

Daeodon (Dire Boar)

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<My team and I had a run in with one of these things while crossing the border south of Phoenix. At first I thought it was a Javelina, but as we got closer I realized it was fraggin huge. It charged our truck before we could get around it. It hit so hard it almost flipped us over. I thought others should know about them.> Burnt Feathers



The Daeodon is the largest of the Entelodonts — sometimes facetiously termed hell pigs or terminator pigs. It was thought these pigs had gone extinct before modern man walked the earth, only to return after the rise of magic. ~2035

<These things taste goods. If uz can gets one. Deyz feed the tribe fr months if uz do. Ummy>
Hungry Troll

Description

Whereas the boar is ill-tempered and generally unfriendly, the towering Daeodon (known as the dire boar to most people and hunters) is legitimately hateful and violent. Although omnivorous like its smaller kin, the Daeodon prefers to feed on flesh, and its razor-sharp tusks and keen eyesight make it particularly well suited as a predator.

<No dreck! I need to get one. I bet I could ride it!> Crazy Orc

<You might not survive getting on it.> Sceptical Cat

<I could try> Crazy Orc



A typical adult daeodon is 12 feet long and 7 feet tall at the shoulder. It weighs approximately 2,000 pounds. The boar has spines that adorn this enormous back and neck. Its tusks are long, sharp, and barbed, and its small red eyes seem to burn with a wicked intelligence.

<They react to your tactics, so be careful if you hunt one. I ran into a sounder of these

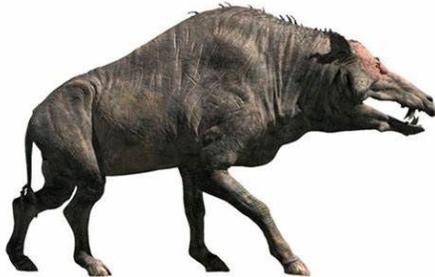
things and tried to get the biggest one. I lost a leg trying to get away.> Unfortunate Samurai

Dire boar will form sounders as large as the environment will sustain, with the largest on record topping out at seventeen adult individuals, seen in Aztlan, which is horrifying. They are matriarchal, with females past breeding age forming the leadership for the sounder.

Dire boar piglets take three to five years to reach maturity, and will be coddled by the sounder until they are old enough to survive on their own. <Their cute, but these babies eat like a troll. Non stop.> Sly

History

These creatures had lived between from 20,600,000 to 16,300,000 years BP.



Post 2011 (Awakening)

There is little known about the Daeodon. They have no pre-awakened history that is known, and they have only been spotted by people while flying over the desert. One mage that saw them said, "Their aura is shifting and hard to follow. It blends right into the background of the area around them." They were first reported in 2035 with sightings increasing as we move further into the 6th age.

<I wouldn't say it was shifting, just different. Their aura looks like a common pig, not a huge creature that it really is.> Spider Mage

Current Territory

The Dire Boar has been spotted in the South Western portion of North America, Central America, and parts of South America.

Why Interest

While the Daeodon is primarily a scavenger, it isn't averse to attacking smaller creatures it encounters while searching for easier meals, or those who stumble unwittingly into its territory. It is rumored that one of these creatures was the reason the feathered serpent Roxie hasn't been seen. It is thought she was eaten by a sounder of these boars while she slept.

<This is still just a rumor, I also heard she fragged with a great dragon. Some creatures have no common sense.> Doubtful Doubter



Possible similar species

Since 2060, there have been reports that match the appearance and habits of the Daeodon in northern Siberia and Mongolia which has lead researchers to post both new species and invasive population of the American Dire Boar. However, there have been no confirmed captures or kills to date. These Siberian and Mongolian boars seem to have a camouflage that blends into whatever surrounding they are in.

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Initiative: 1D6+9

Limits: Physical 8 Mental 5 Social 5

Powers: Concealment, Enhanced senses (Smell, Hearing, Sight), Adaptive Coloration, Silence

Skills: Perception 5, Running 4, Sneaking 6, Unarmed Combat 4 (Bite, scratch) Strength +4 P damage

Gamemasters Note: These creatures are hard to kill. If your runners are getting through one too easy, have another move into the area. They live in sounder groups of 4-6 and have at least one large barren female who will defend the rest to her death.

These things are hard to find. They are silent, concealed, and have adaptive coloration making them hard to find, target, and hunt. A 2000 lb boar charging at you and you don't even hear the trees breaking as it crashes through the brush.

These creatures are smart and will change tactics or flee if they think they need to. They would rather run away and live to fight another day.