**Breed Descriptor of Kutchi (Camel)**

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| **Male** | **Female** |
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| **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. |

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| **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 |

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| **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. |

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| **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 |

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| **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. | | |