

Why do Muslims hate dogs and avoid touching them?

Muslims do not hate dogs; they care about them and breed them. They can touch a trained dog and eat the preys it catches. They do not avoid its saliva because they think it is pure, as God says:

5:4. "And what you have taught your trained hunting animals (to catch) in the manner directed to you by God, eat what they catch for you, but pronounce the name of God over it".

They only avoid wild dogs found in dirty places and eat dirt; they avoid their saliva as they eat rotten, impure and dead animals. Their tongues are always polluted by microbes, germs and viruses on things they eat. Modern technology proved that the mouth and saliva of a dog transmit different types of diseases especially rabies. Therefore, this is a reasonable caution of course; modern science and medicine urge and encourage it.