

# A GUIDE TO THEROPOD CAPTURE AND DOMESTICATION

OR

## HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DINOSAUR

Greetings Heroes of the Realms,

I was pleased to see you again at the festivities you held at the north border of Rhiassa, The Gilded Lion and Silver Branch Summer Festival, this past weekend. I was pleased as well for you to have met my trusty Saurian Steed, Buttercup. In the years since you saved Norlund from total destruction the benevolent stewardship provided by Tychasaurus has allowed Midgard to prosper, and travel across its wide, fertile plains is mostly accomplished on smaller two-legged species of dinosaurs like Buttercup.

As I mentioned to you when we spoke, while Norlund was ultimately saved through your intervention, right now Yggdrasil, which connects together all of the lands of Norlund, is growing amuck. With Midgard and the other worlds made anew, the ancient tree no longer understands how to interconnect them all and as such, is tearing the lands apart with its gargantuan roots and branches as it tries. I remain confident that this issue can be dealt with but to do so you will no doubt need to traverse great distances across all of Midgard and beyond.

Thus, I am inviting you all to spend some time in the next few months coming across the Vanfrost to obtain your own Saurian Steeds. Provided below are all the instructions you should need to locate and capture your own theropod which you can then use when you travel once more to Norlund to right this final wrong.

Strength and Honor,  
Ulric of the Jomsvikings

# THE DINOSAUR STABLE

The Dinosaur Stable is an IC/OOC Discord Server where you are going to capture your Saurian Steed. Join the Discord Server at this link: <https://discord.gg/mnCdcAc5fn>

## METHODS OF DINOSAUR CAPTURE

Overall there are six different ways of capturing a dinosaur. Each is equally effective in allowing you to acquire a Saurian Steed, so the method you choose is pretty much entirely personal preference. The details are in some cases somewhat vague to allow you some creativity in how you approach the method you choose.

- I. Subjugate a dinosaur through force
- II. Perform a lengthy scientific study of a dinosaur to learn to tame one
- III. Perform a detailed artistic study of a dinosaur to learn to tame one
- IV. Befriend a dinosaur by appealing to its appetite
- V. Capture a dinosaur in an elaborate trap
- VI. Summon a dinosaur in from the wild through magical ritual

**Subjugate a dinosaur through force:** Win a game of Vikings vs. Dinosaurs (by Rhiassa Games) by defeating all twelve dinosaurs in the deck. If you beat the game with multiple players, all players are considered to have achieved this goal for the purposes of acquiring a dinosaur. Take a photograph of all of the players hands and the last King dinosaur you defeated at the end of the game and post it in The Dinosaur Stable.

**Perform a lengthy scientific study of a dinosaur to learn to tame one:** Pick any species of dinosaur that is a theropod. Create a “science fair project” tri-fold display board about that species of dinosaur with color pictures and text, detailing interesting facts that we know (OOC) about that dinosaur. Take several good photos of the board so all text can be read and post them in The Dinosaur Stable.

**Perform a detailed artistic study of a dinosaur to learn to tame one:** Pick any species of dinosaur that is a theropod. Create a work of art out of any medium, physical or digital, that depicts that dinosaur. The work of art should overall be high quality and impressive in however you interpret those terms. Take several good pictures of your art and post them in The Dinosaur Stable.

**Befriend a dinosaur by appealing to its appetite:** The dinosaur species that you are attempting to tame are carnivores and they certainly can eat! With dinosaurs as well as people, the way to their heart is through their stomach. You can befriend a dinosaur by cooking for them. Your goal is to create a “meat feast”, however you interpret that term. If you are a vegan/vegetarian that’s okay. The meal doesn’t have to contain meat, it’s just the theme is “meat feast”. Take several good pictures of your meat feast and post them in The Dinosaur Stable.

**Capture a dinosaur in an elaborate trap:** If you have some engineering skill to speak of you might choose to capture your Saurian Steed in a cage! Build a scale model of some kind of working contraption that can drop a cage on a target when triggered by that target. Take a video of it working and post it (or a link to it) in The Dinosaur Stable. Videos are best hosted off-Discord and linked.

**Summon a dinosaur in from the wild through magical ritual:** Those more arcanelly inclined might choose this option. Design a ritual with the express purpose of calling in a dinosaur from the wild to approach you and consider you it's master. Perform that ritual on a video and post it (or a link to it) in The Dinosaur Stable. Videos are best hosted off-Discord and linked.

## DINOSAUR SHIPPING AND HANDLING

After you have successfully proven that your character has captured a dinosaur, you'll have to physically acquire one. Below is a list of Amazon links to pre-approved dinosaur-rider costumes that you may purchase. There are a range of prices and quality. If you can find the same product from a vendor that is not Amazon it's fine to purchase it there.

If you would like to purchase a dinosaur mount that is not on this pre-approved list you can contact Jason through PM. Dinosaurs that are pretty much the same as those below will likely be approved. Dinosaurs that are substantially different may not be for reasons that pertain to the plot of the event.

Please note, the dinosaur costumes below are at all different price points ranging from around \$25 to \$75. The majority of the options are in the \$35-\$45 range. We understand that this is an expensive purchase which is one of the reasons we're announcing this mechanic several months before the event. We encourage you to seek economical options for purchase, to look at the used-goods market, and to share ideas for saving money with the community.

- **MXoSUM**
  - <https://a.co/d/3NuJvak>
- **One Casa**
  - <https://a.co/d/2Hmxjnh>
  - <https://a.co/d/bhgafQl>
- **GOOSH**
  - <https://a.co/d/4JhO2Cb>
  - <https://a.co/d/6XjGuC8>
  - <https://a.co/d/aXy1mxx>
  - <https://a.co/d/dok3TUI>
- **DoscOs**
  - <https://a.co/d/df96ryM>
- **Qshine**
  - <https://a.co/d/e2pDW2d>
- **KOOY**
  - <https://a.co/d/5QZsb3t>
- **MT MENGTONG**
  - <https://a.co/d/jd6WrvB>
- **Géneric**
  - <https://a.co/d/3AUyKBX>
- **HSCTEK**
  - <https://a.co/d/1rMV1mm>

- **Sun Moon Hong**
  - <https://a.co/d/5M9w5je>
- **IRETG**
  - <https://a.co/d/6MrK3SQ>
- **YEAHBEER**
  - <https://a.co/d/gJHjver>
- **Camlinbo**
  - <https://a.co/d/gabc8BL>
- **Acekid**
  - <https://a.co/d/9VltSAm>
  - <https://a.co/d/0HmLCmT>
- **BETTWITEH**
  - <https://a.co/d/7EwLoYj>
- **HARBERIDE**
  - <https://a.co/d/4quoRP8>

## SAURIAN STEED CUSTOMIZATION

Once you have acquired your dinosaur you are encouraged to customize the look however you wish. You might want to pay attention to how your character garb interacts with the dinosaur and make alterations to what you wear to best create your look.

You can add garb or barding to the dinosaur itself, just check that it does not interfere with the inflation ability of the costume.

Customization of the costume with permanent marker is possible as well, if you want to add any personal touches like branding, spots, scars, magical runes, or anything of the like.

No, you don't have to wear the hats.

You're welcome, but not required, to post your finished look and that of your Saurian Steed in the Dinosaur Stable.

## FINAL NOTES

The training and acquisition of a Saurian Steed is not a requirement to attend the final Echoes of Ragnarok event. We very much suggest and encourage you to do so as it will certainly enhance your overall experience at the event but anyone may attend regardless. Look for more information about *Echoes of Ragnarok: The Conclusion* in the coming months.