Tandemaus & Maushold

Tandemaus & Maushold (#924 & #925)

Sex Ratio: ???

Normal

Abilities:

Egg Group: Field, Fairy

Run Away, Pick Up, Own Tempo (Tandemaus) Friend Guard, Cheek Pouch, Technician (Maushold)

Musmus fecundmus (Tandemaus & Maushold)

These two "species" are, taxonomically, the same thing. They are normal-type mouse Pokémon that reproduce at

incredible rates. The adults weigh about 2 Ibs each (0.9 kg) and are a foot tall (0.3 M), and the babies present in Mausholds are half a pound to a pound each, before they leave the Maushold to become their own paired Tandemaus.

Before continuing, there is a pressing need to establish terminology. The individuals in a Tandemaus (capitalized) are still called tandemaus (uncapitalized), and it is the Tandemaus that is caught and treated by the Pokéball as one unit (like with Exeggcutes and Falinks), and to refer to multiple pairings that one would find together at all times, these are Tandemice (capitalized), but to refer to multiple individuals in general (such as in a giant colony underground) they are called tandemice (uncapitalized). Further, "a Tandemaus" describes the unit, while "a

(Tandemaus) Base Stats				
HP	50			
Attack	50			
Defense	45			
Sp. Attack	40			
Sp. Defense	45			
Speed	75			

(Maushold) Base Stats				
HP	74			
Attack	75			
Defense	70			
Sp. Attack	65			
Sp. Defense	75			
Speed	111			

tandemaus" refers to a single individual. "Maushold" is not given the same treatment, to be explained below under "Life Cycles."

Habitat: Tandemice are most commonly found in grasslands and meadows. This includes many large swaths of agricultural lands (grains are a grass).

Life Cycles: Tandemice can, in theory, live for 20 years in the wild, however the likelihood of that is slim. Tandemice are extremely common prey for just about anything that would fancy itself a rodent meal, which includes many bird Pokémon (ex: Swellow, Talonflame, Braviary, etc.), foxes, cats, snakes, giant spiders, gators, humans, dogs, and more. Because of this, Tandemice reproduce *very quickly* like so quickly that the Maushold life stage (which is when a Tandemaus has babies) is treated as its own "species" in most Pokédex because once a Tandemaus has become a Maushold, it is incredibly unlikely that a human or its trainer will ever see it *not* as a Maushold unless anti-reproduction measures are taken (ie: spaying/neutering the tandemice, which IS highly recommended for trainers). With that said, Tandemice are unique in that they actually cannot reproduce until they're level 25, instead of level 15 like most non-larval Pokémon. This is because weaker tandemice were less capable of rearing their offspring to maturity, so lower-level "evolutions" were naturally selected against, and level 25 seems to be the happy medium between needing physically capable parents and still having enough reproductively-viable individuals in the population.

Once a Tandemaus reaches level 25, the pair become parents either through adoption from the broader colony or by making babies themselves. Few ever see Tandemaus eggs because the tiny eggs only gestate for 2 days,

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Learnset: Level Up		Level	Category
Normal	Follow Me	1	Physical
Normal	Pound	1	Special
Fairy	Baby-Doll Eyes	1	Status
Normal	Echoed Voice	5	Special
Normal	Helping Hand	8	Status
Normal	Super Fang	11	Physical
Normal	Double Hit	14	Physical
Grass	Bullet Seed	18	Physical
Normal	Encore	22	Status
Normal	Tidy Up	25	Status
Fairy	Play Rough	26	Physical
Normal	Hyper Voice	30	Special
Fairy	Charm	33	Status
Dark	Beat Up	37	Physical
Normal	Copycat	41	Status
Normal	Population Bomb	46	Physical
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which is just long enough for a Tandemaus to hide in their nest or from their trainer and emerge as a Maushold. The little ones in a Maushold are then reared until they're around level 10 or two months old, whichever comes first. And when the parents in a Maushold know its almost time for their current little ones to leave, they mate and have eggs ready to hatch in time for the current offspring to leave the nest and pair off to become their own Tandemaus. When a Tandemaus is unable to reproduce themselves for any reason at all, there are always orphaned babies in the colony in need of parents, or in absence of that a Maushold will just lay more eggs and give them to the Tandemaus. Successful rearing of babies and mutual cooperation is the name of the game for Tandemice and Mausholds.

By and large, the highest rates of predation occur between the babies leaving their Maushold at level 10-ish, and reaching the Maushold stage at level 25+. It's during this transition phase that tandemice are predated upon at an astounding 90% rate.

In places that experience regular freezing temperatures, Maushold reproductions do slow down a bit and the babies

will stick with their parents longer in response, quite largely because of limited resources preventing rapid reproduction. Winter babies seem to have a slightly lower predation rate at 75%, which researchers hypothesize is a result of increased parental care.

Learnset: Breeding **Behavior:** As pets, Tandemice/Mausholds make great companions Normal After You Status Normal Baton Pass Status because of their desire for company and are quite cooperative and Dark Bite Physical amicable. In the wild they form vast colonies underground with intricate Normal Feint Physical complex networks of tunnels and rooms, all for raising babies and storing Dark Switcheroo Status food for the winter. They pair up as a Tandemaus because its safer, they're Tickle Normal Status able to fend off predators with far greater efficiency when they work in pairs all the time, and whole colonies will work together to defend their home should an invader get in. As delicious and easily predated upon as Tandemice are, it is *incredibly unwise* for any predator to attack a colony without proper back up and an ability to fend off hundreds of tandemice attacking at once. **Diet**: Tandemice eat grains and sometimes nuts or berries, but mostly grains. While they'll eat Pokémon food, it is not terribly difficult for an average trainer to make a mixed-grain assortment for their Tandemaus/Maushold and your beloved Pokémon will be so much

happier for it!

Conservation: Least Concern

Relationship with Humans: Tandemice are popular Pokémon for beginner trainers to catch and they make excellent households pets—just be sure to give your Tandemaus a neutering before it becomes the babymaking machine called a Maushold.

A popular family planning care provider, Maushold Healthcare, uses Tandemice and Mausholds as their mascots—specifically, the Tandemaus mascot is a fixed pair who don't want to be parents, and the Maushold mascot is a family that need fertility assistance.

Classification: Tandemaus and Maushold are both called *Musmus fecundmus* in the scientific literature.

Mechanic Change: Due to Tandemaus and Maushold being considered the same thing taxonomically, their learnsets have been combined into one. However, "Maushold" is still a separate life stage from Tandemaus and thus retains its unique stats. Players, I advise that you keep tabs of both the stats as a Tandemaus and the stats as a Maushold, in the event your Pokémon fluctuates between these life stages.

Learnset: Tutoring/TMs								
Normal	Baton Pass	Status	Grass	Bullet Seed	Physical			
Normal	Take Down	Physical	Bug	U-Turn	Physical			
Fairy	Charm	Status	Ghost	Shadow Claw	Physical			
Dark	Fake Tears	Status	Normal	Sleep Talk	Status			
Psychic	Agility	Status	Grass	Seed Bomb	Physical			
Ground	Mud-Slap	Special	Grass	Grass Knot	Special			
Normal	Protect	Status	Electric	Thunder Wave	Status			
Water	Water Pulse	Special	Psychic	Rest	Status			
Fighting	Low Kick	Physical	Dark	Taunt	Status			
Dark	Thief	Physical	Normal	Substitute	Status			
Grass	Trailblaze	Physical	Dark	Crunch	Physical			
Water	Chilling Water	Special	Normal	Hyper Voice	Special			
Normal	Façade	Physical	Normal	Encore	Status			
Flying	Aerial Ace	Physical	Fairy	Play Rough	Physical			
Normal	Swift	Special	Normal	Helping Hand	Status			
Ground	Mud Shot	Special	Normal	Giga Impact	Physical			
Fighting	Low Sweep	Physical	Normal	Hyper Beam	Special			
Normal	Endure	Status	Normal	Tera Blast	???			
Fighting	Sunny Day	Status						
Water	Rain Dance	Status						
Ground	Dig	Physical						