

"Snarl Beast" by Matt Parsons, © Kenzer and Co.

[I liked the art, I liked the mechanics, but I didn't like the name. So I figured I'd blend in a bit of the Nemean Lion. Why the Nemean Lion doesn't have statistics when so many other Greek legendary creatures do is beyond me.]

Nemeos

This muscular beast is a maned lion the size of a horse. Its head is crowned with two forward facing horns.

Nemeos, sometimes called "titan lions", are bestial and wicked monsters that embody the worst of natural predators. A nemeos gladly hunts more than its share of game, and they prefer the taste of intelligent, panicked meat above all others. A nemeos is often thought of as a divine punishment, and indeed there is some evidence that suggests that they have the blood of fiends or titans in their veins.

Nemeos are typically solitary, but do associate with each other to mate and raise offspring. A nemeos female will give birth to a small litter of 2-3 cubs, the largest and strongest of which typically kills and eats its siblings. The parents then dote on the survivor and teach it the ways of cruelty, frequently bringing back wounded prey to their dens for the cub to practice on. Despite their lion-like appearance, there is no sexual dimorphism in nemeos—both males and females have manes and horns.

Nemeos CR 11 XP 12,800 NE Large magical beast

Init +5; Senses darkvision 60 ft., low-light vision, Perception +14, scent

Defense

AC 25, touch 14, flat-footed 20 (-1 size, +5 Dex, +11 natural)

hp 138 (12d10+72); ferocity

Fort +14, Ref +13, Will +9

DR 10/natural; **Immune** fear

Offense

Speed 50 ft.

Melee bite +18 (2d6+7 plus grab), 2 claws +18 (1d6+7/19-20), gore +18 (2d8+7)

Space 10 ft.; Reach 5 ft.

Special Attacks pounce, powerful charge (gore, 4d8+14), rake (2 claws +18, 1d6+7/19-20), roar Statistics

Str 25, Dex 21, Con 22, Int 3, Wis 17, Cha 18

Base Atk +12; **CMB** +20 (+24 grapple); **CMD** 35 (39 vs. trip)

Feats Ability Focus (roar), Acrobatic Steps, Improved Critical (claw), Iron Will, Nimble Moves, Power Attack

Skills Climb +18, Perception +14, Stealth +8; Racial Modifiers +4 Climb, +4 Perception, +4 Stealth

Languages Abyssal (cannot speak)

Ecology

Environment warm plains and hills

Organization solitary or pair

Treasure incidental

Special Abilities

Damage Reduction (Ex) The damage reduction of a nemeos can be overcome by natural weapons, including unarmed strikes.

Roar (Su) Three times per day as a standard action, a nemeos can give a bloodcurdling roar, affecting all creatures within 60 ft. A creature in the area that fails a DC 22 Will save is paralysed with fear for 1d4 rounds; on a successful save, a creature is shaken for 1d4 rounds. A creature that succeeds its save against the roar of a nemeos cannot be affected by the roar of that nemeos for the next 24 hours. This is a mind-influencing, sonic fear effect.