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SOUTH AUSTRALIA TO CULL 10,000 CAMELS- INHUMANE AND UNETHICAL

Thousands of camels in South Australia will be shot dead from helicopters as a result of extreme heat and drought. The marksmen who will shoot the animals come from Australia's department for environment and water. A five-day cull started on Wednesday, as Aboriginal communities in the region have reported large groups of camels damaging towns and buildings. Some complain that they are roaming the streets looking for water and we are worried about the safety of the young children and others say that we have been stuck in stinking hot and uncomfortable conditions, feeling unwell, because all the camels are coming in and knocking down fences, getting in around the houses and trying to get water through air-conditioners. The slaughter will take place in the area of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) - a sparsely-populated part of South Australia which is home to a number of indigenous groups. Some feral horses will also be killed. The camel cull is not directly linked to the fires crisis but owing to ongoing dry conditions and the large camel congregations threatening all of the main APY communities and infrastructure, immediate camel control was needed. Killing camels is a inhumane and unethical. Government of Australia should instead find some other measures to provide drinking water to these camels who are encroaching in human dwellings.

People's Republic of China organised 7th China Camel Industry Development Conference (2019) in Ejina Banner, Alxa League, Inner Mongolia, China from 25 to 27 November 2019. China is marching ahead in developing camel product industry in a big way.

The closing issue of year 2019 is rich in the manuscripts based on Bactrian and dromedary camels, both. Bactrian based manuscripts covered the topics, i.e. proteome profiles of hypothalamus, pituitary gland, adrenal glands and kidney, proteomic characterisation of serum during breeding cycle, isolation, culture and identification of skeletal muscle satellite cells, *Dipetalonema evansi* infection Itraconazole effect on the pharmacokinetics of midazolam. The manuscripts based on dromedary covered the topics, i.e. pharmacokinetics of cefquinome, pancreas of the camel foetus, beta casein gene polymorphism in Indian camel breeds, antibacterial functions of neutrophil and monocyte in newborn calves, assessment of genetic variability in Kappa casein gene, histology of atrioventricular node and atrioventricular bundle in foetus, molecular identification of 20 *Escherichia coli* isolates from dead neonatal camel calves, multiple splenic abscessation, ovarian neoplasms and Sertoli-Leydig cell tumour. This issue also contains review of a new important reference book "Handbook of Research on Health and Environmental Benefits of Camel Products" authored by Omar Amin Alhaj, Bernard Faye and Rajendra Prasad Agrawal which is published in the United States of America by IGI Global.

I wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2020 to all the members of the editorial board and esteemed authors. I am sure that Journal of Camel Practice and Research will continue to serve as an important resource of Camelid literature across the world.



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