



World Camel Day is being Celebrate for a Week in Dubai

## Description

### World Camel Day Forum

**A successful World Camel Day Celebration to highlight the important role camels play in food security, desert ecosystems and how their products impact people's lives**

Dubai, 19 June 2022: ADCRC, the Arabian Desert Camel Riding Center, hosted its first World Camel Day Forum this Saturday. The event took place at Mawaheb Community Café and was completely booked out. The attendees were able to listen to some of the biggest names in the scientific camel research space including Dr. Raziq Karkar (author), founder of world camel day and Dr. Ilse Koehler-Rollefson, award winning author, researcher and activist, who had travelled from India. To celebrate the uniqueness, importance and relevance of the camel, ADCRC hosted their first forum in honor of **World Camel Day**, which is on 22nd of June each year.



Dr Raziq Kakar is delivering lecture

## **To know who, why and when – World Camel Day was celebrated**

To know about the above important questions, please click on the links below;

- <https://camel4all.info/index.php/2022/06/20/what-is-world-camel-day/>
- <https://arkbiodiv.com/2020/06/20/history-of-world-camel-day-22-june/>
- <https://camel4all.info/index.php/2022/06/20/why-we-celebrate-a-world-camel-day/>
- <https://camel4all.info/index.php/2022/06/16/who-is-the-founder-of-world-camel-day/>

## **The Camel Milk is a Natural Pharmacy and the Camel Revitalize the Deserts**

**Dr. Raziq Karkar** (author) captured the audience's attention with his personal story of how he went from not being able to walk due to arthritis at a young age, to being completely healed through camel milk in the mountains of Pakistan and how this was his inspiration to become a vet and expert on camel milk. His research in Al Ain has revealed how the desert ecosystem benefits from grazing camels, by distributing seeds and ensuring bio diversity in flora and fauna. He encouraged the audience to seek sources of camel milk, directly from farms or through the supermarkets. Karkar, said: "we are extremely lucky to be in the UAE, which is the only country in the world which has fresh camel milk available on supermarket shelves."



Discussion about the historical background of the world camel day

## Camels can Make the Fortune of the Pastoralists

**Dr. Ilse Koehler-Rollefson**, who lives in Rajasthan for over 30 years, has published many books on camel health but also camel related products and their dwindling economy, resulting India's camel population plummeting from once 1.5 million to just about 200,000 in a very short span of time, a very contrary situation comparing to the UAE. India used to be listed as the third biggest camel population and is now faced with difficulties maintaining steady numbers. Dr Koehler-Rollefson outlined that a lack of lobby and cultural hurdles limit the sale of camel milk, despite the importance of maintaining camel pastoralism in Rajasthan, due to its desert climate. Apart from the question of food supply, camels in India were also a key driver for tourism, which poses an additional risk to the fragile local economy, should the numbers decline further.

## Camel Milk is an Incredible Natural Medicine for Skin Health

The speakers were also joined by **Stevi Lowmass**, the CEO and founder of The Camel Soap Factory (TCSF). Lowmass outlined how she incorporates locally produced camel milk in her products to reduce carbon footprint but also because of the noticeable health benefits to the users of her products. TCSF contributed to the EXPO merchandise line and won Natural Beauty Product of the Year Award. Lowmass also spoke about initial apprehension towards camel milk as an ingredient but users have become loyal customers and ambassadors thanks to the superior quality and results.

## Camel is an Amazing Companion Animal

The last speaker on the panel was Layla Donders, who travelled more than 2,500 kilometers with a camel caravan. The two journeys lead her from Damascus in Syria to Teheran in Iran and back into the UAE and Oman. She recounted the time of identifying the camels for her journey, back in Syria as a critical time and outlined who the relationship to the animals was the most critical part. She now lives near Muscat in Oman. Her oldest camel is now 28 years old and was part of the long journeys.



Author with a beautiful camel in Fujairah UAE

## Camel Movie Night

In addition to the forum and panel discussion, Arabian Desert Camel Riding Center has arranged for a unique movie night at Roxy Cinema City Walk on Tuesday (21st June) as well as an event at the camel riding center, displaying different traditional camel riding gear and offering a camel milk tasting in the evening.

## Arabian Desert Camel Riding on 22nd June

The Arabian Desert Camel Riding Center is the first licensed center to train camel jockeys for races, with an official training license issued by Dubai Camel Racing Club. The center was founded by Obaid bin Subaih al Falasi and Linda Krockenberger in January 2021. The centre will arrange a camel riding on 22nd June, the real camel day.

For further details, please click on the link below. <https://www.adcrc.me/blog/world-camel-day-forum>

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