



"Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures." – St. Francis of Assisi

39th Annual Blessing of the Animals Celebration

Saturday, October 3, 2026, 10 AM to 3 PM

St. Clement's Episcopal Church, 706 W. 113th Ave, Tampa, FL 33612

The largest, most prominent Blessing of the Animals Celebration in the Tampa Bay Area. A sweet, joyful, family-friendly festival for animals and those who love them. Bring your pets and family for a day filled with blessings, rescues, food, vendors, activities, and community – all under grandfather oak trees.

Event Highlights

- **Blessing of the Animals Service -- 11 AM.** All animals are welcome at this service, where we celebrate God's Creation, His Creatures, and our God-given bond with animals. Each animal will receive a special blessing and a St. Francis medal, along with a copy of *Prayers for Pets and People*.
- **Animal Rescue Village** – Meet rescue organizations and adoptable animals. Connect with volunteers working to protect animals across Tampa Bay.
- **Basket Benefit & Silent Auction** – Place \$1 bids on more than 75 delightful gift baskets and bid strategically on your choice of upscale tickets and products.
- **Café Under the Oaks** – Relax in the shade as you enjoy specialty coffee, along with food, treats, and refreshments from local vendors.
- **Family Fun & Activities** – Enjoy face painting, selfie stations, fishing for rubber duckies, a scavenger hunt, pet play and demonstrations, a pet psychic, the Frog Walk, and the beloved Doggie Confessions Booth.
- **Pet Care** – Pet food – bring a bag if you can, take one as you need; vouchers for pet services
- **Pet Education & Advocacy** – Learn from animal support groups, pet seminars and trainers, Pet CPR & First Aid training, and organizations working to fight animal abuse.
- **Vendors & Community Organizations** -- Shop arts, handcrafted goods, local foods, pet products and services, and access community resources from across Forest Hills and the greater Tampa Bay area.

Rescue, Vendor, and Sponsorship Opportunities

- **Animal rescue organizations** are warmly invited to participate – as are **vendors non-profits, community organizations** and **animal-focused groups**
- **Sponsorship opportunities** are available.

For more information, please contact:

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