Smeargle

Smeargle (#235)

Normal

Sex Ratio: 1/2 female, 1/2 male

Egg Group: Field

Abilities:

Own Tempo, Technician, Moody

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Smeargle are bipedal dog Pokémon with long tails that ooze paint-like oil from the tip. Each Smeargle's tail ooze is a different color. They average in at 3'11

Base Stats			
HP	55		
Attack	20		
Defense	35		
Sp. Attack	20		
Sp. Defense	45		
Speed	75		

feet tall (1.2 M) and 127.9 pounds (58 kg).

Habitat: Smeargles are overwhelmingly found in human cities, but outside of cities

| Speed | 75 |
| They can be found in oak savannahs and places with cliffs (ie: where they can both seek shelter, find food, and have places to paint/mark their territory). It is rare to find Smeargles outside of human cities, but small populations do exist elsewhere.

Life Cycles: A Smeargle is born to small litters of 1-4 pups once a year in the late Spring. They are good parents who co-parent and live in packs. The only real hierarchy in their packs is that older and more experienced Smeargles are given more respect and reverence than the younger ones. They have intricate and incredibly complex courtship rituals that involve painting.

Smeargles tend to live in caves and abandoned buildings. They live to be around twenty years old. They are eaten by most generic predators, such as large birds, snakes, and Ariadoses.

Behavior: Smeargle are hypersocial creatures that live in packs from a handful of individuals to upwards of a hundred. They mark their territory and communicate with an intricate series of marks made with their tails, which scientists have collected over 5,000 unique marks created by Smeargles. There are vast regional differences in these marks and packs and individuals often have their own that separate them from others in the area. Scientists have come to understand that this is written language, albeit more rudimentary than human languages, but still capable of conveying key information and individuality. The study of Smeargle linguistics is a developing field of language science!

On the back of each Smeargle, they are marked with a paw print by their parent to show that they are a member of the pack. Some groups have more distinct paw marks, while others go for simpler designs. These paw marks must be remade regularly; the process is a regular part of the grooming rituals, where a pack mate marks another and reclaims them as a member of the pack.

Diet: Smeargles are omnivores that can be seen rifling through human garbage and gardens. Be careful what you put in the garbage!

Conservation: Least Concern

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Learnset	: Level Up	Level	Category
Normal	Sketch	1	Status
Normal	Sketch	6	Status
Normal	Sketch	11	Status
Normal	Sketch	16	Status
Normal	Sketch	21	Status
Normal	Sketch	26	Status
Normal	Sketch	31	Status
Normal	Sketch	36	Status
Normal	Sketch	41	Status
Normal	Sketch	46	Status
Normal	Sketch	51	Status
Normal	Sketch	56	Status
Normal	Sketch	61	Status
Normal	Sketch	66	Status
Normal	Sketch	71	Status
Normal	Sketch	76	Status
Normal	Sketch	81	Status
Normal	Sketch	86	Status
Normal	Sketch	91	Status
Normal	Sketch	96	Status
Normal	Sketch	100	Status

Learnset: Breeding				
	None			

Relationship with Humans: Smeargles are beloved Pokémon most popularly seen amongst artistic sorts. They are incredible companions who thrive in homes of many other Pokémon or people, but become depressed and bored when they are in households of 2-3 members. They make good companions for children of all ages, and are quite safe to be around.

Smeargles are synonymous with the visual arts in the same vein that Meloetta and Chatot represent the performing arts. Any art school has at least one Smeargle amongst its Pokémon Staff, even if it's purely for the sake of it. Artists are the biggest fanciers of Smeargles the world over, the drivers of fancy breeds, Smeargle shows, and the breeding of rare and exotic tail colors in Smeargles. Because of this, Smeargles can fetch surprisingly high prices depending on the type that you buy, and some fancy breeds are known to have health defects in exchange for their fancy looks—a similar problem with many fancy breeds of dogs and cats in the real world. Of course, you could always catch a generic mutt from the streets of any particular city.

When it comes to Smeargle's symbol of the artistic world, there is a media rival in this regard: Grafaiai. Those who partake in the more experimental and provocative arts of the world, such as graffiti artists, tend to treat Grafaiai as the symbol of punk and alternative art scenes, while Smeargles have come to represent the finer and more mainstream arts.

Classification: Smeargle are in a genus all to themselves, and remain a distinct lineage from many of the other dog Pokémon.

Game Mechanic Explanation: Smeargle can use its Sketch attack to copy any attack, which it can then be used to breed down onto any Pokémon within the field egg group (so long as that is a viable egg move for the offspring). While later videogames place a handful of very specific restrictions on the extent of Smeargle's ability to replicate any attack, I think that's boring and it's way more fun to just let Smeargle sketch powered-down versions of any and all attacks known to Pokémon kind.

Learn	Learnset: Tutoring/TMs					
	None					