

KINDNESS TO ANIMALS

WITH THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL.

A believer should not only show kindness to other human beings, but to animals as well.

Our beloved Nabie Muhammad (S.A.W.) told us not to starve or to be cruel to animals.

He also said that animals should not be overloaded with goods nor should they be over-worked.

He advised us to feed them on time and that they should be given enough water to drink.

Once our beloved Nabie (S.A.W.) was on a journey along with some of his companions. He left them for a while, and the companions saw a bird with two young ones. They took the young ones. The mother bird began to spread out its wings.

At that moment our beloved Nabie (S.A.W.) returned and asked: "Who has injured this one by the loss of her young ? Give her young one back to her."

Allah (S.W.T.) has allowed us to slaughter and eat some animals, but this must be done in such a way as to cause the animal as little pain as possible.

In Sura Al- Nahl (ch.16) : verses 5 - 8 we read :-

"And cattle he has made for you: from them you obtain warmth, and many benefits, and of their (meat) you eat. And you have a sense of pride and beauty in them as you drive them home in the evening, and as you lead them out to pasture in the morning. And they carry your heavy loads to lands that you could not (otherwise) reach except with souls distressed: for your Rabb is indeed Most Kind, Most Merciful. And (He has made) horses, mules, and donkeys for you to ride and use for show; and He has made (other) things of which you have no knowledge."

Our beloved Nabie (S.A.W.) said: "Those who are kind and considerate to Allah's creatures, (S.W.T.) bestows his kindness on them."

Worksheet

- 1) What should you do if you find an animal that is hungry and thirsty ?
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