

Qurbani Guidelines – Part 2

Some Slaughtering Rules

The animal should be placed on the ground with the face towards the Qiblah.

The person slaughtering should take a sharp knife and recite 'Bismillah-Allahu-Akbar', and slaughter.

Four veins should be cut, viz. the air passage, the gullet and two jugular veins which are on either side of the air passage and gullet.

If only three veins are cut, the animal will be Halaal.

If only two veins are cut, the animal will be considered dead (carrion) and Haraam.

If a person **FORGETS** to say 'Bismillah...' before slaughtering, the animal will be Halaal and Qurbani will be valid.

However, if a person **INTENTIONALLY** does not say 'Bismillah...', then the Qurbani will **NOT** be valid and the animal will be considered dead (carrion). The meat will be Haraam.

Care should be taken that one does not cut off the entire neck / head of the animal. To do so is Makrooh. However, the meat of such an animal is permissible to eat.

The skinning should not begin while the animal is **still hot**. One should wait for the animal to become cold first and then start with the cutting of the feet, skinning, etc.

The Du'as For Slaughtering

There is an additional Du'a to be read apart from 'Bismillah-Allahu-Akbar'. Likewise, there is also a Du'a to be read after the Qurbani is made.

Insha Allah, we will publish the Qurbani Du'as in 'Poster #9'.

The Do's of Qurbani

Ensure that water and food is available in the area where the animals are kept.

Ensure that the knives are very sharp for slaughtering. Remember, it is not bread or cake you going to cut!

Keep the place of slaughtering ready **beforehand** by arranging for a few holes for slaughtering are dug.

Ensure that the place of slaughtering is such that the animals are not able to see the slaughtering or the slaughtered animals.

Ensure that the animals are not able to see the knives as well.

Arrange for the Laws of Hijaab to be maintained especially between brother-in-laws and sister-in-laws.

Eat from the meat of the Qurbani animal.

The Don'ts of Qurbani

Cause any sort of trouble or pain to the animals for no reason.

Let children and toddlers sit on sheep and goats. These animals are not meant to be ridden. Horses and ponies are among the animals to ride.

Force the animal to drink water seconds before slaughtering. The animal is stressed and in some sort of fear for being surrounded by people, do not expect it now to drink water. Arranging for water in the area they stay in will suffice.

Let women slaughter in the presence of even one non-Mahram. Even the employed helper holding the sheep down is her non-Mahram! Don't spoil this Ibaadat with these kind of major sins.

The Takbeer-e-Tashreeq

Takbeer-e-Tashreeq should be read once after the Fardh Salaah from Fajr on the 9th of Thul-Hijjah, until Asr on the 13th Thul-Hijjah. Men should recite it audibly, while women should recite it softly. The

Takbeer-e-Tashreeq is:

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
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