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| **Bovox**  **Description:** Bovoces (the plural form of bovox) is the cross breeding of a minotaur and common cattle. At first appearance they tend to be mistaken for common domesticated cows, and often they allow this misconception to avoid combat. Bovoces are capable of speech and often speak common or minotaur. In worlds where there is an absence of female minotaurs, the bovox are likely to be found for minotaur procreation.  **Combat/Tactics:** Bovoces most likely depend on minotaurs for their protection. Often lead from minotaur city labyrinths to open planes of grasslands to feed, Bocoxian herds are usually escorted by 2-10 minotaur guards. If forced into combat, the bovox can charge and butt its head causing 1-6 points of damage. A group of eight or more bovoces may also stampede. PC’s caught in a stampede must make a dexterity check at a -6 penalty for every round the bovox ar in the vicinity, or sustain 4-32 points of damage for 1-6 rounds for being caught underneath the pounding hooves. | **Bovox** |
| **AKA:** Ionians/Talking Cow |
| **Hackfactor:** |
| **EP Value:** 120 |
| **Climate/Terrain:** Subterranean / Plains |
| **Frequency:** Rare |
| **Organization:** Herd |
| **Activity Cycle:** Day |
| **Diet:** Omnivore |
| **Intelligence:** Average Intelligence (8-10) |
| **Alignment:** Any Non Good |
| **No. Appearing:** 3-30 |
| **Size:** L (5’ at shoulder) |
| **Movement:** 15” |
| **Psionic Ability:** Nil |
| **Attack/Defense Modes:** Nil/Nil |
| **Morale:** Half Hearted (9) |
| **Armor Class:** 7 (6 if armored) |
| **No. of Attacks:** 2 |
| **Damage/Attacks:** 1-6 |
| **Special Attacks:** Stampede |
| **Special Defenses:** Head is AC 4 |
| **Magic Resistance:** Standard |
| **Hit Dice:** 6 |
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**Habitat/Society:** Bovoces live in dark minotaur city labyrinths and have learned to live on a carnivorous diet, but prefer to eat grass or hay. Minotaurs keep bovoces as wives and use their milk to make cheeses which the minotaur city labyrinths use in their primary diets along with meat.

**Ecology:** The first bovox were created hundreds of years ago when Minotaurs used common cattle to reproduce. Half of these offspring became male minotuars and the other half became intelligent bovoces. Many Minotaurs have accepted Bovoces as mates since their offspring are stronger then if mating with a human or demi-human female. (human/minotaur is +2 Strength, Bovoxian minotaurs gain a +4 Strength both are maxed out at 20 strength during character creation). Bovoxian minotaurs are unable to become magic users, so all free range minotaurs have human or demihuman mothers. In times of war, bovox units may be armored and used to stampede in battle. These armors are made of wood with sharpened spikes to avoid humanoids sitting on top of them. A bovox may never be ridden. Such would show bovine servitude to humankind and is punishable by death in minotaur society.

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| The bovox may also be used to create a powerful elixir called Red Bovox Energy Drink. Red Bovox Energy Drink is made from the milk of a bovox that has been blessed by a priest of Baca (2nd level spell, “Create Red Bovox Energy Drink” given to priest of Baca only). The bovox will be fed special herbs and adrenal glands for three days prior to the spells casting. After the spell is cast the bovox will turn red in color and will give 1d3 doses of the energy drink. The drink increases a minotaurs strength 1d6 points to a maximum of 30 strength for 1d6 turns. | http://terriwagner.files.wordpress.com/2008/03/cow.jpg |

Since it is a dairy product, Red Bovox Energy Drink will only stay good for 1d2 days, unless kept on ice in which it will last for 7 days. The elixir may be turned into cheese and will last for one month, but this will decrease the energy drinks effectiveness giving only 1d3 points of strength. If any race other than a minotaur uses the elixir in either form, they will instantly vomit and must make a saving throw vs poison or go into convulsions for 1d3 rounds. The elixir taste like liquid pez candy. A bovox may only safely be used to make Red Bovox Energy Drink once every two years. Every other attempt will 75% of the time result in the death of the bovox. Red Bovox Energy Drink has been used my many minotaur gladiatorial champions who have won championship nose rings because of it. A popular minotaur saying is “Red Bovox gives you Rings”.

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| **Yield:**  **Medical:** Drinking Bovox milk will automatically cancel the effect of spicy food. It will also immediately stop a bout of heart burn.  **Spell Component:** Nil  **Hide/Trophy:** Nil  **Treasure:** Nil  **Other:** There is a 20% chance that a bovox will be wearing a golden bell (worth 10-100gp), romantic gifts from their minotaur mate. |