

Challenge 3 (700 XP)

Proficiency Bonus: +2

Confer Necrotic Resistance. The duskrider can grant resistance to necrotic damage to anyone riding it.

Keen Hearing and Sight. The duskrider has advantage on Wisdom (Perception) checks that rely on hearing or sight.

Sure-Footed. The duskrider has advantage on Strength and Dexterity saving throws made against effects that would knock it prone.

## ACTIONS

Bite. Melee Weapon Attack: +5 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. Hit: 12 (2d8 + 3) bludgeoning damage plus 7 (2d6) necrotic damage.

Hypnotic Breath (Recharge 5-6). The duskrider exhales hallucinogenic gas in a 15-foot cone that causes its victims to see haunting visions of their worst fears. Each creature in that area must make a DC 13 Intelligence saving throw, taking 21 (6d6) psychic damage on a failed save and becoming Paralyzed with fear, or half as much damage on a successful one and not being paralyzed. A paralyzed creature can repeat this saving throw at the beginning of their turn, taking 7 (2d6) psychic damage on a failed save, or ending the paralyzed condition on a successful

A favorite steed of demonic warriors, duskriders are twisted creatures born from darkness and despair. Thick, coarse fur covers their bodies, and their cloven feet make them highly agile mounts. Hypnotic gas seeps from their mouths, and their pupilless, glowing red eyes are soul-piercing.

Mounts. While difficult to control, duskriders make excellent mounts for those brave enough to ride them. They only accept riders that are as savage as themselves.

Feeding on Fear. A duskrider diet consists of fresh raw meat and fear. They delight in tearing into a creature caught in the throes of their fearinducing hallucinogenic gas breath.

Bonding a Duskrider. The bond between rider and mount is forged in savagery and the blood of worthy sacrifices. Once paired, a duskrider accepts only one rider in its lifetime.

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