
Eating the meat of hyena

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: Some brothers consider it lawful to eat the meat of hyena and say that your Excellency permitted doing so. Please provide us with a beneficial answer regarding this subject. May Allaah reward you with the best.

Shaykh Abdul-Azeez ibn Baaz (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)¹: The Prophet (peace be upon him) said about the hyena: **[It is a game (i.e. lawful to be hunted)]**. Therefore, according to the text of the sound and authentic Hadeeth of the Prophet (peace be upon him), the hyena is a hunted animal and Allaah (Exalted be He) has wisdom behind making it lawful. Moreover, those who are familiar with its meat say that there are many benefits in its meat, as it cures and protects from many diseases. The point is that the meat of the hyena is lawful. Thus, if one slaughters and cleans it, removes what is inside its belly, and cooks it, it will be lawful like other game.

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him