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Ibn 'Umar (may Allah be pleased with him and his father) reported that the Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said: "Whoever keeps a dog, except a dog for hunting or for guarding livestock, his deeds will be reduced by two Qirāts every day." Sālim said: Abu Hurayrah, who had a farm, used to say: "Or a farm dog."

[Authentic hadith] [Narrated by Bukhari & Muslim]

The Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) warned against keeping dogs except for the purposes of hunting or guarding livestock and crops. Whoever keeps a dog for other reasons will have two Qirāts, which is a specific measure known to Allah Almighty, deducted from the reward of his deeds each day.

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