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Harris-Hillman bids farewell to Q-bert

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (April 14, 2009) – Harris- Hillman School will host Q-bert Day, Wednesday, April 15, at 10 a.m. to bid farewell to its furry four-legged friend and her owner Sara Jane Mitchell. The celebration is in honor for their years of service to the school.

“Over the years that Q-bert and Sara Jane have been coming they have had a phenomenal impact on the Harris-Hillman family,” said Principal Robbie Hampton. “Students who were reluctant to touch things would reach out to stroke her fur and enjoyed her visits each Wednesday. I always looked forward to giving her doggie treats after she had visited all of the classrooms. We will truly miss seeing them come each week.”

Q-bert and Sarah Jane began visiting Harris-Hillman in 2003 when Q-bert was nine years old. They would enter the classroom and the students would greet her with a smile, a laugh, a stare or a reached out hand. In return, Q-bert would wag her tail and place her head in their hands for the students to pet. She has even taught some students to overcome their fear of dogs. Q-bert has gone through a special obedience course that has taught her how to relate to people and to tolerate various circumstances. As a therapy dog, Q-bert has patiently offered companionship and love to everyone she meets.

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