



Already she could see a great many other animals assembled in the grassy church courtyard. There were lots of children and grown-ups, too. Piper was beside herself with excitement. She couldn't imagine being let out of the car to join this big crowd.

However, much to her surprise, Mr. Duncan put on her leash, and opened the car door. Out Piper jumped, and began tugging on her leash to reach the first dog she saw, which happened to be Gretel, a neighborhood miniature Dachshund, whom Piper always seemed to mistake for a weasel. Suddenly, Piper realized that not only dogs of all sizes, shapes, and colors were present, but there were also CATS, RABBITS, and BIRDS! Piper could see that all the