

An Anthropological Study of Animals and Their Connections with the Iranian Tribes

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ABSTRACT The main purpose of the present paper is to recognize the anthropological elements, in relation with the presence of tamed animals among the Iranian tribes, in particular the *Lor* tribe,² that is, one of the oldest tribes in Iran, dwelling in the mountainous area of *Zagros*, and who have been using tamed animals as the main source of their subsistence and livelihood. The presence of tamed animals has been considered as an important factor for man's development, as it would have been impossible for men to develop their lives without the help of such animals like horses, cows and cattle. It has been a custom for men to tame and use animals for their own success. The management and maintenance of these animals requires a quest for new knowledge and scientific methods of maintaining them in order to establish connections between people from different cultures.