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Tender Heart Award
by Suzanne Bond and Marianne Branham

There is no one more aware and involved in the heart of what is going on in Columbia than Mike Martin. He is the "blogitor in chief" of *Columbia Heart Beat*, where he fearlessly takes on the issues of the day without the worry of being politically correct or bumping up against the powers that be.

In his blog and other media outlets, Mike presents thoughtful and researched opinions on issues from the Central Missouri Humane Society to the feral cats situation. Also, he attends city council meetings and other meetings to speak up as an animal advocate, keeping animal issues alive to many audiences.

I am coordinator for Paws in the Park (PIP), CSC's yearly fundraising event that is held at Stephens Park. Three years ago, as PIP was growing, I needed to find a master of ceremonies. A fellow board member suggested Mike as a great option. I didn't know much about him at that time, but he accepted and that began our relationship.

Carol Utterback, Chancie, Mike Martin, and Shannon Kasmann

Mike's help is invaluable; he does so much more than just emcee! He helps find celebrities from the community to judge our PIP dog contests. He even involves his own kids at the event with passing out gift certificates or as little emcees announcing the newspaper fetching contest winner.

Mike plugs our event into his online newspaper, and he even has called the vendor by himself when we had unexpected sound problems in order to get the equipment running. He is without a doubt one of the reasons that the number of vendors and community participants grows by leaps and bounds each year.

Our community, PIP, and most importantly, Columbia's voiceless four-legged friends would not be the same without Mike Martin. Columbia Second Chance has chosen you to receive our Tender Heart Award. This award is given to individuals who have helped us to raise money and forward our mission. Thanks, Mike, for everything you have done and continue to do. We really appreciate your great work! ●

New Ranch Manager "Manor"
by Betsy Casteel

Pictured above is the southern side of our marvelous new Ranch Manager's "Manor"! The structure on the roof is the clerestory which will have southern windows and will add to the passive solar nature of the home. The windows will open for increased ventilation in summer. Thanks to donors, we have much of what we need for inside the house; however, we surely would appreciate donations toward purchasing new gravel, as that now costs almost $300 per load! ●

"Butter Babies" Plea
by Andrea Goodwin

On October 30th, a litter of ten orphaned, Blue Heeler mix puppies was found under a porch in

Moniteau County. They were approximately three weeks old with no mother or owners. Thankfully, a CSC volunteer found them, so they came to live at the CSC Dog Ranch. Of course, raising ten tiny, hungry puppies is no easy feat!

To complicate matters within a few days, the pups contracted a virus, and half of the litter became very ill. They were lethargic, weren't interested in eating, and were vomiting what we did manage to feed them. Despite our best efforts during the first night, two of the puppies succumbed to the illness and died. Fortunately, Peach Tree Animal Hospital immediately took them in the next morning. The rest of the sick puppies have recovered slowly, although it was touch-and-go for several days.

The remaining eight puppies are now happy, healthy babies, and they are slowly graduating from their puppy milk in bottles to a soft mush in a bowl. They love to play with their toys and wrestle with each other. Their names are Butterball, Butterbean, Buttermilk, Butterfinger, Butternut, Buttercream, Butterfly, and Buttercup — collectively, they are the "Butter Babies".

These orphaned babies need your help! They go through almost two cans of milk formula per day, and although we've been able to obtain it at a discounted rate from our long-time supporters at Award Pet Supply, already several hundred dollars has been spent on formula. These babies also accumulated a large bill during their stay at the vet. Any monetary donations towards the cost of raising these babies would be very appreciated, both by the puppies and their human caretakers. Lots of appreciative puppy kisses will be sent your way! •

Feral Cat Colony Success
by Connie Kelly

In the last sixteen months, I successfully have trapped and spayed or neutered eleven feral cats. Over the same period without any spay/neuter efforts, the same group of cats could have grown to a total population of 160 cats.

Trap and kill, the most common animal control policy in the United States for handling homeless cats, is inhumane and does not work. Instead, let's concentrate our efforts on managing the current community cat population humanely by using trap, neuter, and return to control population growth and to end the nuisance behaviors associated with the feline breeding cycle.

The colony of feral cats that I care for near my home.

This is just one example of how spay\neuter and return really works. I have lost only two cats to the elements in the last sixteen months, and my colony has experienced zero population growth. This is truly a success story from one of our SNAP supporters! •

Quick Winter Care Tips for Feral Cats
by Christina McCullen

1. **Provide an outdoor shelter.** This is especially important to help kittens survive their first winter. According to Alley Cat Allies, a national website, it is more important for a cat to have shelter than food to survive. They provide fifteen different shelter plans at their website, www.alleycat.org. These can be as simple as cutting a hole in a Styrofoam cooler and stuffing it with straw to building a multi-entranced wooden structure with shingles and heat lamps! Always use straw; NOT blankets or rugs for bedding, because straw stays warm when wet; the others do not.

Moonshine and Jordan — Brothers

2. **Provide food and water.** Keep water from freezing by using bowls that are deep rather than wide and by adding a pinch of sugar to keep them from freezing

so quickly, refilling with warm or hot water, and by placing in a sunny spot. Also, you might try a solar or an electrically-heated bowl. For feeding, wet food works best in winter. Make a "stinky cat food stew" by mixing dry and wet cat food, water, and leftovers; heating it all in the microwave — yummy! It is important to feed on a regular schedule so the cats will be waiting for the warm food to arrive.

Denzel and Riley — Best Friends

3. **Be careful about parked cars.** Please thump on the hood of your car before starting it, so you can wake up any sleeping kitties under the hood.

4. **Trap-Neuter-Return — Last, but not least!** Call 573-445-5598 for help from our SNAP project with trapping and fixing your kitties. Spring kittens arrive sooner than you'd think after all that winter snuggling! Donations for the SNAP fund are appreciated! •

Greek Service Day
by Diann Stelzer

During Greek Service Day in September, these girls were volunteers from different sorority houses on the MU campus. They not only played at our Catty Shack with the kitties, they scrubbed floors, swept, mopped, bleached, and refilled kitty litter boxes. They were absolutely delightful and quite helpful. The kitties certainly received their Halloween treat early this year! Thank you, ladies, for your hard work! •

Lap-loving Dog
by Alisa Lau-Sieckman

It isn't rocket science; nor is it a secret that different dog breeds have different needs. For instance, Australian Cattle Dog mixes and Border Collie mixes are working dogs. They need lots of activity and exercise to be happy and healthy dogs. Other examples are Beagle and Hound mixes which excel in hunting. They have great noses, track well, and they love the wide-open spaces.

Most of us are familiar with those types of dogs. However,

Charlie

I never had heard of a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel until one was relinquished to Columbia Second Chance. My husband had agreed that we could foster a smaller dog, and then in walked Charlie.

Charlie's ancestors were favored by the kings and queens of Europe. These dogs do like to chase things; however, what they like most is a soft, warm lap on which to snuggle. Indeed, one website describes the Cavalier KCS like this: "These dogs love people and need lots of companionship to be happy. They should not be left alone all day."

Charlie had to be by himself quite a bit before coming to CSC. He has a little separation anxiety when someone isn't in

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the room with him. Luckily, he does very well with his foster family's three big dogs, and he has been accepted as part of the pack.

This little charmer has a couple of physical issues: Chronic dry eye is a common problem for the Cavalier KCS, and Charlie has it on one side. He will require eye drops every day for the rest of his life. Also, Charlie has some paralysis in his face which causes him to drool a bit.

As I write this, Charlie is sound asleep on the couch snoring a little — he is content at his foster home. However, I wonder if he is dreaming of his forever home... a place with one or more laps that need warming, with patient people

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who don't mind extra wet dog kisses, and with another dog or two for canine company. Perhaps he is dreaming of a home with you... •

CSC Volunteer Spotlight

by Marianne Branham

A volunteer since 2008, Holly Martin says, "My husband, James, says I'd be the crazy cat lady if I didn't have him to stop me". Holly lives in Mexico, Missouri and drives 45 minutes to work at the Adoption Center every Saturday, and that's after a 40-hour work week. She does data entry for Second Chance, also. Shannyn Yalaoui says of Holly, "She is prompt and always glad to help. I love volunteers like her who are willing to jump in and do whatever is needed; she is amazing". She also is the Adoption Center dog scheduling coordinator. We have had many folks take that job on, but I think all would agree it runs smoother, and we fill up our AC much better since Holly has taken on this duty.

Holly grew up in Michigan and has had animals as long as she can remember. She started out her life with dogs, but around age 11,

Kanga and Holly Martin

her love for cats began. She always had considered herself to be a cat person until her time volunteering with Second Chance. She now has rediscovered her love for

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canines and considers herself one of a rare breed of "dog AND cat people". Her husband, James, has to double his efforts now to keep her from also being the crazy dog lady.

Holly says the best part of being a volunteer for CSC is watching the animals leave with their forever home. "The looks on the faces of the adopters who come to pick up their new animal really make me happy."

The most challenging aspect of volunteering "is not taking all of the animals home with me." Holly did adopt two cats from CSC back in May of 2008, Kanga (a momma cat) and Roo (one of Kanga's kittens). It was that experience which brought her back to us a few months later wanting to volunteer.

"I am hooked on those animal rescue shows" and now, Holly Martin, this animal rescue is hooked on you! Thank you for your hard work and positive attitude, Holly. We are so happy you are a part of our CSC family! •

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