The eighth question of Fatwa No. 9228

Q8: Slaughtering animals for the sake of anyone other than Allah is prohibited and Shirk (associating others in worship with Allah). What is the Shari'a (Islamic law) ruling on slaughtering animals for guests or relatives?

A8: Slaughtering animals to seek the pleasure of the person for whom the animals are being slaughtered, or for the sake of bringing benefit or removing harm is Shirk. The Prophet (peace be upon him) cursed the person who slaughters for any one other than Allah.

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But slaughtering in the Name of Allah in order to feed quests or relatives is permissible.

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

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