

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 lbs 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” 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,

(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

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 baby-making 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			