, Dominic. She was all alone until two new young goats came to us. The new goats were about 3 months old and had been part of a petting zoo before it shut down. They have become friendly and Dominic now has someone to keep her company. They are Bonnie (top)



and Lucille. Scott came up with the name for Lucille, it is also Colleen's middle name. The little black and white goat was much like Colleen, bouncing and jumping around, never a still moment. We have a volunteer and Board Member named Bonnie and during her first visit with the new goats, Colleen decided to name the second one Bonnie. This little girl was quiet and shy, needing a little coaxing to make friends with us. We make time to spend with them as much as possible, allowing them to trust the volunteers who take care of them. We hope they live a long and happy life as new Ambassadors at Frisky's. Over the winter, we

adopted several cockatiels and bunnies. We currently have one Sun Conure, 2 guinea pigs, and 4 rabbits for adoption. If you would like to share your family and home with any of these animals, please contact us at friskyswildlife@yahoo.com. They can be seen on PetFinder.com



OUR HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT DEPENDS ON HOLDING TO OUR VISION AND PASSION

BY: COLLEEN LAYTON-ROBBINS



Spring weather stirs us all, humans, wildlife and even Mother Earth. If we put technology aside for a few moments we can witness it all, just look around you.

Although I love all animals on this earth, I have a special compassion for wildlife and primates. This compassion has kept me answering wildlife calls since 1970. When I started helping wildlife, I was mostly being called on during the Spring and Summer seasons, but now we are busy all year around.

With Spring coming, we must get geared up and ready for the busiest time of the year. I noticed buds on the trees and flowers pushing their noses up through the ground. Squirrels have started their mating courtships and all these are signs that spring is just around the corner.

There is really no need for me to confess my love for what we do at Frisky's Wildlife & Primate Sanctuary. I feel like the challenge here is extra hard for us but I know that you understand and share the passion as well as our struggles.

We can't show or adopt out any of our wildlife animals that are here for rehabilitation, that would lose sight of our rehabilitation mission, and we would never put stress on our animals unnecessarily. There are other centers that can display their animals, showing why they need your support. Some may offer animals for you to foster or to "adopt" for a fee to recoup managing costs. We do not.

So obviously, we need help. Each member of The Board of Directors has at one time or another told me to swallow my pride and ask for help. I can't do it all. So I am reaching out my hand and my heart to let you know that we need you, that I need you. If you have skills to help with fundraising, transport, building, carpentry, plumbing, electric, or cleaning, just for example.... we need you. Donations do not need to be monetary. In-kind donations are made to help feed the animals, along with items for our fundraiser. When services are donated, it frees our limited monies to pay for other necessities.

So my plan is to develop a task list and a training program that starts with having common sense and leads to implementing your skills to help Frisky's in any way you can. This will refurbish our care giving to the animals that come to Frisky's.

To start with, our annual fundraiser is coming up every Saturday and Sunday in April, 9-5. You can call it a yard sale or a garage sale, but it is a fundraiser to help us earn money to support Frisky's animals. We need responsible adults who can sort, clean up, arrange and price donations to send in their volunteer applications. We need these volunteers for the months of March and April as there is a lot of preparation to be done.

I reach out with my hand and my heart, knowing that some of you will take my hand and walk with us on this path. I am thankful for this time to speak from my heart, let me end with saying... I need all of you.

Sharing the Vision and Passion,
Colleen Layton-Robbins

Check us out on Facebook

Frisky's does not participate in the sale of any wildlife.

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 wishlist, or send in your tax deductible donation!

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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.

MONKEY ON MY BACK - IN MEMORY OF ISSADORA

BY HEATHER WANDELL

“O for the touch of a vanished hand.”
 (–Alfred Lord Tennyson)

One of the very hardest parts of my six year book project was when I had to add the name of one of my monkey teachers to the In Memory page. I would put it off, because filling in the date at the end of a dash makes it so real. I can no longer pretend that they are still physically present. Reality hits that I will not see this sweet little face the next time I show up at the sanctuary. Instead, there is the painful emptiness of the enclosure where they so vibrantly had helped me learn my lessons. In *Monkey Business: 37 Better Business Practices Learned Through Monkeys*, which was published in June 2012, there is no date at the end of the dash by Isadora's birthdate.

I could count on the hand in hand interactions with Isadora on my regular work day at Frisky's. Well, almost always. Isadora could also do a fabulous “ignore”, where one begins to question, “Am I really here?” She could literally see right through you and carry on as if you were not at all visible to her. Although that always made me giggle, this was not the frequent reaction. It was usual for us to play and dance, mirror each other's moves, and do awesome Donald Duck imitations. Her ardent playfulness filled my heart with joy. She was more interested in grooming me (a sign of affection amongst primates), than she was in taking the grapes I had to offer. She would eat them later; our time together meant more.

For two years, my husband and I lived in the United Arab Emirates, where I was mailed daily updates from Frisky's Wildlife and Primate Sanctuary to keep me in the loop. On each of our home visits, I fre-

quented the sanctuary, jumping back into my duties of animal care. It was Isadora that would prove to me that monkeys have a definite sense of the passage of time, as she celebrated excessively when she saw me heading towards her enclosure. This was above and beyond just her usual playful greeting, just



heart for Colleen's husband, Scott Robbins. She looked forward to “having a drink” with Scott when he arrived home from work at night. Only he was allowed to change her water bottle in the evening. Colleen came away with many scratches on her hand when she tried, due to Isadora's insistence that it must be Scott in the evening.

In the winter of 2009/2010, Maryland was hit with a couple of back to back blizzards which left up to four feet of snow in some parts. I remember her coming through her tunnel that connected her indoor enclosure to her outdoor enclosure, and yelling at the snow! Once she had done this, she calmed back down and her feeling of anger and frustration seemed to have passed. Isadora honored each of her emotions as a guest in her house. Had she read Rumi?

Isadora (a black and white capuchin monkey) passed away on January 29, 2013 at the age of 17. She is one monkey I am honored to now carry on my back, with arms gently wrapped around my neck, her cheek next to mine, as I carry on with my duties at the sanctuary. Her spirit has no weight, but her friendship was of heavy importance in my life. But, the heaviest thing of all is the date at the end of the dash. IssadoraCollage

You can read more stories like this about Frisky's Monkeys in Heather's Book: “Monkey Business—37 Better Business Practices Learned Through Monkeys” Available at Amazon.com.. A portion of each book sold will go to support Friskys.

as we may greet friends differently that we have not seen for quite some time than we would those we see often. There is a heightened rush of adrenaline, perhaps, for a moment or two. Isadora gave the most wonderful “Welcome Home” greeting that a heart could ever receive. On my next visit during the same week, the greeting was much less exaggerated.

Isadora was very fond of Colleen Layton-Robbins, for she was the hand that fed her and tended to her every need from the moment she arrived at Frisky's in 2001. Colleen was her 24/7 “nurse, maid, and waitress” (her words). In the later years of her life, she even received daily insulin injections from Colleen, as she had developed Diabetes. But Isadora also had a very special place in her

GOODBYES

Isadora, a 17 year old Black and White Capuchin passed away from diabetic complications. She was the monkey that loved to dance; she danced with many of our volunteers and danced for the public during our community tours. We will miss her. (see the article in her memory)



Dennis, a 22 year old Dwarf Pygmy Goat recently passed away. He was an older goat that be-

came one of Frisky's Ambassadors many years ago, along with Dominic, a female who is still with us. He was very friendly and offered a petting opportunity during tours and educational programs. Dennis

Trixie, one of our minks, also passed away. This was a wildlife animal that had been given sanctuary at Frisky's. Mink are considered nuisance animals in this area and cannot be released here. Trixie was discovered by kids on their way to school near Piney Run Nature Park. They thought she was a ferret. A mother of one of these little girls was a volunteer at

Friskys and Trixie came to live with us. We have two other mink which are part of the community tours. Ambassadors are displayed to the public; they are able to be displayed because they will never be released. Wildlife that is being rehabilitated for release is not able to be displayed.

The passing of these animals is very sad, we will miss them. But, we never want to see an animal suffer and recognize that when the time comes, we need to let them go. We have countless memories, so they will always be here in spirit. Our prayers go with them.

THANK YOU!

Frisky's has a few people we would like to send Thanks to. My Pet Store and More in Ellicott City has donated pet foods and the owner Chris is helping us out with special orders and also with finding homes for our adoptables. Chris is also offering start up kits for anyone who adopts from us.



We want to thank Walmart of Eldersburg for their weekly donation of pet supplies and products. A special thanks to Susan from the Claims Department for working with Friskys to make this possible.

Two eighth grade students from Columbia's Jewish Community School raised almost \$200 for Frisky's during their annual Tzedakah Fair. Yoel Isaacs and Frances Kramer chose our Sanctuary as their Service Learning Project. Thank You Yoel and Frances. Yoel Isaacs is also a student at Compass Academy and has attended an educational tour at Friskys with the school. He has chosen to represent Friskys along with other animal rescues in a service project for the Academy. Thank You Again Isaac!

Luke Iannuzzi brought in donations of pet food, cleaning supplies and more from our Wish List. He asked guests at his 10th Birthday Party to donate these items in lieu of gifts for himself. Kudos to Luke and to his parents for raising such a giving child.

Ellie and Meg, a mom and daughter from Catonsville, brought in dozens of baby bottles for the animals. Thanks!



Thank you to Reuters of New York, who allowed Frisky's monkeys to take part in the Oscar Picks. We think Cheechy chose those she wanted to win, rather than those she thought would win. None of



her picks received an Oscar, but all the monkeys that practiced for the video had a great time. This is Cocoa with her pick for Director, while Cheechy can be seen having her treat. You can watch this video on Facebook or on our website.



Thanks to the Ravens Roost #117 of Catonsville and the Lampier's Bar. These groups raised money to help support Frisky's animals. They presented the checks to Joyce and Matt, two of Frisky's Rehabilitators, and also invited them to the Ravens Roost Superbowl Party. Joyce is also going to a larger group meeting to speak about Frisky's to other branches of the Ravens Roost. Thank you for your generous donations and thank you for this new opportunity.

We posted on Facebook that we needed an electrician and a plumber. We received an immediate response for a plumber. Thank You. We still need an electrician, a landscaper and painters (for inside and outside). We have some projects in mind, and we need to have a number handy when emergencies occur.

We want to thank Debbie Reitter's family for bringing us all her wonderful collectibles, along with other items for our fundraiser. Her family wrote, “Animals were always Deb's first love and after her passing it makes sense to donate all we can to support the work at Frisky's.... Tom, Breck and Russ Reitter” Thank you all!

Thank You Porch Angels! You have seen us through another winter when funds are always limited. The in-kind donations of foods and supplies make staying open possible. Thank You! porchangels



Let's not forget Tiki's Playhouse for all the care they give our dogs and to Allied Quick Print for all that they do for us. Thanks to Kelvin and Ian!

STATISTICS FOR FRISKY'S WILDLIFE REHABILITATION PROGRAM

- thousands of animals are admitted annually
- hundreds of species of birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians pass through our doors annually
- we run the center from our home and property on a little less than 4 acres
- there are less than 2 dozen volunteers/staff members
- 4 of our volunteers are homecare rehabilitators or 2nd year apprentices
- there are 5 additional volunteers who are rehab apprentices studying under Colleen at Frisky's
- there are 5 administrative staff members
- there are 7 members on The Board of Directors
- Frisky's has 42+ years of history, with 36 years being in Howard County
- there are 6 formal training programs
- we are open 12 hours a day, seven days a week (we do not close for holidays)
- we are open 8 am to 8 pm, asking that you observe daylight hours when possible
- your in-kind donations provide for over ¾ of our operational budget
- we are a 100% privately funded non-profit 501(c)(3) organization
- we receive no state, county or federal funding
- there is no paid staff
- Frisky's and/or Colleen have permits and licenses from: USDA APHIS, Federal Fish & Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources & MD Wildlife Heritage
- staff is onsite 24 hours a day
- Scott Robbins, (Colleen's husband and a Frisky's apprentice), works 50+ hours a week at an outside job to make ends meet, never missing a day of work

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS at FRISKYS

What different types of animals do people bring in?

In the springtime we see babies of all species, mammals and birds of all kinds. During the Summer and Fall we see animals of all kinds, sizes and ages. Mammals, we see bunnies, squirrels, opossums, fox, groundhogs and fawns. Birds, we see songbirds, blackbirds, hawks, owls, eagles, vultures, gulls, herons, woodpeckers, marsh birds, geese and ducks.



Do the animals come in all year?



Winter months are slower than the rest of the year and spring is the busiest time. In fact, with winters being so mild, our spring animals are coming in earlier each year now. We had our first babies of the season, four squirrels, on Feb. 22

this year, and they were already two weeks old!

Why can't you take adult deer?

Deer are regulated by Wildlife Heritage of The Department of Natural Resources, and we are legally allowed to only take the spotted fawns. The regulations are for our own protection as we have no real control over an adult deer. They become very anxious when captive and become very dangerous. The bucks have dangerous antlers, and even the does have hoofs that can do major damage to anything they choose to kick, including humans. We would need a different level of fencing to contain an adult deer as they can jump over a six foot fence easily.

Why can't we drop off animals at night?

Any sanctuary needs quiet time, the animals need the natural day/night schedule and regular sleep for optimum health... so do their caretakers! Most of the animals sleep when the sun goes down and do not rise until the sun does.

It's my bird, I brought it in, why can't I visit?

Even though you captured the bird, or animal, it was never yours. It is illegal to own wildlife and unless you are a rehabilitator it is against the law to have them in your possession except for transporting to a vet or rehabilitation facility. We have had people demand to have their animal returned to them when we refused to let them visit, and that is why there is a release signature included on our rescue form. You will not be allowed to go with us to the infirmary while we check out the condition of the animal. There

are other animals in the room that are sick and need a quiet recovery area. We can't allow you to visit the wildlife because we do not want any of the wildlife to imprint on humans. When the time comes for the animal to be released back into the wild, we do not want it to trust humans.

Why can't I do it myself?

To properly rehabilitate wildlife animal takes experience, licensing, specialized equipment and selflessness. We all think wildlife is so cute, especially babies, and that tends to make us want to take care of them ourselves. We understand that, but please consider the welfare of that animal. You need to understand their nutritional needs, and be able to handle any medical needs that arise. Each animal species requires its own habitat set up and special preparations to help it be ready to survive on its own when it is returned to the wild. It's a lot to learn. You can study wildlife books and lookup wildlife care on the internet and perhaps come to understand what they need. But years of experience with the animals gives wildlife rehabilitators the comprehension that book learning can never do. We need to avoid imprinting, which causes the animal to trust and depend upon you for survival. That is not what any of us want.

What is imprinting?

Imprinting is defined as: A rapid learning process by which a newborn or very young animal establishes a behavior pattern of recognition and attraction to another animal of its own kind or to a substitute or an object identified as the parent. We do not want wildlife to be attracted to humans, or to trust humans. This will endanger their survival when released. When the public tries to take care of the cute little baby animals they find, they tend to treat them like they would treat their pets. In those cases, the wildlife imprints on those humans. In a rehabilitation center, the babies are given the close attention they need, but as they grow, we give them less and less attention, until they no longer come to us for food when they see us approaching. This is a process that is necessary for their survival upon releasing them. Many of our volunteers, including some staff and even directors are not allowed near the deer or the raptors. It is for the animals' welfare that we have these rules.

Can I have it back when its better?

No, we don't return the animals to you. When it's able to survive on its own, we will release it in an appropriate location. Many birds need to be in an area within 5 miles of their origin, like the mature raptors, especially the owls. They may have mates waiting for them in the area where they were found. While on the other hand, only a few of the songbirds mate for life and need to be returned to the area where they were found. These would be bluebirds and doves, just to name a couple. Other animals can be

released with their new "families" without any regard to the neighborhood they came from. Bunnies, squirrels, groundhogs, chipmunks and others form new family groups while in rehabilitation and are relocated in lush designated areas. Turtles and terrapins need to be returned to the exact spot they were found. We also try to return flying squirrels to their home area. They need to be released in an area where there is an established colony of flying squirrels if they cannot return to where they were found.



What makes the turtle special?

Why do they have to go back where they were found?

Their instinct to return to that same area can cause them to cross major highways and put themselves in life or death situations, but they will travel wherever needed and for great distances to get back "home". For this reason, if you ever find a turtle or terrapin in the road, please move it to the side of the road it was heading to. There is no need to bring it in to us unless it is injured.



Why do I have to fill out this form?

Friskys needs to account for every animal from the moment it passes through our doors to the time of release. This includes your information in case we need to contact you for further information, a description of the animal's reason for being brought to Frisky's, the animal's type, etc. There is also a signature for your release of the animal on our rescue form.

Is this going to cost me? If not, who pays for it?

No, there is never a fee for leaving an animal for rehabilitation. However, donations are very welcome and needed to keep our doors open. In either case, whether there is a donation left or not, the animal will get the best care we can provide. The cost of feeding, medications and whatever else may be needed will be covered by other donations. We depend upon your monetary and in-kind donations to keep our doors open. We are a 502 (c)(3) Non-Profit Organization, making your donations 100% tax deductible. We receive no state or federal funding and we are all volunteers. No one is paid for their service, not the volunteers or staff, the vet or the lawyer, not ever Scott and Colleen.

Do you have any events to raise money?



Often individuals or school groups will hold a bake sale, or a car wash to benefit Frisky's. But we are limited to what we are allowed to do here on the property. We do have one annual event.

Frisky's has a month long fundraiser in April each year. Our annual fundraiser is held every Saturday and Sunday throughout the month of April from 9-5. We have tables and racks full of jewelry, clothing, kitchen utensils, dishes, glasses and pots and pans, small appliances, sports equipment, children's toys, exercise equipment, furniture, electronics, music cds, movies on dvd and on vhs, garage and yard tools, craft items and so much more. This year we have a volunteer that is donating new homemade crafts. It is one of the largest annual yard sales, or garage sales, in the area. We have a garage, three tents and dozens of tables set up outside. You can come to search for treasures, or bring items that you no longer need that could be someone else's treasure. Rain or shine, we will be open every Saturday and Sunday of April and we hope to see both new and familiar faces!

Why don't you take cats and dogs?

There are many other centers that cater to cats and dogs. We specialize in wildlife. We find that trying to include cats and dogs in our sanctuary requires an excessive amount of time, especially with adoptions. We choose to use our time and energy to work with the wildlife instead.

If you have other questions you would like to see answered in our next newsletter, please send them to us at: frisky-swildlife@yahoo.com. If we receive enough questions, we will post the answers in our summer issue.

FRISKYS IS NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER. EVERY SAT. AND SUN. IN APRIL 9-5