



# Blessing of the Animals

## Saturday, October 1, 2022

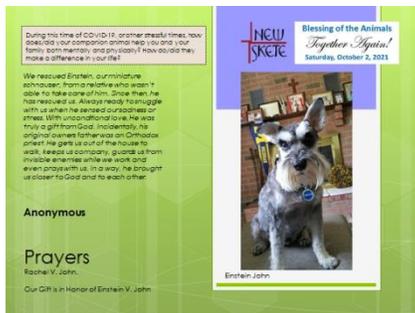
New Skete Monasteries

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Dear Friend of New Skete,

Join us as we celebrate the **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**, patron saint of animals and the environment. It will be a wonderful day to have your pets blessed, enjoy the beautiful fall foliage, savor some delicious refreshments of the season, rejoice with fellow animal lovers, and more. It's a day not to be missed. Visit [newskete.org](http://newskete.org) for the up-to-date schedule for the day. Whether you are able to participate in person or will be here in spirit, we invite you to be a part of this very special annual event! All people and the animals they love are welcome!



**During this time of celebration, we ask you to consider a gift in honor of, or in memory of, your pet or other loved one. Your tax-deductible donation of \$25 or more received by September 30th will be uniquely recognized at the 2022 Animal Blessing. See enclosed form for details.**

Your gift today will assist New Skete Monasteries in the areas of most urgent need. This may include costs associated with repairs or renovations for buildings, grounds, equipment, or other necessary projects to the Monks' or Nuns' monasteries or churches. It may also assist with unexpected costs related to health care for the monastics. We are thankful for your continued support and friendship.

Remember to bring, send, or email photos of pets who have passed or who are not able to attend. We will display and include them in the blessing! Additionally, you are welcome to complete the bottom of the enclosed form to include prayer intentions for loved ones.

We are thrilled to once again welcome you in person to visit us for this special occasion and whenever your schedule allows. May God's blessings be on all of you, and we hope to see you at New Skete soon! If you would like further information or if you have any questions please feel free to email or call Karen Gladstone, Director of Advancement and Stewardship [karengladstone@newskete.org](mailto:karengladstone@newskete.org) (518)677-3928 ext. 214

Yours in Christ's love,

Brother Christopher  
Prior, Monks of New Skete

Sister Cecelia  
Prioress, Nuns of New Skete

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