

## **MJ Animal Shelter to celebrate 4th birthday**

Tuesday, January 22, 2013

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The Mt. Juliet Animal Shelter first opened its doors in December 2008.

On Saturday Jan. 26, the animal shelter will be celebrating its fourth birthday with an open house from noon until 4 p.m.

Since the party is four hours long, any dog, cat, puppy or kitten can be adopted for \$4. The Volunteer Organization Benefit Fund will make up the difference in cost, making this once forever offer for many to adopt a shelter animal.

“4 Ever Homes, 4 Keeps” is the theme of this Birthday Celebration.

Since opening the Mt. Juliet Animal Shelter’s doors in December 2008 over 2,000 animals have come into shelter. Of that number over 91 percent have been placed, adopted, rescued, or returned to owners. This past Spring the shelter was voted the third best shelter in Middle Tennessee by Nashville Paw Magazine. New programs brought on line this past year include a free pet to any senior citizen, 65 years or older and a free pet to any family who has an immediate family member deployed in Afghanistan or Iraq. This was made possible by a very generous grant from the All State Insurance Co, and the Terry Burns agency here in Mt. Juliet.

The open house celebration will include, popcorn, cotton candy, fancy desserts, chips, salsa, Quincy the Saint Bernard “The Gentle Giant” and Sharon his owner, pictures taken with Wilson and Juliet the shelters Mascots, Anthony the Balloon Kid, and several more surprises. Come see our state of the art facility and especially our animals up for adoption. The shelter is located at 115 Industrial Drive and all residents of Mt Juliet and Wilson county are invited. For more information contact the Animal Control at (615)773-5533 or Jon Gray, Volunteer Coordinator at (615)294-1095.

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