

# UNDERAGE ANIMALS

There are certain conditions that are necessary for an animal to be acceptable for Qurbani. This is generally summed up by the animal being fit and healthy and free from defects. An additional requirement is the age of the Qurbani animal. Cattle must be at least 2 years old and sheep and goats must be at least one year old. There is a further concession **in sheep only**, that if a sheep is above 6 months and resembles a one year old sheep in size, then it will be permissible for Qurbani, otherwise not.

**We request the public to take special note when purchasing small sized sheep as reports have been received of sheep under 6 months being sold for Qurbani. Such a Qurbani will not be valid.**

Generally the emergence of the two bottom incisors are indicators that sheep are above 6 months old.

We advise those who are selling animals to be fully acquainted with the requirements for a Qurbani animal. You will be accountable in the court of Allah if animals unfit for Qurbani are sold for this purpose.

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