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# Wildcat Caravan

**Creator Name:** Amy Waller

**Current Holder:** Caravan Master Horan

**Badge and Colors:** A silhouette of the head of a wildcat on a red field.

**Hold Beholden to:** None

**General Region Serviced:** Riverdance, Dorado & Drake Holds.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

Like most trader caravans, Wildcat is mostly an extended family, though they are more likely to welcome newcomers than some others. It is a medium caravan, numbering approximately 60 or so members, with the number fluctuating as people are born, die or join the caravan. Their typical trade route takes them through the areas of Riverdance, Dorado, Drake, and Thornblaze Holds, with numerous stops at the minor holds and coholds on the way.

Because of the demands of the trader lifestyle, there is little differentiation between the roles of women and men. Everyone is expected to have at least basic knowledge of all aspects of caravan life. While women are expected to be the cooks and cleaners and such, and men expected to be the crafters and animal tenders, the lines are not as hard and fast as they are in the Holds and Crafts. (Caravaneers do, however, have to live by holder rules while visiting holds, and women are expected to dress and act accordingly while at holds, with more freedom while on the roads between holdings.)

Wildcat Caravan's main trade goods are runnerbeasts and wild furs; however, the caravan is most renowned for their puppets and puppetry presentations at Gathers. Horan, the caravan's patriarch, is also a skilled puppet maker, and the caravan does a decent business selling puppets as well, though the ones they sell are never as detailed or articulate as the ones they use for their shows. One of the caravan's wagons is specially set up for use as a theater, as it is also where most of the puppet making is done. In recent turns the shows have been supplemented by a short performance by Casha and her wildcat Tok.

The caravan got its name from the fact that the caravan has a history of keeping domesticated wildcats. While keeping large numbers of them is impractical, there are usually one or two traveling with the caravan at a time. The caravan currently has two, one owned by Casha, who is the wife of the caravan leader, and one by Barrin, who is Uncle Horan's most likely successor to leading the caravan. Horan keeps a tight reign on who's allowed to keep and train a cat, so having one is one of the highest privileges in the caravan. Casha has also managed to train her cat to perform

a few simple tricks, which have added greatly to the entertainment profits of the caravan.

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## IMPORTANT PEOPLE

**Horan:** Caravan leader, called Uncle Horan be most of the caravan, regardless of actual relation 56 turns of age in 2828

**Casha:** Horan's wife, and the caravan matriarch. Owner of female wildcat Tok. 50 Turns of age in 2828.

**Barrin:** Keeper of the caravan's finances (marks/goods), owner of male wildcat Fierce, 42 Turns of age in 2828.

**Tarshen:** Herd master, also Horan and Casha's eldest son. 34 Turns of age in 2828

**Teyli:** Head puppeteer, also writes most of the shows. 31 Turns of age in 2858.

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## CONNECTIONS TO THE WEYR

**Rycas** -- F, 16 (in 2858), H= brown, E=brown, HT= 5'8". Rycas is a very social girl, but has the self-confidence to be rude when she feels like it. A good listener, but prone to teasing. Likes to bend the rules where she can, will play clueless when she believes it to her benefit. Candidate. Daughter of Teyli and Barrin, of Wildcat caravan. (Persona of Amy Waller)