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Sergals are the most well known fictional species of the Vilous universe.

They have many features reminiscent of animals like sharks, rabbits, kangaroos, canines, reptiles, birds, dinosaurs (theropods and raptors), and are covered in mammal-like fur. Among the races of planet Tal, they belong to the Eltus group, which includes Sergals, Agudner, and Nevreans. Of that group, Sergals comprise the highest population alongside Agudner.

They are biologically similar to mammals, but they cannot be readily classified into the taxonomy of Earth's creatures.

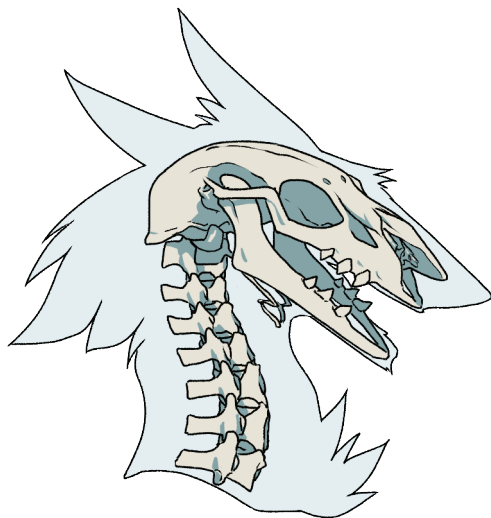
While they possess individual personalities, they are generally simple, optimistic and naive. They tend to avoid conflict, and will generally follow a strong or charismatic leader when one is present.

As a whole, they have the most animalistic nature compared to the other Eltus races. Supernatural belief pervades their culture, and they possess a superior sixth sense and intuition, especially the Northerners.

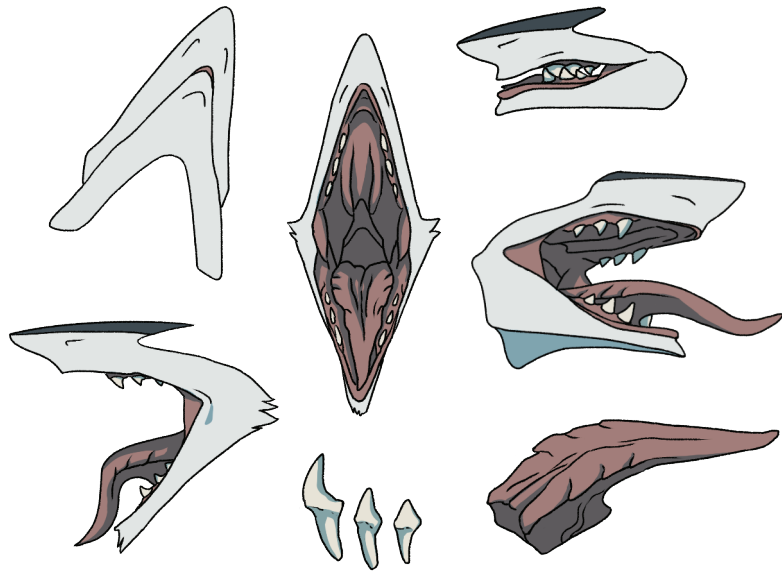
Head: The shape of the head and snout is similar to sharks but with swept-back, pointy ears. The line from the top of the head to the tip of the nose is almost completely flat and smooth. There are racial differences found in the thickness of the lips, jaws, and height of the forehead.

A thick mane covers the back of the neck from near the midsection of the head down to around the shoulder blades which is treated as their “hair.” Some cut or tie up their hair for fashion.

Neck: Their long necks are strong and their throat structure resembles that of birds and reptiles so it is best suited for swallowing food whole.



Voice: Shrill cries and shrieks like “Yigh” that are similar to deer, fox and bird cries or whining of a dog are their natural voice. The Northern language is mostly made of these natural sounds. In the South and the East, they speak a common tongue with the Agudner. Because the Sergal mouth is not particularly suitable for intricate language, natural cries and body language are still frequently used. The larger the Sergal’s skull is, the deeper the voice.



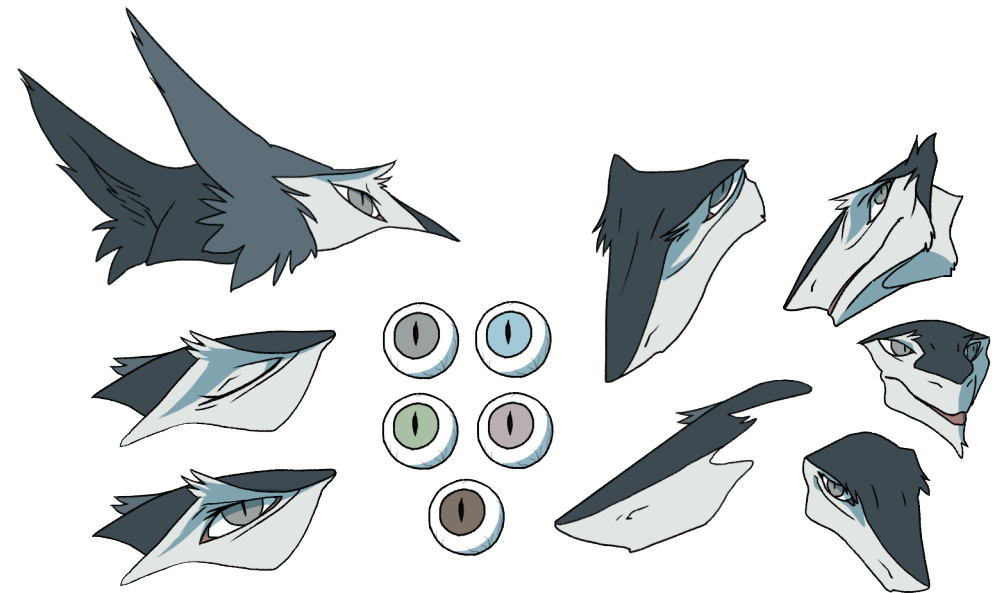
Mouth: Due to their mouth and throat structure, prey such as small animals are able to be swallowed whole. When eating the meat of large animals, they'll cut it into smaller chunks because their jaw structure and lack of molars makes for ineffective chewing. The largest whole animal they can swallow without needing to cut it up is about the size of a piglet. A Sergal's bite is not very damaging because they don't have many teeth and their jaws are not that strong. They have 12 canine-like fangs which are replaced several times over their lifespan. Their ability to taste is rough.

Tongue: They have a long tongue that tapers towards the end which they can stick out. The inner part of the tongue has ridges similar to pleats. The split-tip of the tongue seen in General Rain is not a feature which Sergals are born with. It is instead cut, mainly by Shigu Sergals for fashion. This style was not seen prior to General Rain as she was the first to have it.

Eyes: Except for those in the North, Sergal eyes are a little bit like crocodiles in that they are oriented to the sides of the head. They have weak stereoscopic vision but a very wide field of view. The majority of eye colors range from gray to light blue and the gold color is seen only in Rain Silves and her descendants. Pupils are thin like a cat's eyes, and in a similar way, they change width according to the amount of light.

Ears: Unlike earth mammals, such as cats and foxes, Sergal ears are oriented towards the back and the auricle (ear hole) is not seen from the outside. The ear length tends to be longer in the South.

Nose: Their nose shares similarities with sharks. In arid places, it is not very effective, but it functions extremely well within the humid forests full of miasma.



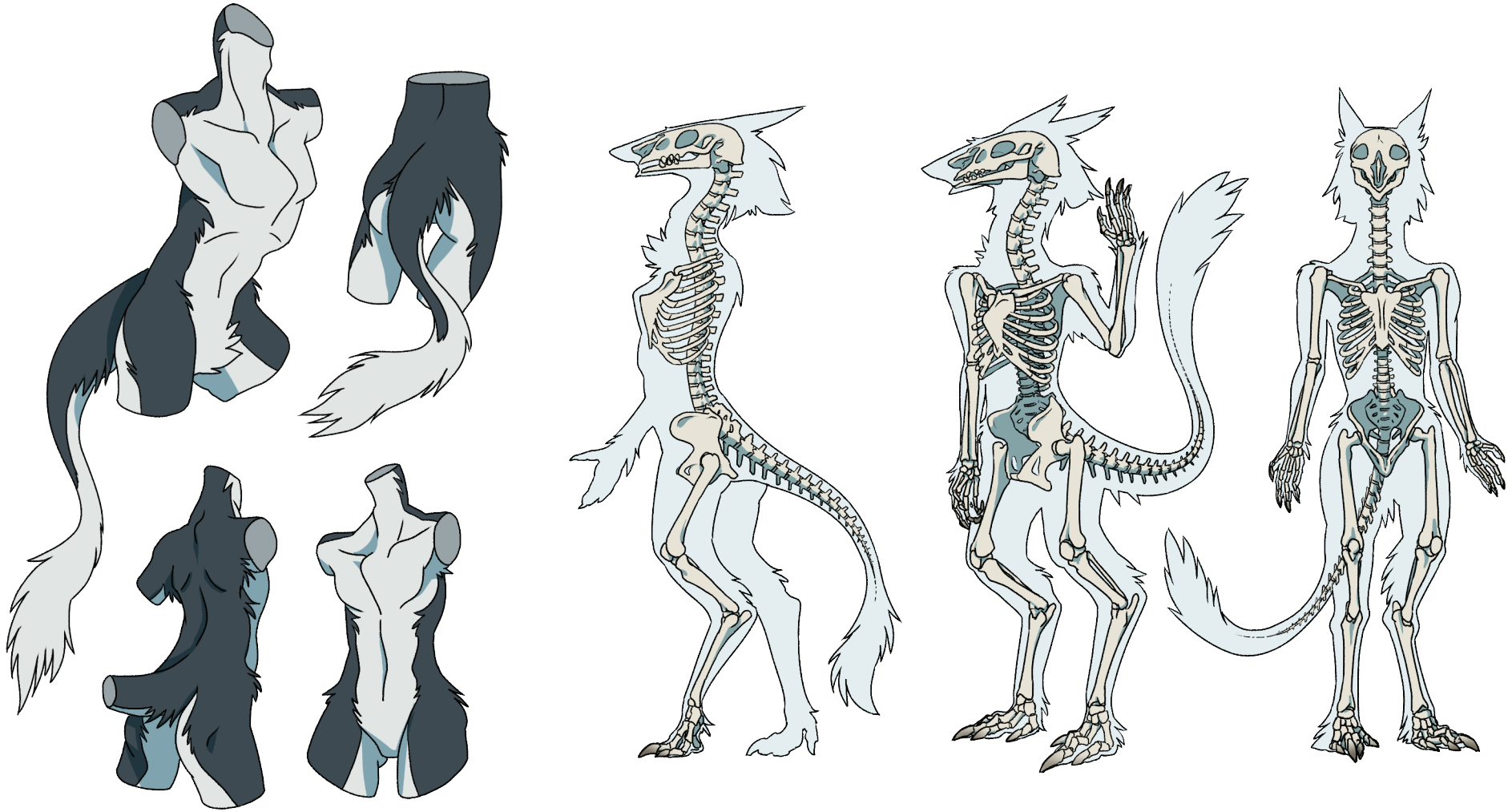
Chest: Though there are individual differences in shape and size, there is a characteristic breastbone protrusion in the center of the chest (the keel bone). The upper body in general appears to be lean. Breasts and nipples do not exist on Sergals.

Waist: They have a tight, slender figure but there are those who are obese and are fat around the waist.

Tail: The tail is long and flexible, tapering along its length towards the end. At the tip is a tuft of fur. Generally, the tail length tends to be shorter on a Southern vs a Northern or Eastern Sergal. It functions as a counterbalance.



Due to constant threat of mortal danger they exist in, the Eltus races developed high resistance and regenerative capability. Sergals and Agudner have sturdy, fully solid bones and possess a rapid recovery rate. It takes significantly less time for a Sergal to heal from a fracture and return to normal everyday life compared to Earth's humans.

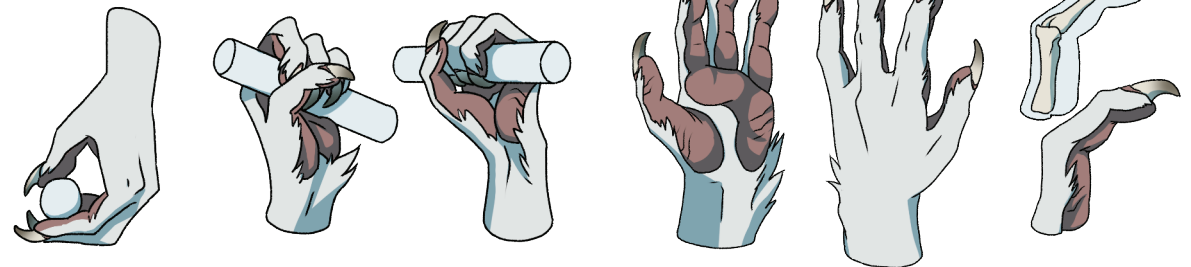
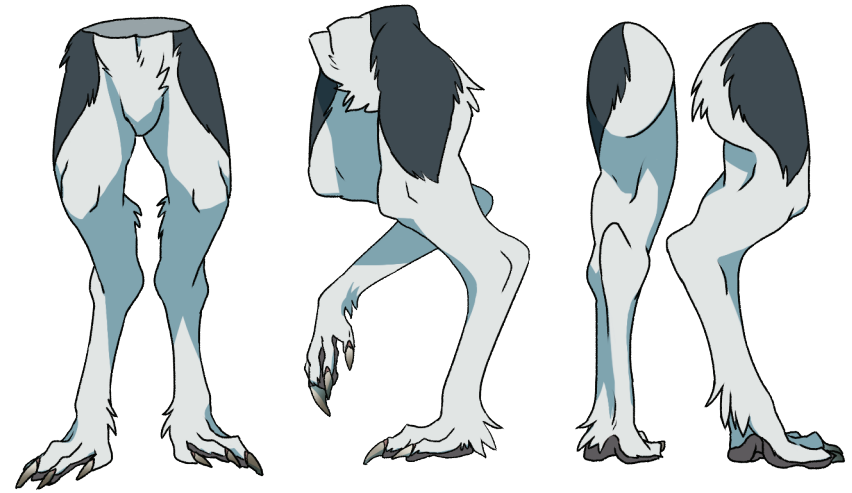


Legs: The legs are digitigrade (standing on toes). Those living in the Northern forests have a stronger trend towards more animal-like leg proportions. They are powerful, so a Sergal's strongest attack is a kick with weapons attached to the legs or a leaping weapon attack.

Feet: The middle toe and its nail grow the largest. All toes can move freely, and the ability to grasp things is better than humans but not as good as monkeys. Generally, Southerners have more dexterity in their feet than Northerners due to training. Northerners specialize more in running but all Sergals excel at running.

Since there is not as much need for running in urban areas, city Sergals will often cut their nails. Southerners have softer feet so they sometimes wear foot-coverings that act as shoes.

Soles: Compared to the pads on the hands, the soles of the feet are commonly tougher and darker.



Differences Between the Sexes: There are hardly any outwardly physical differences between the sexes. In the South, there may be differences in style (clothing, hair, etc) between male and female Sergals due to the Agudner's cultural influence on them.

Reproduction: Females have a tongue-like tentacle as part of the clitoral prepuce. The male penis has a pronounced, spear-like head and asymmetrical constrictions along the shaft which form wide ridges and indentations along its length, allowing the female tentacle to grasp onto it. The structure of the asymmetry varies widely between individuals.

Normally, the female's tentacle is turned inward and housed within the vagina. Because of this, they are able to reject unwanted copulation.

Females are irregularly fertile and the gestation period is between 5-10 months. They are able to decide when to give birth within that time-frame. They are also able to live an ordinary life during pregnancy.

Sergals are ovoviviparous, which means they give live birth (they do not lay eggs), but the unborn young is nourished by a yolk sac. It is typical to give birth to 1 or 2 children. Sergals generally do not take a single partner for life and all children born in a clan are treated as family.

Children: Babies are born with gray fur, like all other newborns of the Eltus races. Their color will gradually change to a natural color corresponding to their subspecies bloodlines. All children are born with eyes which are more forward oriented and as their skull grows, the eyes become side-oriented as in adults. However in Northern Sergals, the eyes remain more forward-facing. They grow quickly – by 10 years old they are considered to be young adults.



Fur: In general, Northerners have soft fur, Easterners have stiff fur, and Southerners have short fur but there are individual differences. Their fur helps to protect from dust storms and other external dangers. Sergals will frequently groom one another's fur. With some exceptions, all Sergals are two-toned, with a darker color on the back and a lighter color on the front, symmetrical between the left and right.

The Northern primary color is gray, Westerns are blue-green, Easterners are darkly colored, and Southerners are light brown. The pure Western Sergal (a subset of Northern Sergals) has become extinct due to genocide during Rain's war. What few survivors fled to Gold Ring and thus, their descendants are of mixed blood.



Pure Northern

Civilized Northern

Western

Eastern

Pure Southern

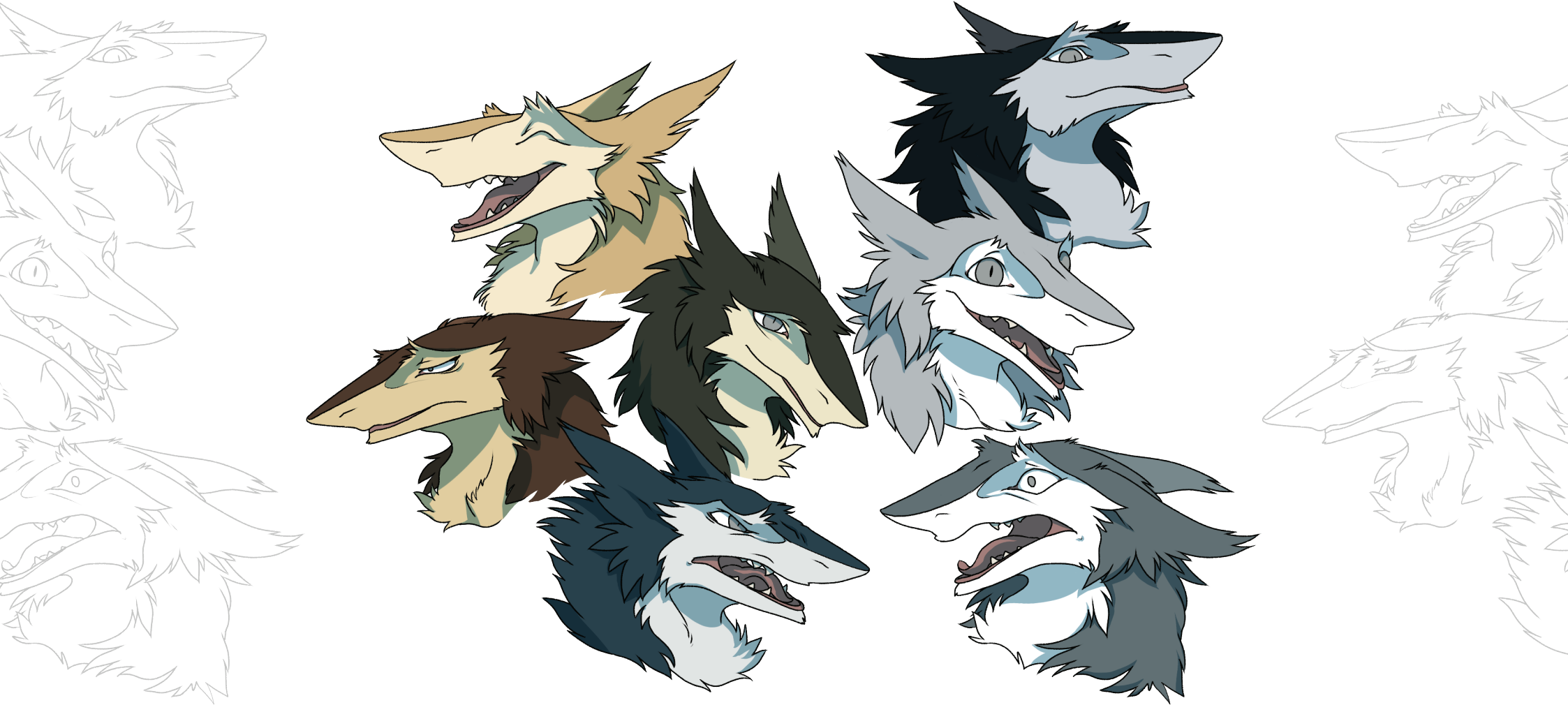
Civilized Southern

But these days, Sergals have a variety of different colors and patterns because they are comprised mostly of mixed subspecies. (1) In areas where mixed subspecies aren't seen, there are hardly any special patterns. (2) Overall darker color patterns are often seen in the South. (3) Large white areas are especially abundant in the North. In regions where there are many of mixed blood, much variation can be seen. In such places, (4) a tri-color lineage and left/right asymmetry are often common.

Spots and Stripes are not common. Completely black or white Sergals are rarely seen and those with dark/light color inversion basically don't exist. However, these things are done by means of fur dyeing, which is a common behavior in urban areas. Tal has a variety of dyes derived from organisms. There are those who dye their bodies in vivid colors and even those who get tattoos.



Emotions: Primitive sergals from rural areas emote more like animals, while those native to civilized areas develop a more complex personality and show a wider range of emotions and expressions.





The “mane” extending down the back of the neck corresponds to their hair.

There’s a lot of variation with hair fashion. There may be adornments attached to it, bangs may be brought to the front, hair ties are used, etc.





Walking: Just like humans, swinging arms, digits curled.

Running: When running, the middle toe bears most of the weight and the toes are held out. The steps are very large, running as to bound like a kangaroo or rabbit.

Generally they swing their arms when walking or running, but when holding something like a tool, the tail is used as a counterbalance instead of the arms.

Jumping: Their jump is like a spring and can cover a large distance as well as create a powerful lunging kick. Sergals have the highest endurance of the 3 Eltus races.

