

CENTAURS

1st House

Magizoologist #1 - Let's take a moment to think of how much we hate Umbridge. Most hate her more than even the evil Lord Voldemort. Now remember how much satisfaction you had when the centaurs dragged her off kicking and screaming, that's only the tip of the iceberg of why Centaurs are amazing.

Magizoologist #2 - Centaurs deserve the number one spot if they have to be on this list at all. I honestly feel weird writing it up, because they're half human and just as intelligent (if not more so) what gives us the right to rank them? What gives us the right to try to harness control of any other living creature? Just as I would have felt uncomfortable if muggles had appeared on this list, I object to the idea that we would call a creature that we are willing to bring in as a professor for our youth "magical beast". The centaurs have the power of divination, the ability to communicate with humans and even speak the same language. They protected Harry in the forest when he was just a boy, and though unwillingly they also protected Harry and Hermione from Umbridge. We should give Centaurs the same rights and protections as people and not rank them on the same list as we ranked skrewts and billywigs. But if we have to rank them, we should at least give them the number one spot.

Magizoologist #3 - Centaurs chose to label themselves, to define themselves, not based on what those who deem themselves better said, but on their own merit and their own understanding of themselves and the world around them. They did not think that speaking "wizard tongue" made them any more a "being," nor any better than another creature and so they retained their classification as "beast." Beast is not as an insult thrown upon them by wizardkind but as a term claimed by themselves, for themselves.

Magizoologist #2 - That's fair, but even if they self define as beasts, I don't think it's fair to compare them. I think they could just as easily call us beasts.

Magizoologist #3 - ~~I mean I've seen you on a Friday night...~~ I think we're on the same side though, I'm saying that their ability to choose their label and reclaim it for themselves means they're inherently a strong (if not the strongest) competitor for the number one spot.

Magizoologist #2 - I agree. Centaurs for number one! First they take over the rankdown, and after.... THE WORLD!

Magizoologist #3 - I think they'd be happy with the Forbidden Forest in all honesty, just being left alone from wizard politics for a while.

Magizoologist #4 - Centuars have an... interesting relationship with wizards. Like goblins and elves, they are deemed inferior to wizards, despite being very intelligent and talented, and are refused a wand. This might make you feel bad for these beings, technically classified as beasts, but they too think they are superior to wizards. The two species just don't get along at *all*, and centaurs that work with humans are often shunned by their peers. However, despite their prejudiced ways, they are noble creatures. They put their differences aside and willingly helped fight against the Death Eaters in The Battle of Hogwarts. This is not something done by Unicorns or Merpeople or Boggarts or any other creature on this list. Because of their heroic decision to help save the wizarding world, they are *the* best creature.

Magizoologist #3 - Tbh I'd be impressed by the merperson able to fight on land, since they're not exactly amphibious. (Let the record show that Ms. Magizoologist #4 attempted to start a fight based on this comment.)

Magizoologist #4 - I did **no** such thing. (Let the record also show that Sir Poopypants III (Magizoologist #3) wanted to "drag a *mean word*")

Regardless of [HOUSE REDACTED]'s internal politics, Centaurs definitely deserve the top spot of this rankdown.

2nd House

Magizoologist #1: At first glance, centaurs are a rather off-putting creature. They seem half-human, half-horse, some strange conglomerate of two very different beings. However, centaurs are their own race with a rich history. They are naturally gifted in a variety of skills, including healing and divination. In fact, Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry hosted a centaur professor for several years! The centaur Firenze taught Divination to students with great success, though his methods were different than Professor Trelawney. Centaurs are also physically gifted, with archery as their main method of defense. It must take a lot of concentration to keep six limbs in coordination while galloping around the uneven forest floor. I can barely manage running on two legs! Centaurs and merpeople also share a particular source of history. Just like merpeople, centaurs rejected the classification of Being because Hags and Vampires were included in this classification. I find it incredibly revealing about this creature that they, too, rejected the description of "sentient" because other immoral creatures were granted this amazing right. Centaurs were willing to stand up to the Ministry of Magic and take a stand against something they did not believe in. That makes centaurs one of the best creatures in the Wizarding World.

Magizoologist #2: Centaurs seem like they are super chill and relaxed (providing you are also a centaur). I bet you they grow good marijuana, smoke it, and philosophize a bunch of random stuff. That seems pretty dope. I also fucking love going to the planetarium. Hanging out with the centaurs would be the wizarding equivalent, and studying the stars, would be 100000x better.

Also, I'm sure you've all seen the most adorable photo of a proposed baby centaur. I would love to see a baby centaur flopping in the wind. That sounds so amazing.

Magizoologist #3: Out of all the non-humans classified as Beings by the Ministry of Magic, it is perhaps the Centaurs that have the longest history of interaction with wizardkind and Mugglekind, and assistance that they have rendered in past instances - including the raising of many wizards who were identified as heroes or demigods by classical European civilization - makes their imprint on human history both indelible and of immeasurable importance. This aspect alone would make centaurs the best non-humans in the wizarding world."

Magizoologist #4: Centaurs have to be the best creatures in the entire universe. There's no question. If there was, they'd only respond in cryptic astrology references anyway. Their relationship with the wizarding world is nuanced and could serve as the plot of a book series of its own. The complexity is portrayed masterfully, truly exemplifying the centaurs' frustration with wizards' demeaning attitude towards them and showing how they are equal in ability and intelligence, just in ways that wizards don't value or, therefore, respect. And they are flawed as a group as well. Their rejection of Firenze for his willingness to work with wizards shows that they are potentially just as intolerant as the wizards, and it's interesting to think that perhaps we as readers perceive them as pure victims just because they have been relegated to specific areas by wizards. They are a stubborn folk that seem just as unwilling to negotiate with wizards as wizards are with them. I am by NO MEANS saying that herding them to a reservation is okay in the slightest, but I think it is a possible effort by Rowling to add depth to their conflict, and we all know she hasn't had the best track record with sensitivity to similar themes. Regardless, no other creatures in the series have nearly as much characterization and it isn't even close.

Magizoologist #5: Centaurs have been lauded for their prodigious skills in nature-based Astronomy, Divination, and healing magic, as well as archery. Their actions in the magical community, including their solidarity for the merpeople maligned by fickle wizarding law, as well as their treatment of fellow centaurs like Firenze for their actions, is truly not dissimilar to human beings. While we have had our differences in the past, we clearly have more similarities and would stand to benefit from a collaborative relationship.

3rd House

Magizoologist #1: Centaurs are ABSOLUTELY the BEST creatures, hands down! Let me tell you why. So back when we were making our predictions, I was adamant that we either put centaur first or last. This is because centaurs aren't really beasts, they're beings. Therefore, they are either the worst at being creatures or the best of the entire bunch. Previously, I said that our cuts now are down to intelligence; centaurs are definitely the most intelligent magical beast. You have to really respect the centaurs' self-awareness, too, since they specifically made a conscious decision to not be classified as beings; they had the option and declined. That's insane! (In a good way.) Here's a quote from *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*: "The centaurs objected to some of the creatures with whom they were asked to share "being" status, such as hags and vampires, and declared that they would manage their own affairs separately

from wizards.” They objected to the morality of some other beings and said “No thanks, we’ll do our own thing so we don’t have to sacrifice our principles.” How incredible is that! And they have taken that decision very seriously; most of the centaurs refuse to even talk to humans unless they absolutely have to and consider meddling in human affairs one of the worst crimes and a disgrace. On the other hand, they are fantastic diviners, and Firenze was even tuned in with his divination well enough that he was willing to teach at Hogwarts because he knew they needed a teacher in the long run. They also assisted the good side in the Battle of Hogwarts. That definitely makes them the top creature!

Magizoologist #2: Half-human, half-horse, full on badass! Centaurs race to the top of this list like a race horse at the Kentucky Derby. Not because we put them there, but because they choose to be there. Now, sure they can be a little dickish, not helping the wizarding world until the absolute last moment when Voldemort was rising to power. I mean, come on guys, tell us more than the fact a planet looks very bright tonight. I mean really, it too hard to say “by’s looks like that noseless ass that no one wants to say name is coming back with a vengeance”, sorry, I digress a little. I guess what counts is they did come through in the end at the battle of Hogwarts, and they did string up that evil witch with a B Umbridge.

Magizoologist #3: Where to begin... Centaurs are really the coolest magical creatures. While some may believe that they are more similar to humans (beings) than beasts, they chose as a species to be classified as such. Like merpeople, they were not keen on being given the same status as vampires and hags. They are, in appearance, half human and half horse, but they are not actually half-breeds. They have very intelligent magical talents including astronomy, astrology, and divination. We know very well that there is a large herd living in the Forbidden Forest at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. These creatures are so smart, so beautiful, and just downright magical. When you ask anyone to start naming the first magical beasts that come to mind, it is very likely that centaurs will be included right away. They have certainly built themselves a reputation of mystery and intelligence, and for that, they are the BEST creatures!

MERPEOPLE

1st House

Magizoologist #1: The term merperson isn’t just for the ones we’ve seen in Hogwarts’ Black Lake, they are found all over the world. Warmer waters have the beautiful mermaids depicted in the muggle world, whereas those from Scotland and Ireland differ from the stereotypical muggle depiction (*IFF muttering in the background* you calling us ugly?). It is also possible that freshwater merpeople differ from their salt-water brethren, being less aggressive and warlike.

Merpeople are sentient beasts with an entire society and culture which makes them unique from the rest of the list. Like centaurs, the merpeople were even offered the classification of beings

but they rejected it. I would too when given the choice of being grouped with hags and vampires or majestic beasts like phoenixes and unicorns.

Magizoologist #2: "Unique" then comparing them to another creature. I do not think it means what you think it means.

Magizoologist #1 continues over Magizoologist #2- They even have their own developed language, Mermish, which Dumbledore himself has learned. As well, have created many songs including the riddle for the second task of the Triwizard Tournament.

Merpeople have held the respect of the wizard community, although the relationship between the two is not the most stable. Regardless of their beast classification, at the International Confederation of Wizards in 1692, a delegation of merpeople were requested to attend. This merperson delegation would help wizards decide what to do with various other magical creatures. In more recent years Dolores Umbridge had tried to have them rounded up and tagged, but the Ministry as a whole ensured her idea was never approved.

They are a smart race and are not naive about wizard intentions. Merpeople give respect where they see it's earned, and have been seen to help humans like their contribution to the Second Task of the Triwizard Tournament.

The Second Task also shows how much Albus Dumbledore and the other headmasters believe in the merpeople. Young wizard children were trusted in their care for hours where the wizard supervisors could not see them. What's more, even when Harry got to the 'hostages', the merpeople ensured to only confront the champions rather than actually attack.

Seeing that they were given the choice to join this list of beasts, and that they are truly just a sophisticated underwater civilization, they deserve a top spot in this rankdown.

Magizoologist #2: *Singing "Under the Sea" in the background* IT WAS WRITTEN BY MUGGLES IT'S NOT SPECIES-IST. What a bop. Onto Disney Rankdown again guys?

Magizoologist #3: I just want my HPRankdown4.

Well as far as *this* rankdown goes, we believe Merpeople deserve to be our collective number one.

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amazing right. Centaurs were willing to stand up to the Ministry of Magic and take a stand against something they did not believe in. That makes centaurs one of the best creatures in the Wizarding World.

Magizoologist #2: I'm all about magical creatures that lure, drown, eat, thirsty ass men. I wish they would do this to anyone who ever sent an unsolicited dick pic. And that's not the only great thing mermaids have to offer! They get to chill all day, every day, with the creature who should really be number 1.....The Giant Motherfucking Squid. Just by that association alone, mermaids should be the victors.

Magizoologist #3: The contributions of merpeople to international commerce cannot be underestimated thanks to the combination of their serving as guides and lending the occasional assistance to ships stranded in the doldrums, and their occasional rescue of the overboard Muggle - some of whom attributed their good fortune to dolphins thanks to their mental inability to comprehend that what they were looking at really were merfolk.

Magizoologist #4: Merpeople, among the most intelligent of creatures, rule the seas from their organized communities. They have been known to domesticate fearsome sea creatures much like Muggles attempt to domesticate their pets. Muggle lore about sirens, a Greek species of merpeople, speaks highly of their allure and intelligence, not dissimilar to veela. They claim that only the strongest of humans could resist their song, and when their hero Odysseus resisted their allure, they retreated to the water and perished. In reality, Odysseus, a skilled wizard in his own right, forged a contract with the sirens for safe passage from that isle alone. Beyond their incredible intellect, merpeople are known for their prodigious musical abilities and for their equally harmonious interactions with other species. For example, the Selkies of the Black Lake dutifully guarded the Triwizard Champions' most precious people and tried to stop Harry from his honor, when he almost drowned after gillyweed's effect ran out. Their musical abilities may help to uncover a system of music far more perfect than the tempered and intoned systems humans use even now, despite their voices not translating in the open air.

3rd House

Magizoologist #1: Merpeople are THEE coolest and here's why. Like every little muggle-born girl who ever watched the Little Mermaid movie, I always pretended to be a mermaid anytime I was in a pool from then on. Merpeople of the Wizarding world are equally as amazing and inspiring! They may not be as conventionally beautiful as the Merpeople that Muggles have concocted in their folklore and movies, but they are loyal, territorial, and speak their own language. Besides just looking a bit scary but at the same time magnificent, they are quick and intimidating, as we witnessed in the famous tri-wizard tournament Harry Potter participated in. They were offered being status, but decided to remain classified as beasts to avoid being lumped in with vampires and hags. They know their worth, that's for sure! That is why they are the BEST!

Magizoologist #2: I have to agree with User 1, MerFolk are woke!! Having been compared to a hag before by a particularly unhappy gentleman from Jacksonville who did not appreciate my suggestions on how to fix his internet, well I can understand why the MerFolk would stand (do MerFolk stand? No?) I mean float proud and choose to rule as beast. Which is why they belong at the top of this list.