



*Chocobo. It's like an ostrich the size of a horse.*

## CHOCOBO

*See stats below*

In the south and south-eastern parts of the Known World, from The Colonies to the Marradi Archipelago, horses and ponies are less common. People who were born and raised on these tropical islands prefer a more traditional mount and draft animal: the chocobo. Known as an "axe beak" or "terror bird" by outsiders, this large flightless bird is slightly larger than a horse, just as swift, and far more dangerous.

Training, handling, and especially riding a chocobo is infamously difficult, and requires special training...characters who are not proficient with the Animal Handling skill will have a very hard time with a chocobo. Chocobo are considered "exotic mounts" for the sake of certain rules and equipment (such as the type of saddle needed, or the cost of barding).



## GREAT ELK (aka Megaloceros)

*Use stats for "Giant Elk," Monster Manual, page 325*

In the frozen islands of the North, enormous reindeer-like animals have been domesticated by the people who live in this harsh climate. These great elk are especially prized among the goliath tribes of Islaad, who keep them not only as mounts, but also raise them for their meat, fur, and antlers. An adult megaloceros is about 7 feet tall at the withers (21 hands high, if you speak Horseman), and weighs about 4,000 pounds.

While the great elks are considered to be domesticated animals, their sheer size and power make them difficult for untrained riders to handle. Great elk are considered "exotic mounts."



*Pelorovis, aka "Giant Goat"*

## GIANT GOAT (aka PELOROVIS)

*Use stats for "Giant Goat," Monster Manual, page 326*

Horses and ponies are not particularly well-suited to the rugged mountains of the north and northwestern parts of the Known World. In these areas, giant goats are much more practical. A special breed of goat known as "the Pelorovis" is bred as a riding animal and beast of burden for the dwarves, orcs, and dragonborn of the northwestern and western islands. These giant wooly goats are raised for their meat, hide, and milk, and the larger males are employed as draft animals or war mounts. A giant goat is about 5 feet high at the shoulder, and weighs about 1200 pounds.

A giant goat is never fully domesticated, and makes for a stubborn and difficult mount for the untrained rider. Giant goats are considered "exotic mounts."