

BLESSING THE BETS.

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To the Church of Holy Trinity in Hereford came a large congregation of animal-lovers with their pets --- to stand under the likeness of St Francis and share a blessing.

There were many children --- with favourite companions of all kinds from bird to fox ---and, of course, dogs. And one proud owner voiced the feelings of all in stirring and well-declared verse.

After which the congregation sang <sup>a</sup> well-known hymn *which was particularly well-chosen for such an occasion*

Another big day for pets was the opening of the Scottish Kennel Club's Championship Show in Edinburgh's Waverley Market. Corgis were there --- and a good sprinkling of collies. The number of poodles entries, showed there was no decline in interest for this post-war favourite; and Best of Breed and First Prize went to this Dalmatian.

Another of the larger breeds to come well out of the judging was <sup>a</sup> champion St Bernard,