

# Unicorns

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# Chapter 1. Introduction

Unicorns are not mythological creatures, but are rare, magical creatures who a fortunate group of humans can interact with.



Throughout history, there have been numerous stories, legends, and images of beasts called unicorns. To the layperson unicorns may merely seem like horses with horns, but for centuries Europeans believed that unicorns were exotic animals that lived in such places as India, Persia, or Abyssinia.

There was also a widespread belief that a unicorn horn could purify water and cure epilepsy.

Apart from the crucial belief in the healing horn, three stories about unicorns came to be particularly popular in medieval times. The first was that the unicorn could only be captured with the help of a chaste young virgin. Medieval and Renaissance painters depicted unicorns nestled in the Virgin Mary's lap — a symbol of purity and beneficence.



## Unicorns and humans

Unicorns and humans can be emotionally bound. While most unicorns enjoy a nomadic existence within their herd, a few unicorns may choose to form bonds with highly intuitive humans.

When humans appeared, they came into contact with unicorns and, at first, they lived in harmony together. However, things changed as people spread across the Earth, increasing in number and gaining powers of a different kind: mechanical, electrical, and industrial. Humans came to rely on modern technologies and fewer people remembered the old magic.

As the world grew busier and noisier, unicorns became shyer creatures. They retreated to the highest mountains and deep into the thickest woods, where they used their intimate knowledge of the landscape and highly developed camouflage to hide themselves.

Over the decades, their magical powers evolved and became more specialized. Some unicorns have manes that can make them invisible at will. This allows them to roam unseen and without fear of harm. Others can fly, and anyone who tries to sneak up on them will find that they can disappear in the blink of an eye.

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## Chapter 2. Unicorn Types

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**Table 1. Unicorns Types**

| Types            | Location               | Temperment   |
|------------------|------------------------|--|
| Mountain Jewels  | mountain ranges, hills | Regal, attracted to gems   |
| Water Moons      | lakes, oceans, rivers  | Friendly, enjoy games  |
| Woodland Flowers | forests                | Love acorns and hide and seek, can   |
| Desert Flames    | arid plains            | Can be slightly tempermental, but very loyal   |
| Ice Wanderers    | polar regions          | Generally travel in small groups or pairs, only approaches young children or the elderly |

**Table 1. Unicorns Types (continued)**

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|---------------|---|---|
| Storm Chasers | prefer the tropics, but can appear anywhere | Can talk very fast, the fastest travelers   |
| Shadow Nights | prefer caves, but can appear during night   | Surprisingly gentle despite fierce appearance. Can shoot lightning from nostrils. |

## Chapter 3. Viewing a Unicorn

The exact nature of the circumstances, timing, and criteria under which unicorns allow humans to see them is highly mysterious and largely unknown. However, should a unicorn become visible, complete the following steps:

1. Receive consent from the unicorn to approach.

If *dyad* (on page 8) bonding has not yet occurred, then do not attempt to touch the unicorn.

Never chase a fleeing unicorn.

2. Approach with respect and provide a gift.

Unicorns are *herbavores* (on page 8) and generally prefer flowers, herbs, and other fauna from their *native* habitats.

3. When the unicorn's voice can be heard, respond with a polite greeting.

4. After the unicorn bows its head, you may reach out and gently touch its mane.

Do not touch its horn. In unicorn culture, that is considered to be very rude.

## Chapter 4. Glossary

### Herbavore

An *herbivore* is an organism that mostly feeds on plants. Herbivores range in size from tiny insects such as aphids to large, lumbering elephants.

Many herbivorous mammals have wide molars. These big teeth help them grind up leaves and grasses.

### Dyad

*Dyad* is a unique bond that connects a unicorn and human to be attuned to each other's senses, emotions, and knowledge completely even when not physically close.

When a bond is formed, the unicorn views the human as part of their herd and the pair share a psychic connection that can span across space and time.

The dyad bond is unbreakable and some report that it even extends beyond death.