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## Camels Through Time: History, Domestication, Challenges, Opportunities, and Sustainable Development

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### Abstract

*Camels, the ship of the desert,* have a unique old relationship with Arabian people. The Arabian proverb describes

camels as (If they carry then they can beat the weight, if they walk then they can go far away, and if they are slaughtered, they can be fed all, and if they are milked then all can drink). Since ancient times, camels were exploited as the beast of burden, for riding, milk, meat, and wool/hair. Their role in human civilization is greatly appreciated, as they facilitate trading and cultural dialog between people throughout continents. Although their role in caravan and transportation is dramatically decreased and limited, their role as the sustainable animal for future and food security saver is raising. Elucidation of their domestication, history, socioeconomic impact, and their expected role under the extreme circumstance of drought and desertification will enlighten the path for the future.

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