

## **Dog Meat**

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*Flesh in the field that has been torn you shall not eat; you shall throw it to the dog.*

Shmos 22:30

Rashi explains that meat from a treifah (an animal forbidden to eat due to an injury or defect) is to be thrown to a dog, to teach that Hashem doesn't withhold reward from any living creature, because dogs fulfilled Hashem's command not to bark at Jews during *makas bechoros* in Mitzrayim (Shmos 11:7).

The Me'iri (Shabbos 19a) and the Divrei Emmess maintain that a treifah is to be given specifically to a dog. But the Darchei Teshuvah (Y.D. 29:2) quotes the Chikrei Leiv (Y.D. 1:19), who says that the accepted practice is to give meat from a treifah to a non-Jew. The Chikrei Leiv points out that *Amora'im* gave their treifos to non-Jews (see Chulin 94a).

The Magein Avraham (O.C. 498, as understood by Machatzis Hashekel 498:8) explains that only in earlier times, when few non-Jews lived in Jewish areas, would a treifah be given to dogs. Later, when Jews often lived among large populations of non-Jews, they could sell their treifos to them. Rashi himself writes (in the first part of his commentary on this *pasuk*), based on the Mechilta, that since the Torah says one may sell a *neveilah* (an animal not properly slaughtered) to a non-Jew (Dvarim 14:21), the same applies to a treifah.