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'Abdullāh ibn 'Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said: "If anyone keeps a dog that is neither for hunting nor for guarding livestock, their reward (for good deeds) will be reduced by two Qirāts per day." Sālim said that Abu Hurayrah, who had a farm, used to say: "Or a farm dog."

[Authentic hadith] [Narrated by Bukhari & Muslim]

A dog is a despicable filthy animal, and that is why Islamic Shariah forbade owning it because of the harms and bad consequences resulting from keeping it. Examples of these harms include the following: The honorable and obedient angels turn away from the house where a dog is kept; dogs frighten and terrify people; dogs are a source of impurity and harm; and owning a dog is a sign of foolishness. Therefore, anyone who keeps a dog their rewards of good deeds will decrease considerably every day. This amount is translated into two Qirāts, which only Allah knows how big they are, because such a person insists on disobeying Allah by keeping a dog. However, if there is a need for keeping a dog, it is allowed to do so in three cases: 1- Guarding livestock against wolves and thieves. 2- Guarding crops. 3- Hunting animals. A Muslim is allowed to keep a dog for any of these purposes, and is no longer blamed for doing so.

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