



Selling monkeys

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Q: I would like to work in the field of trading in tame animals such as cats and birds. One of these animals is monkeys that are trained and used for the sake of amusement and attracting customers to shops. Moreover, these kinds of animals are used for amusement and attracting customers in order to increase sales. But these animals are very expensive.

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Some people told me that trading in monkeys is prohibited as they are a sign for Allah's wrath and punishment. Moreover, using them for these purposes changes their nature as well as it being a waste of money. I would like you to guide me to the truth in this regard. May Allah reward you well!

A: Selling cats, monkeys, dogs and other beasts with canine teeth is prohibited. The Prophet (peace be upon him) forbade selling them and warned against that. It is also a waste of wealth. The Prophet (peace be upon him) also forbade that.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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