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Fast Facts



The Australian Camel Industry Association Inc.

Who Are We? What Can We Do For You?

The Australian Camel Industry Association Inc.(ACIA) is made up of members who are committed to:

Promoting responsible camel management in our Environment and Supporting the Australian Camel Industry.”



The background of ACIA Members vary widely and include Commercial, Tourism, Pastoralists, Government and Non-Government Agencies, Academia & Private Enterprise Membership Form can be downloaded from our website:

Australian Camel Industry Association works directly with all Government Agencies and Non-Government Organisations within Australia to develop the Australian Camel Industry. Members of ACIA also work collaboratively with indigenous communities to manage camels on their land. The Australian Camel Industry Assoc. can assist with information for purchasing camels, meat export, tourism and by-products such as Milk, Wool, Hair, and other products. If assistance for care of camels is required, ACIA can assist with referrals to appropriate veterinarians and camel husbandry experts.

Future Prospects:

- Camel meat production is increasing and industry members currently work with indigenous communities to remove camels for processing and pastoral management.
- A number of camel dairies are currently being developed in Australia for the production of Milk and other Dairy products.
- Camel tourism is a significant part of the Tourism Industry in Australia.

Strategic Plan:

- The Australian Camel Industry Association Inc. Strategic Plan is available on our website.

Australian Camel Facts — Camelus dromedarius (one hump)

General Characteristics

- Body Length: 300cm/10ft., Shoulder Height: 180-210cm/6-7ft.,
- Tail Length: 50cm/20in.
- Weight: 600-1000gk/1320-2200lb.
- Life Span: 20-30 years in the Wild, Up to 50 years domesticated
- Colour: varying from White to Deep Red to Black
- Female = Cow, Male = Bull, Castrated Bull = Bullock
- Sexual Maturity: Females 3-4 years of age, Males 5-6 yrs of age
- Gestation: Average 13 months,
- Calving Interval: ±2 years .
- Young per Birth: 1, (twins occur but are rare)
- Calf Weight at Birth: 20-30 kgs,
- Weaning at 1-2 years



- Camels have padded feet which reduces land degradation. i
- Camels drink 0 to 40 litres of water per day depending on climatic conditions.
- Cows come into 'oestrus after mating.
- Bulls come into 'rut'

Managed and Feral Camels in Australia

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Camels are a very good fit in Australia as a pastoral animal.



Feeding & Grazing: Camels are high browsers, they will eat grass, but it is not their preferred vegetation. Camels' preferred vegetation include over 350 different species including many endemic Acacia species, Salt Bush, Bluebush, numerous invasive pests such as Parkinsonia, Prickly Acacia, even Athel Pine, and a swathe of ground herbage plants in both green and dry conditions. They will also readily eat baled fodder such as lucerne, wheaten and oaten hay.

Co-Grazing: Camels co-graze exceptionally well with cattle. When sharing the same water source as camels, the camel's unique gut microflora is exchanged between them allowing cattle to process a greater range of fodder types which increases cattle weight particularly in drought. Camels in a well managed domestic environment can greatly assist in positive land management outcomes reducing land degradation and the spread of weeds.

Diseases & Husbandry Care: Australian Camels are disease free, though mange can be a problem in wet/green conditions and bacterial disease and intestinal parasites can be a health issue, particularly in areas of high rainfall i.e. coastal areas.



Wild (feral) camels populate the green area, covering 3.3 million sq km. Camels in Queensland are regarded as stock animals.

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