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OIE SRR ABU DHABI WEBINAR

Animal Welfare with emphasis on Dromedary Camels

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Background:

The mission of the OIE, as an intergovernmental organization is the exertion of serious and genuine efforts to improve the animal health and welfare (AW) situation worldwide, as per its 7th strategic plan. OIE leading considerable efforts to foster global commitment to improving animal health and welfare by promoting the coordination of animal health and welfare management and supporting members VS to improve their capacities to carry out their roles and responsibilities in this regard.

In the Arabian Peninsula, Dromedary camels have a significant influence on people's lives, as an essential source of food and entertainment. In recent decades, despite the steady increase in camel population as a result of the provision of veterinary care and the adoption of modern farming and management systems, the availability of science-based information about camel-specific welfare standards and measurements remains scarce and limited, leading to a relative knowledge gap in this field, which deserves further attempts and efforts to improve understanding and better assessment of camel behavior, welfare requirements that apply to intensive and semi-intensive housing systems prevailing in the region.

In line with the OIE mandates of animal welfare, the OIE Sub-Regional Representation in Abu Dhabi and in collaboration with the International Coalition for Animal Welfare (ICFAW) are organizing this webinar on animal welfare with special emphasis on camel welfare recommended standards.

The Main Objectives:

1. To shed sufficient light on the OIE welfare standards and global strategy, to strengthen the awareness and knowledge of national veterinary services including the Veterinarian and veterinary paraprofessionals in the region, on the pillars of the OIE strategy, and enhance their capacities to communicate this knowledge to the concerned government departments, animal owners and the wider public.
2. To support member Countries' capabilities of AW policies development, implementation, and governance by fostering liaison with AW experts and relevant international non-governmental organizations.
3. To help the working veterinarian identify gaps and neglected areas that require the development of additional AW standards; and provide overall guidance and advocacy for science-based animal welfare standards, using the best scientific and practical expertise on animal welfare.



4. To contribute to the implementation of the Global & regional animal welfare strategies RAWs and provide species-specific mechanisms for developing AW policies, legislation, and measurements appropriate to the regional context, via promoted understanding, communication, and training.
5. To shed light on the Protocol for Scoring the Welfare Status of Dromedary Camels published by the ICFAW and walk participants through the scientific bases of calculating a Total Welfare Index and relevant scoring system.

Webinar Format:

The activity duration is scheduled as a two-hours virtual webinar, using the Zoom platform on the 28th of June 2022, from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm (Abu Dhabi time)

Webinar Program:

UAE Time Zone	Topic	Speaker
12:00 - 12:05	Opening speech	Dr. Montserrat Arroyo, OIE (DDG International Standards and Science)
12:05 - 12:10	Welcome Remarks	Dr. M. Alhosani, OIE S.R.R AD
12:10 - 12:30	OIE Global Animal Welfare Strategy work plan. The roles of OIE in Animal Welfare.	Leopoldo Stuardo, OIE Scientific Coordinator - AW, Standards Dept.
12:30 - 13:00	Assessing animal welfare standards on farm level: The Protocol for Scoring the Welfare Status of Dromedary Camels.	Prof Dr. Barbara Padalino, Bologna University
13:00 - 13:20	Challenges of modern Camel Farming: A Practical View.	Prof Dr. Raziq Kakar, Livestock Specialist, Abu Dhabi, UAE
13:20 - 13:35	The role of animal protection organizations in the implementation of OIE Animal Welfare Standards.	Julia Havenstein, ICFAW Regional Lead for the Middle East
13:35 - 13:55	Questions & Answers/Polling questions (Interactive tool)	(SRR AD / Leopoldo)
13:55 - 14:00	Closing Remarks	S.R. Representative AD



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Moderator:

Dr. Tariq Taha, Technical assistant, OIE Sub Regional office in Abu Dhabi

Webinar Language:

English

Registration: The registration will be done through the link

https://oie.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYudOqqqD4vHNQHwzq2XdZi_szFX31xFEFP

Other information:

The meeting will take place on the Zoom platform. By attending this meeting, you agree to its video recording and pictures taken by the organizers to be made available on their websites. If you do not consent to the terms of this video recording and photography's rights authorization, you may refrain from turning on your video and participating in the chat conversation.

For further inquiries regarding the webinar, please do not hesitate to contact Dr Tariq Taha, OIE Sub-Regional Representation in Abu Dhabi, Email t.taha@oie.int



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