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INTRODUCTION

In the Holy Quran, there are many verses associated with animals. We can find many types of animals, their benefits, and interesting stories about them mentioned in this holy book. Animals are part of the communities on Earth, as said by Allah in **surah Al-An'am, verse 38**:

وَمَا مِنْ دَابَّةٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا طَائِرٍ يَطِيرُ يُجْنَا حَيْهَ إِلَّا أُمَّمٌ أَمْثَالِكُمْ

There is not an animal (that lives) on the earth, nor a being that flies on its wings, but (forms part of) communities like you.

[al-An'aam 6: 38]



Indeed, there are many lessons that we can learn from the stories about the animals, as Allah said in **surah Al-Nahl, verse 66**:

وَإِنَّ لَكُمْ فِي الْأَنْعَامِ لَعِبْرَةً نَسْقِيكُمْ مِمَّا فِي بُطُونِهِ مِنْ بَيْنِ فَرْثٍ وَدَمٍ

لَبَنًا خَالِصًا سَائِغًا لِلشَّرِيبِينَ ﴿٦٦﴾

And verily in cattle (too) will ye find an instructive Sign. From what is within their bodies between excretions and blood, We produce, for your drink, milk, pure and agreeable to those who drink it.

[al-Nahl 16: 66]

All animals created by Allah have their own uniqueness. Some of them like to live alone; for example, tigers. However, there are animals that live in groups, like fishes, birds, monkeys, elephants and insects. In fact, insects like bees, ants and termites are unable to survive when they are alone.



Different types of animals live in different places. Some of them live on the land or in the soil, whereas others live in the sea or in the jungle. Obviously, Allah created them to complement each other.



In this book, we will learn about the different types of animals as described in the Quran and their usage, such as cow, camel, horse, birds, bat, insects and sea creatures.

Animals in the Holy Quran

Animals were created by Allah with different characteristics and purposes. Obviously, what differentiates us from animals is the fact that we were gifted with *aql*. However, it cannot be denied that animals are gifts from Allah as creatures that complement our life, and act as a part of the community on Earth. Hence, we can find many verses in the Quran that portray different kinds of animals and their importance. This book therefore, illustrates how useful animals are to human being, as stated in the Quran. It was written in a simple language and very suitable for young readers. It is also full of pictures and illustrations that will arouse their interest to read it. Among animals that are described are bee, fish, camel, bird and many more. It is hoped that through this book, children will be able to explore the world of animals, their characteristics and importance, as mentioned in the holy Quran, in a fun way.

