



LET US LOVE AND TAKE CARE OF ANIMALS

LOVING AND CARING ANIMALS

HOW DO WE LOVE AND TAKE CARE OF ANIMALS?

- Provide clean water and food to animals.
- Protect animals from pain, injury and diseases.
- Construct proper animal housing against extremes of temperature, excessive wind, rain and predators.
- Handle Animals with care to avoid unnecessary pain or distress.
- Sell animals in designated areas with provision of shelter/shade.

WHY SHOULD WE LOVE AND TAKE CARE OF ANIMALS?

From the Faith perspective

- We are stewards of God's creation.
- We are caretakers not owners.
- We are privileged to be entrusted with its care and with safekeeping.
- We sense God's pleasure in nature.
- We have a religious duty to care for the environment.
- Animals are amazing creatures and part of creation web.
- It is an act of obedience to God.

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Romans 1:20 "Ever since the creation of the world, God's eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things that God has made."

Psalms 10: 10 -11 'For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on the thousand hills. I know all the birds of hills, and all that moves in the field is mine.'

Genesis 1: 28. 'Then God blessed them and God said to them. Be faithful and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it, have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living that moves on the earth.'

This dominion does not mean that we can do whatever we want with the animals. However, we are to care for them as part of God's creation. It would be irresponsible for Christians to harm or mistreat an animal, since God created them and gave them into their hands.

ISLAM

The Prophet Muhammed (PBUH) repeatedly praised those who care for animals and plants and cursed those who abuse animals or unnecessarily kill them.

Surah 6; 165. We have been appointed as Khaleefah, as stewards of this planet. (We have therefore a religious duty to care for our environment).

Qur'an 7:31 'O children of Adam – eat and drink but waste not by excess for Allah loves not the wasters. Respect and care for Allah (SW) creations. Every single organism has been created by Allah (SW) and has value in the Qur'an.

Allah takes oaths by natural elements, names Surahs (Chapters) after various animals and calls us to witness his wondrous creation. Surahs that are mentioned after animals include Albakarah (cow) Qu'aran 2, the Bees (Alkaboot) Q; 24), Al-an'm (the animals) Q.5. This is how Qu'ran values animals among the critical values.