

For dog lovers and families at Adat Shalom, 5/11 @ 5pm, behind the library - All are welcome with their pets to share expressions of gratitude for our furry family members and a wish for their well-being. We hope this will be a nice way to reach those in our community for whom this part of their personal life has deep meaning and would like to connect it with their community. We hope it will also be an easy, small way to reach out to our Carderock Springs neighbors, who are welcome as well.

While this practice of “blessing of the pets” is more common in Catholic and Christian communities, and though Jewish tradition is clear about the value of honoring all of creation, all of life, our intention is not to invoke such high theology or ritual here. We will share a prayer of gratitude for these pets in English and wish for their good health in our homes, then share a dog treat. It will be done in the fenced area outside our library, with clear instructions for owners to pick up after their pets and for the humans to visit with one another as the dogs play together.