Chullin 53 – Good Morning Raboisai

1️⃣ דרוסה (Derusah) – Definition

Gemara:

👉 דרוסה =

- Animal scratched / attacked by predator claws

📌 Concern

👉 Claws inject:

- **Poison / bacteria (זיהרא)**

👉 Can kill animal internally

2️⃣ Which Animals Have דרוסה

👉 Mishnah lists:

- Wolf
- Lion
- Certain birds (e.g. hawk)

📌 Question

👉 What about:

- Cat
- Weasel (חולדה / נמיה)
- Other birds

3️⃣ רב חסדא

👉 Says:

- **Cat has דרוסה**

👉 Also:

- נמיה (mongoose) → yes

👉 חולדה → affects birds

4️⃣ ברייתא Challenge

👉 Says:

- Cat, hawk, mongoose → **דרוסה no**

📌 Answer

👉 Distinction:

- Not venom → only puncture

👉 Or:

- Depends on situation

5️⃣ Key חילוק – Anger / Resistance

👉 If animal is:

- Being **rescued / resisting**

👉 Predator becomes angry → injects venom

👉 If not:

- May not inject venom

6️⃣ Proof Story

👉 Cat banging on door

👉 Leaves marks (drops)

📌 יסוד

👉 Even without capture:

- Shows presence of venom

7️⃣ מחלוקת תנאים

👉 Two approaches:

1. 👉 Venom only when resisted
2. 👉 Venom always present

8️⃣ Resolving Contradictions

👉 Same animal can have:

- דרוסה in some cases
- No דרוסה in others

📌 Depends on:

- Size of victim
- Situation

9️⃣ Final Clarification

👉 Cat:

- Has דרוסה for **small animals only**

👉 Weasel:

- Has דרוסה for **birds**

👉 Not for larger animals

🔟 Birds of Prey

👉 Question:

- Do all birds have דרוסה?

📌 **Answer**

👉 Yes – but:

- Hawk (נץ) is strongest

👉 Others:

- Only affect smaller prey

1️⃣ 1️⃣ **Limits of דרוסה**

👉 Only applies:

- With **claws (ציפורנים)**

👉 Not:

- Teeth

👉 Only:

- While alive

1️⃣ 2️⃣ **Timing of Venom**

👉 Venom enters:

- When claw is **removed**

👉 Not when inserted

📌 **נפקא מינה**

👉 If claw removed after death:

- No venom

1️⃣ 3️⃣ **ספק דרוסה**

👉 If unsure if attack happened

📌 **מחלוקת**

- **רב**→ no concern
- **שמואל**→ concern

1️⃣ 4️⃣ **Practical Cases**

👉 Example:

- Found claw mark

📌 **Question**

👉 From predator
👉 Or from environment

👉 Leads to:

- ספק דרוסה

1️⃣ 5️⃣ **Default Approach**

👉 Use:

- **חזקת היתר**

👉 Unless clear evidence

1️⃣ 6️⃣ **Case – Lion Among Animals**

👉 Lion enters herd

📌 **Found claw**

👉 Not necessarily attack

👉 Could be:

- From wall

1️⃣7️⃣ Multiple Marks

👉 If several claw marks aligned

📌 דין

👉 More likely:

- Real attack

1️⃣8️⃣ Behavior Clues

👉 If predator:

- Quiet → may have attacked
- Noisy → may be afraid

1️⃣9️⃣ Psak

👉 **אמימר**rules:

- חוששין לספק דרוסה

👉 Like שמואל

2️⃣0️⃣ Story – Rav

👉 Rav did not permit

👉 Did not pasken

👉 Eventually:

- Destroyed animals

📌 **Reason**

👉 Avoid risk of:

- איסור

2️⃣ 1️⃣ **Another Case**

👉 Bird with neck wound

📌 **ספק**

👉 Thorn or predator

📌 **Psak**

👉 Assume:

- Thorn (lenient)

2️⃣ 2️⃣ **Final יסוד**

- דרוסה depends on predator, size, and situation
- Venom not always applied
- Only claws cause דרוסה
- ספק cases are debated
- Practical psak often follows חומרא

🔑 **Key Takeaways (English)**

- Derusah is caused by predator claws injecting poison or bacteria
- Not all animals cause derusah in all situations
- A cat can cause derusah, but mainly to smaller animals
- Venom is only transferred when the claw is removed
- Only claws (not teeth) create derusah

- There is a major debate whether to be concerned about a doubtful case
- Behavioral clues and physical evidence are used to assess cases
- In practice, many cases are treated stringently

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