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Revisiting the *Fiqh* of Halal-Haram Animals: An Analysis on Malaysian Fatwa Relating to Animal Care and Use

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ABSTRACT

The recent trends in the field of scientific research welcomes the interpolation of alternative research ideologies and methodologies in ensuring that issues advocating the Animal Care and Use (ACU) be handled in an ethical and holistic manner. This research tends to provide a connection between conventional animal ethics and Islamic ethics as a complementary framework via the application of *Fiqh* halal-haram animals. The gist of discussion in this paper is based on the Malaysian context. This exploratory research invokes an exhaustive referencing of voluminous Islamic literature primary resources and in-depth interviews with four renowned Muftis. The number of Fatwas related to the ACU according to the States in Malaysia as far as Kelantan 33, Federal Territory 25, Selangor 17, Terengganu 12, Negeri Sembilan 8, Pahang 8, Perlis 3, Penang 3 and Sarawak 3. It can be concluded that the care and use of animals essentially in the keeping of goodness (*Hissul Hikmah*) and avoidance of destruction (*Darul Hikmah*) towards religion, life, intellect, lineage and property are permissible. In considering the ethical inquiries in animal care and use, this study found that it needs to be integrated with scientific information as well as religious teachings.

*Keywords: Islamic Ethics, Animal Ethics, Animal Care and Use, Fiqh of halal-haram, Maqasid al-Syar'iah.*

INTRODUCTION

The recent trends in the field of scientific research welcomes the interpolation of alternative research ideologies and methodologies in ensuring that issues advocating the Animal Care and Use (ACU) be handled in an ethical and holistic manner. Within the local context, Malaysia theoretically is a nation where the Muslim communities dominate the population. For that reason, many Muslim Malaysians need specific guidelines that can assist them to navigate their daily