

## *Information from the Fairy Handbook*

### Dragons

Dragons are fantastic reptilian monsters with huge wings, sharp claws, and crested heads. Dragons are born of fire and breathe fire. They are magical creatures under the guardianship of Mother Nature, but they are not very numerous. There are very few dragon colonies left in the world because dragons need a lot of space and cannot live too near humans. Dragons have powerful and secret magic, and it is unknown exactly what is included in their magical abilities. However, it is known that dragons have healing powers, absolute honesty, and beyond-this-world fierceness. Dragons do not usually harm fairies, and they normally stay far away from regular human beings. When they do befriend other creatures, their loyalty is extreme, and legendary. Fewer dragons exist today than in the days of old. However, dragons are still being born. Mother dragons lay their eggs in the center of the earth, which is the only place hot enough to hatch dragon eggs. Baby dragons are born in the earth's core and are delivered to the world when they are spewed out of volcanoes on great fountains of fire or plumes of spouting lava. All dragons are skilled tailors.

### Rites of Dragondom

The Rites of Dragondom is a ceremonial ritual that each dragon must participate in to pass into dragon adulthood. The ritual involves a quest to obtain a fabulous jewel for the queen of the dragon colony. Dragons are required to complete this quest around age two hundred, which is actually very young since dragons can live for thousands of years. The quest involves a series of challenges to overcome four terrible foes. Upon successful completion of the four challenges, the dragon is accepted into dragon society with full rights and privileges, his or her place secure for all eternity.

### Dragon Favorite Foods

The dragons' favorite foods include mangos, chocolate covered glazed donuts, strawberry pudding, salt water taffy, bubble gum flavored chiffon cakes, black licorice, and baked Alaska.