

# Our Mission

Our four-fold mission is to be the voice of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New Jersey against systemic practices of animal cruelty, degradation, and commercial exploitation, to provide the diocese with an education and awareness program for animal welfare concerns, to foster the celebration of our fellow creatures as a gift from God, and to provide pastoral counseling resources for the loss of a companion animal.



## Our Passion

*The Animal Welfare Ministry team embraces our responsibility as stewards of God's creation, and recognizes that a spiritual disconnection with God's creatures has led to the unnecessary abuse and exploitation of animals for commercial gain, sport, and scientific discovery.*

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## Diocese of New Jersey Animal Welfare Ministry

# Who we are

<http://dioceseofnj.org/animalwelfare>

*The Animal Welfare Ministry Team has been created to increase awareness and support for the ethical treatment of animals. Resolutions passed during the General Conventions of 2003 and 2009 provide guidelines for the team as we attempt to assist in raising awareness of the importance in caring for all God's creatures.*



## Current Focus

- Offer Christian focused educational sessions to aid in raising awareness of animal welfare issues
- Provide a means of pastoral counseling resources for the loss of companion animals
- Increase awareness of advocacy issues pertaining to animal welfare
- Provide liturgical resources that embrace animal welfare
- Provide a website containing valuable information and resources.



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