

《大连大妈动物园内薅骆驼毛》

A short video circulating in Chinese social media of an old woman pulling fur off a camel in Dalian Forest Zoo in northeast China's Liaoning Province has ignited debate about animal rights in the country's zoos.



Screenshot from the video

In the video, recorded on Tuesday, the woman can be seen nimbly yanking off the fur and putting it in her purse. Even though other visitors tried to stop her, she insisted.

Her behavior has drawn plenty of quizzical comments from the public. On Sina Weibo, one of China's largest social media platforms, user sophiameilidenvshen asked, "Grandma, what are you doing??"

"Is she worried that the camel might feel too hot?" Dadadadayali1 wondered.



Screenshot of the comments on Weibo

Madahaxiao said, "Is she insane? What can she use camel fur for?"

HuaxingyuDOR meanwhile joked that "She may use the fur to make a quilt in preparation for winter."

Others worried about whether the camel felt any pain at losing its hair.



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眼下正值端午和六一双节期间，动物园客流量较大，临近骆驼展区的羊驼广场聚集了大量游客，现场的骆驼饲养员会根据实际情况巡岗至羊驼广场、岩羊山等区域协助监管。

骆驼本身是一种非常温顺的动物，一般情况下不会对游客造成危险，但我园也在展区栏杆上设置了“禁止触摸”警示牌，杜绝潜在安全隐患。

从动物生理习性来说，我园骆驼正处于脱毛期，身上有很多自然脱落的毛，视频中老人薅毛的动作并不会给骆驼带来健康上的伤害。

但是，未能及时发现并制止这种不文明的行为确实是给大家造成了担忧，我们以后一定会加强这方面的监管，加强流岗作业和值班值守，希望大家和大连森林动物园共同努力，保护好动物。同时，也希望我们共同文明游览，杜绝这类不文明行为。

另外，老人应该不是恶意的。她可能是缺乏保护动物的意识，我们在谴责这种不文明行为的同时，也希望大家可以对老人家多些宽容。

骆驼现在很健康，情绪稳定，请大家放心！感谢您对野生动物保护事业的关心和关注！



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Screenshot of the statement by Dalian Forest Zoo

The zoo responded on Wednesday, saying that despite the fact that camels are calm animals that rarely attack

humans, it still posts signs around the enclosures urging visitors not to touch them.

The statement condemned the woman's behavior but said her actions would not have affected the camel's health because it was in the process of naturally shedding its fur for summer anyway.



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The zoo reassured the public that the camel is “healthy and in a stable mental condition.”

At the same time, Dalian Forest Zoo called for the public to be more aware of animal protection, and promised to increase patrols to prevent such incidents from happening again.