
The Herdcraft

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Current Mastercraftert: Master Jorel

Mastercrafthall Location: Landing Weyr Territory

Other Notable Crafthalls: TBD

GENERAL INFORMATION

The main Herdcrafthall is located in Landing Weyr territory, close to the Jordan River and the Landing Plateau. The herdcraft specializes in the kinds of animals raised by every kind of holder on the planet. As is the case with many of the other hold crafts, the training received by a craft-trained herd crafter goes far beyond what the average holder knows about his animals.

There are two branches of the herdcraft: veterinary and breeding.

VETIRINERY

The veterinarian specialist of the herdcraft is someone who has studied all kinds of diseases and injuries to which herdbeasts of all kinds are subject. (He may also have some knowledge with respect to other animals, like felines and canines, but his specialty is herd animals). Every major Hold will have several trained herdcraft veterinarians as well as several more who journey throughout the hold to assist with animals within the Lord's territory. (While the Lord Holder pays for the services of the herdcraft veterinarian, any smallholder who uses his services will be expected to provide their Lord an extra portion in their tithe to cover the cost of these services, as well as feeding and housing the veterinarian for as long as his presence is required at the hold or cothold.)

BREEDING

This branch of the herdcraft deals with the study of how to breed the best characteristics from one generation of herdbeast to the next, as well as attempts to eradicate those diseases to which the herdbeasts are most prone. The herdcraft has developed flightless wherries that produce far more meat than their wild cousins, chickens that are prodigious egg-layers and other kinds of chickens that don't produce quite so many eggs, but are quite meaty, runners (horses) that are very fast, and those which are more suitable for a Lady to ride, etc. The craft has also bred hybrids that are the best of both. A hybrid chicken does not produce as

many eggs or have as much meat as either of the two breeds that specialize in one or the other, but it produces more meat than the egg-layer and more eggs than the meat bird. There are numerous breeds of runners, and several holders who make it a specialty of their hold to breed the best for racing purposes, etc. (Windsong, Cibola).

IMPORTANT PEOPLE

MasterHerder Jorel: Jorel is close to retirement, but there still isn't a beast on Pern this old man can't handle. He's bald as an egg, with bright black eyes. He's a prankster sometimes, but well capable of exerting his authority. Holds a deep and personal grudge against the Weyr.