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Camels

Whoever would have thoughtâ€¦ a camelâ€™s hump actually stores fat, not water as commonly believed.

Dromedary Camel

Habitat

There are two species of camels, the Dromedary has a single hump, and the Bactrian has two humps. Dromedaries, the species of camel we have here at Australia Zoo, are a domestic animal used in dry desert areas. While the Dromedary Camel's ancestors were native to west Asia, today the only wild camels are feral, having escaped or been released back into the wild, right here in Australia.

Diet

Camels typically graze on shrubs, leaves and grasses. They will tackle thorny bushes, saltbushes and other plants which most animals can't eat.

Breeding

The breeding season for camels depends on the availability of food and the climate so the season will vary depending on where in the world the camel lives.
A female camel, called a cow, is pregnant for just over one year. In the wild, camels will usually only have one baby every two years.

Australia Zoo Dromedary Camel profiles

Esther

Esther is a cheeky camel with a lot of personality!
Very distinct in appearance with her coat of tight curls and darker shade, Esther is always the first to greet her keepers in the morning. She will make a point of following them around the yard all morning, doing her best to "help out" with the daily clean! She is incredibly curious, loves sticking her nose into things and also picking up and carrying anything that she can get her mouth around.
As much as she likes to put on a big brave front when she is out and about on her walks, she is always the first one to come running for cuddles from her keepers for security when she encounters something unexpected. Go figure!

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