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# **NH-29**

NH-29 Series Nekovalkyrja (also referred to as "Nekovalkyrja, Type 29") were part of a long line of highly-successful artificial life-forms designed by the Star Army Research Administration for use (only) in the Star Army of Yamatai. They were first manufactured and available in YE 29 and were in widespread use until YE 34 when most Nekovalkyrja transferred to the Nekovalkyrja, Type 33 body.



Note the catlike ears, their position on the head, and that Nekovalkyrja hands have one less finger than human hands.

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### **Body Transfer**

NH-29s can only be obtained while in military service with 2 or more years remaining in enlistment contract. NH-29s (excluding the S [stealth] models) will be allowed to keep their body on retirement, although it is strongly encouraged to switch to Yamataian so you can have babies instead of just youngling clones. The NH-29 reproductive functions are are for raising troops, not for raising a family. Former soldiers that keep their neko bodies may be recalled to the military in times of national crisis.

NH-29s naturally born as younglings to NH-29 mothers are allowed to keep their bodies but if they keep them they are eligible to be subject to a military draft in wartime.

## **NH-29 Reproduction**

The NH-29 is designed for a natural birth and reproduction cycle; they can reproduce copies of themselves asexually. Pregnancy can be started spontaneously whenever the mother neko wishes. At some point early after the pregnancy begins, the mother's body will ask her to determine her daughter's physical features and personality dispositions. It is possible for to include an automated random, or manual selection of traits from another person (such as a partner). The gender defaults to female.

Pregnancy lasts for about three standard weeks and will not usually affect the mother noticeably (no visible bulging of the belly or physical symptoms). The actual birth is painless (even pleasurable) and requires no medical intervention. The offspring (called a youngling) is born as an eight-inch miniature Nekovalkyrja. Nekovalkyrja younglings are precocial and are able to defend themselves and speak Yamataian from the moment they're born. In about three months, the youngling will grow to full size. For our purposes, there are no child Nekovalkyrja. Nekovalkyrja are born at the mental and physical age of 18.

"Well, like... How do babies with your kind work? Do I like... plug you into a computer and get a baby creator screen or something?" – Zoia Morioka on NH-29 Babies.

#### **Variations**

There were multiple variants of the base NH-29.

#### NH-29H

There is a rare NH-29H version with human-style ears and hands. It is not commonly available (ask a GM

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for permission).

• Hanako once used a body of this type.

#### NH-29S Stealth Variant

In addition to their other special abilities, the NH-29S also has:

• Skin-based, holographic optic camouflage: Neko have the capability to produce holograms in close proximity to their skins; this however, only allows the nekos to hide their bodies (any garment actually worn still remains visible) by holographically showing the image on the opposite facing of the body - effectively turning transparent.

Seeing that clothing does impede the camouflage capability, a good number of nekos resort to being naked and using their holographic skin to cover themselves with illusory clothing. Fixed holography like clothing seems easier to maintain than transparency and can be maintained indefinitely as long as the neko remains conscious and clear headed. The 'transparency' feature is harder to maintain and the neko can't keep it up along with any strenuous activities other than focusing on remaining unseen (nekos can't effectively fight while invisible).

• Light sensitive tactile sensors: Another advantage nekos have is the capability to feel light on their skin - actually allowing them to 'see' without the use of eyes (though actual definition and clarity compared to eyes could be in question).

The NH-29S is fairly new and is not common. GM permission will be required to upgrade to the S variant.

#### **OOC Notes**

 Some NH-29 bodies remain in use in the Poku Saeruo Degonjo's population of Niko Yârme (Free Neko).

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