

Introduction

The two surviving species of domestic camel are the dromedary, or one-hump camel (*Camelus dromedarius*), which inhabits the Middle East and the Horn of Africa; and the bactrian, or two-hump camel (*C. bactrianus*), which inhabits Central Asia. There is also a wild camel species (*C. ferus*), although it only inhabits the region spanning from the Republic of Mongolia to China.

Furthermore, the distribution of the two domestic camel species differs, although they meet at the latitude corresponding to an average temperature of around 21°C. However, both species of camels have long been reared in Kazakhstan. Geographic position of Kazakhstan between Middle East and North-East Asia has been favored distribution and interbreeding of that two camel species. People in Kazakhstan have been actively crossbred to produce hybrids; for example, the Bukht hybrid camel, used to transport goods. They have domesticated both species and have interbred them. So up to now, one could find most diversity of camel hybrids and varieties in this region.

In this study, Kazakh words related to camel were collected, using web pages in Kazakh and analyzed. The meaning of these words were confirmed by the informants of camel pastoral people in Kazakhstan.

I. Vernacular names of camels

(1) General typology

Түйе Common name of camels, one-hump and two-hump camel. Originally is the name of the well in **Kyzyl-Orda** region.

Інген Common name of two-hump camel. Originally is the name of the place in **Kokshetau** region. Mainly means two-hump white female camel. It derives from Mongolian word “mother camel”.

Нар Common name of hybrid camel with one hump, named after the place of **Наркесткен**.

Бозінген Female two-hump camel.

Атан Castrated white camel. Also is the name of the mountain **Ақбастан** in **Kyzyl-Orda** region.

Буыршын Camel not being castrated until four years old.

Қайытқан нар Female camel which mating was controlled by human.

Қайылған нар Female camel that had interrupted mating and escaped from male camel.

Қайымалы інген Female camel naturally mated with male camel.

Тұмса Female camel that gave birth to the first baby.

Нарбота Aruana's baby.

Алып атан Very strong (powerfull) camel.

Шалағай Camel that is inferior in strength than **Алып Атан**.

Бөртекі Camel which is not used as pack animal.