

Beast of a Thousand Tails



Only words with bite.

RARE / HOW IT IS EARNED

An agency's 10th distinct qualifying request within one counting slot mints a beast. Its 20th mints another; its 30th another. The count resets at the next slot. Each request must carry an identified statutory or implementing-regulation obligation.

WHAT FEEDS IT

Separately identified access, correction, explanation, appeal and complaint instruments with a reviewed legal trigger. Three qualifying requests in one email count three. One request with thirty questions, five exhibits and two agency addressees still counts one.

WHAT DOES NOT

Nonstatutory lawyerly letters, voluntary demands, resends, drafts, failed sends, accompanying disagreement statements and follow-ups that merely preserve existing duties. Format alone does not decide qualification.

FROM MY FIELD NOTEBOOK

I first mistook the rustling for wind. Then the tails began sorting themselves by response obligation. A stern adjective will not feed this beast.

The clock, the crown, the first tracks

THE CLOCK / AMERICA-CHICAGO

Local Central time, including daylight saving changes. Windows include their opening instant and exclude their closing instant.

Monday: Mon 7 a.m. - Mon 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday: Mon 4:30 p.m. - Tue 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Tue 4:30 p.m. - Wed 4:30 p.m.

Thursday: Wed 4:30 p.m. - Thu 4:30 p.m.

Friday: Thu 4:30 p.m. - Fri 4:30 p.m.

Weekend: Fri 4:30 p.m. - Mon 7 a.m.



STACKING AND EVOLUTION

Stacks with every fauna independently. Other badges keep all their tests, scores and counts. Each agency's lifetime 5th, 10th, 15th and later fifth beast evolves, with its exact multiplier. The request-slot count resets; the lifetime beast count does not.

FIRST TRACKS / MDE BEAST #1

September 11, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. through the September 13 evening review: 12 sent emails, 14 distinct on-deck items, **13 qualifying instruments excluding SMP correspondence**. The first ten are met without a count exception. Sean directed the first beast to accompany the next MDE send.

VERIFIED VARIANTS

Base beast: opening MDE allocation, attachment pending.

Crowned Keeper x5: canonical promotion art prepared; no x5 award claimed. Later five-beast milestones increase the tier without a terminal limit.

PROOF LIMIT / KEEP THE JOKE HONEST

The count uses distinct instruments and source-identified legal obligations. Sender-side transmission does not prove agency receipt, opening, review or agreement. The beast establishes no missed deadline or violation and never changes a legal clock.

SOURCE FRONTIER

User instruction: September 13, 2026. Live Sent-mail cutoff: approximately 10:16 p.m. Central. Ledger, exact message/attachment inventory, exclusions and full rules: communications/fauna/thousand-tails/. Earlier fauna registry and guide pages are preserved.

