

## Kilayim (Diverse Kinds) with Animals

Ref: *Sefer Zeraim, Hilchot Kilayim, Chapter 9*



Not to let your cattle cross breed.<sup>3</sup> Including animals, beasts and fowl, and even some sea animals.

Factors

- Punishment is *malkot*
- Applies in *Eretz Yisroel* and Diaspora
- To be liable, man has to be directly involved in mating the two animals of different species.
- However it is permitted to benefit from offspring and can be eaten if kosher.
- The prohibition is against mixing different species. One must know which species animal belongs to. [A *koi* resembles a deer (*chayah*) and a goat (*behemah*), and has an unresolved status of being a *behemah* (domesticated animal) or a *chayah* (wild animal) and may therefore not mate with either one.]
- A gentile may not mate mixed species. Therefore, it is forbidden to ask a Gentile to mate mixed species for you because you are causing him to stumble.
- Two similar mixed-bred animals may be made to mate together so long as their mother is of the same kind. (Species category of offspring is determined by the mother.)

### Reminder:

Pack on Lineage



Not to allow animals of diverse kinds to work together.<sup>4</sup>

Factors

- Punishment if liable is *malkot*.
  - Two different species performing labour together if one kosher and the other non-kosher.
-  • *Derabanan* it is forbidden to combine any 2 species as for mating.
- Man has to lead the animal even if only by voice and even if he sits in a wagon behind the animals.
  - A person may plough with an animal.



A consecrated animal which became disqualified (and then redeemed), is like a holy and non-holy animal mixed together. Therefore if one ploughs a regular ox with such an ox, or mates it with a regular cow, he is lashed. This is forbidden *midivrei Kabalah*.