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Who Knew? St. Francis of Assisi (c.1181-1226) is recognized as the patron saint of animals, ecology, and creation, emphasizing the importance of all living beings. Animals—especially pets like dogs and cats—are brought to churches for blessings, symbolizing gratitude for their companionship. The tradition is rooted in St. Francis's life and teachings, particularly his *Canticle of Creatures*, which celebrates nature. In it, he praises not only animals but also Brother Wind and Sister Water.

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