
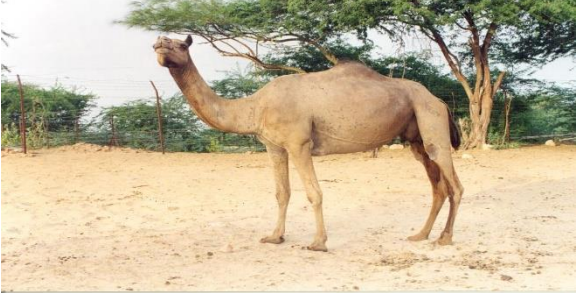


Breed Descriptor of Kutchi (Camel)

Male	Female
	

Breeding Tract		
State: Gujarat		Patan
		Kutchchh
		Mahesana
		Banas Kantha
Location		
Longitude (deg.)		68.50 - 71.50
Latitude (deg.)		23.50 - 24.20
General Information		
Synonyms		Food - milk; Work - draught
Origin		Their origin is from Sindh
Major utility		
Comments on utility		Males are used for draft purposes
Comments on breeding tract		Kutch region in Gujarat. The climate of the tract is semi-arid. Most of the area is drought prone.
Adaptability to environment		These camels are adapted to the harsh climate, and salty and marshy land of this region.
Population		

	Year	Population	Other information		
	2001	113450	Estimated population in Banaskantha, Mehesana and Kutch districts of Gujarat. Final Report 2001-03. Network Project on Kutchi camel, GAU, S. Krushinagar, Gujarat.		
	2013	20653	Source: Estimated Livestock Population Breed Wise Based on Breed Survey 2013. Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Government of India, New Delhi		
Management					
Management system		Extensive			
Mobility		Stationary			
Feeding of adults		Grazing and Fodder			
Comments on Management		No special housing. The salt bushes and other vegetations grow in plenty here and these camels thrive on them very well. These are adapted to feeding of the vegetation in the salt marshes. Some owners practice drenching against gastro-intestinal worms.			
Morphology					
Colour		These camels have dark brown or red colour.			
Horn shape and size					
Visible characteristics		Camels are heavy built. Appearance is dull.			
		Male	Female	Overall	
Height (avg. cm.)		186.0	178.0		
Body Length (avg. cm.)		154.0	153.0		
Heart girth (avg. cm.)		181.0	182.0		
Body weight (avg. kg.)		633.0	534.0		
Birth weight (avg. kg.)		37.24	35.0	34.48	
Performance					

	Average	Minimum	Maximum
Age at first parturition (months)	52.68		
Parturition interval (months)	24.79		
Milk yield per lactation (kg)	1134.0		
Fleece weight (kg/year)	0.624	0.45	1.0
Any Peculiarity of the breed	Kachchhi camels can thrive without water for 2-3 days.. Most of these camels yield more than 5 kg of milk per day.		