

**From the Holy Qur'an we learn that:**

**God Created the World,**

Hud [11:7] He it is Who created the heavens and the earth in six Days...

**decided to save it even though he wanted to  
punish the nonbelievers,**

Hud [11:40] (Thus it was) till, when Our commandment came to pass and the oven gushed forth water, We said: Load therein two of every kind, a **pair** (the male and female), and thy household, save him against whom the word hath gone forth already, and those who believe. And but a few were they who believed with him.

**And His Creation is Source of  
Inspiration for Mankind,**

Al Mulk (Dominion) [67:19] Do they not observe the birds above them, spreading their wings and folding them in? None can uphold them except ((Allah)) Most Gracious: Truly ((Allah)) Most Gracious: Truly it is He that watches over all things

**For Which He is Full of Mercy,**

Al Ambiyah (The Prophets) [21:107] We sent you [i.e.prophet Mahmmad] not, but as a Mercy for all creatures.

**Animals Worship God:**

Surat Al Hajj [22:18] Do you not see that to Allah bow down in worship all things that are in the heavens and on earth,- the sun, the moon, the stars; the hills, the trees, the **animals**; and a great number among mankind?

**Animals Have Communities:**

**Al Anam (The Cattle) [6: 38]** Certainly, there is no living thing on earth or on the wing unless it belongs to its own group the same way that you humans belong to your own race; We have not ignored anything in the book [of creation] and eventually all [the living things] will be resurrected and return to their Lord" (6: 38).

## **Animal Rights in Hadith (The Teachings of Prophet Muhammad [Peace and Blessings Upon Him])**

It is reported in Muslim's collection of the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (Peace and Blessings Upon Him) that Allah has ordained kindness (and excellence) in everything. If the killing (of animals) is to be done, do it in the best manner, and when you slaughter, do it in the best manner by first sharpening the knife, and putting the animal at ease. (Muslim).

2. If someone kills a sparrow for sport, the sparrow will cry out on the Day of Judgment, "O Lord! That person killed me in vain! He did not kill me for any useful purpose." (Nisai).

4. The Prophet said, "Whoever kills a sparrow or anything bigger than that without a just cause, Allah will hold him accountable on the Day of Judgment." The listeners asked, "O Messenger of Allah, what is a just cause?" He replied, "That he will kill it to eat, not simply to chop off its head and then throw it away." (Nisai, Hakim).

2. Restrictions on riding and carrying loads. Quoted from holy prophet of Islam "Muhammad" (PBUH) that there is no beast of burden that does not pray to God every morning so that Lord may bestow it an owner who would give it enough food and water and would not overload it.

Narated By Anas bin Malik: The Prophet said, "If any Muslim plants any plant and a human being or an animal eats of it, he will be rewarded as if he had given that much in charity." – [Bukhari Vol. 8, Book 73, #41] Even if an animal eats from a plant which has been planted by man, the person will receive rewards for it. Moreover, another hadith is as follows:

Narated By Abu Huraira: Allah's Apostle said, "While a man was walking on a road. he became very thirsty. Then he came across a well, got down into it,

drank (of its water) and then came out. Meanwhile he saw a dog panting and licking mud because of excessive thirst. The man said to himself "This dog is suffering from the same state of thirst as I did." So he went down the well (again) and filled his shoe (with water) and held it in his mouth and watered the dog. Allah thanked him for that deed and forgave him." The people asked, "O Allah's Apostle! Is there a reward for us in serving the animals?" He said, "(Yes) There is a reward for serving any animate

Narated By 'Abdullah bin 'Umar : Allah's Apostle said, "A lady was punished because of a cat which she had imprisoned till it died. She entered the (Hell) Fire because of it, for she neither gave it food nor water as she had imprisoned it, nor set it free to eat from the vermin of the earth." – [Bukhari Vol.4, Book 56, #689]