

More than 40 camels disqualified from Saudi beauty contest

Vocabulary

to be disqualified Botox a procedure an examination to reveal
to enhance a breeder a judge posture artificial

Article

Organizers of a beauty contest for camels in Saudi Arabia said 43 animals have been disqualified for receiving Botox treatments, face lifts and other cosmetic procedures.

Officials at the King Abdulaziz Camel Festival in the desert northeast of Riyadh said examinations of the camels entered in the beauty contest revealed 43 of the animals had received Botox injections, face-lift procedures, hormone injections and other banned enhancements.

The contest, which carries a prize of \$66 million for the winning animal's breeder, features judges rating the camels based on the shapes of their heads, necks and humps, as well as the camels' dress and postures.

Officials said advanced technology was used to check the camels for artificial enhancements, and 43 of the camels were disqualified due to the findings. They said it was the highest number of disqualifications in the contest's history.

Quiz

1. What did the examinations of the camels reveal? (2nd paragraph)
2. In the contest, what are judges' ratings based on? (3rd paragraph)

Conversation (two judges)

A: Ohhh! This camel is beautiful! Actually, it might be a little *too* perfect.
B: Hmm, yes, I think you're right. There seems to be some funny business going on.
A: Let's scan it with our brand new "Nip and Tuck" detection machine!
B: *beep beep* Aha! Yes, busted for cosmetic surgery! Okay, 100 more camels to go...

Discussion

1. Have you ever been to Saudi Arabia? Would you like to?
2. Have you ever ridden a camel? How about a horse?
3. What are some advantages and disadvantages of cosmetic surgery?