



Hiring bulls for mating

Q 5: Is it permissible to take money for hiring the spermatic fluid of a male animal?

A: It is not permissible to exact money for hiring out the spermatic fluid of a male animal. This is based on the Hadith

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narrated by Ibn `Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) who said, (The Prophet (peace be upon him) forbade taking a price for the semen of a bull (i.e., animal copulation).) Narrated by Ahmad, Al-Bukhari, Al-Nasa'y and Abu Dawud. Jabir also narrated that (The Prophet (peace be upon him) forbade the sale of the bull's semen.) Narrated by Muslim and Al-Nasa'y. Anas (may Allah be pleased with him) also narrated that (A man belonging to the tribe of Kilab asked the Prophet (peace be upon him) about the sale of the bull's semen and he forbade it. The man said: " O Messenger of Allah! We are used to receiving gifts for the semen of the bull and the Prophet allowed that for him) Narrated by Al-Tirmidhy who classified it as Hadith Hasan Gharib (a good Hadith that is strange to come from this chain of narration). The rule applies to all types of male animals, be they camels, stallions, billy goats or others of the sort. The 'negative mode' basically denotes prohibition. The statement: (the Prophet allowed that for him) indicates that

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there is nothing wrong if the owner of the bull is given some money as a gift as long as no previous condition to receive it had been stipulated. May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet, his family and Companions!

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