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Q 1: There are many embalmed birds such as pigeons and hawks that are sold as gifts and decorative ornaments. These birds are from the creations of Allah and they have not been changed. We would like to know the ruling on keeping them at home.

A: This is not a type of picture making or resembling the creation of Allah that is prohibited in the Hadiths, but keeping these embalmed birds as antiques at home is a waste of money and lavishness if their meat is lawful. It is also destroying a useful animal such as a hawk, without gaining any legal benefits. Moreover, embalming costs are high and this is a type of lavishness. This may also be considered as having statues and the like in houses. Therefore, having embalmed birds is prohibited.

May Allah grant us success. May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

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