

PRELIMINARY REPORT ON DISEASE OUTBREAK IN CAMELS IN
DISTRICT LAKKI MARWAT

Reference to the Directives of the Director General Research, the under signed along with Dr Baitullah Research Officer proceeded to Lakki Marwat on 5/5/2015 to investigate the cause of the sudden deaths in Camel population of the area.

History of Disease in Camels:

According to the farmers the disease started in the area about twenty days ago. The predominant history of all the cases was sudden deaths without showing any signs. Currently the wheat cutting season is in progress and almost all the farmers use their camels for transportation of wheat crop from fields. According to the farmers most of the camels died during working hours and gave no time even to slaughter the animal. The undersigned saw a camel died in the sitting position. Some of the farmers were of the view that their camels died after feeding of the Gram spoiled during the recent heavy rain fall in the area, however, deaths have also occurred in the areas where no spoiled gram was offered for feeding and even the farmers stopped feeding of spoiled gram but the mortality is still continuous. Some farmers told the two dogs died after eating the meat of the died camels. Some farmers shifted their animals to other villages but unfortunately they could not saved their animals from death. Some farmers told that their Camel started shivering with watery fluid from mouth and sudden death. So far more than sixty camels have died. The areas where the camels have died include Wanda Simu, Wanda Fatu, Wanda Kutana, Wanda Rehmani, Wanda Arsala, Badni Khel, Kuti Khel, Chowki Jand, Wanda Nemari, Wanda Haji gul, Pahar khel thal and Dallo Khel of district Lakki Marwat.

Dr Akhtar Ali Principal Research Officer/Regional Director Veterinary Research and Disease Investigation Center DI Khan has already paid visit to the affected areas in connection of the problem and submitted his report. According to his report, He and Dr Mubarik Khan Veterinary Officer Health visited the area, prepared smears on the spot, no pathogenic agent was observed/detected and according to their report the present sporadic deaths in camel population in Lakki Marwat could be due to poisoning caused by spoiled gram caused by recent heavy rain fall in the area.

Meeting with the Veterinary Staff of the Area:

The under signed visited the office of the District Director Livestock Lakki Marwat but he was not available in the office and was in the field in connection with same problem. The undersigned met the District Director Livestock in Taja Zai Complex in the Office of the Deputy Commissioner Lakki Marwat and discussed the problem in detail. The District Director Livestock

