Jail Jaw Ghost

Portsmouth Ghostbusters Interactive Profile



The Jail Jaw Ghost is a Class V non-terminal apparition originating from the Ghostbusters expanded continuity. Initially conceived as part of the Kenner Fright Features toy line, the entity was later incorporated into canon-adjacent Ghostbusters stories, most notably within the IDW-era timeline.

Origins and Early Manifestation

The Jail Jaw Ghost is characterised by its intense fixation on food and consumption. Unlike many hostile entities driven by rage or territorial instinct, Jail Jaw is motivated by an overwhelming, compulsive hunger.

The ghost first drew attention after manifesting inside a residential apartment, where it was discovered actively consuming the contents of a refrigerator. This behaviour marked it as an anomaly among roaming apparitions, displaying a fixation on domestic food sources rather than human interaction.

First Recorded Containment

The entity was encountered by a newly formed Ghostbusters team operating under the leadership of :contentReference[oaicite:0]{index=0}. Responding to a call from a repeat client with extensive insurance coverage, the team arrived to find the Jail Jaw Ghost mid-feeding.

Initial attempts to neutralise the entity were unsuccessful. The ghost reacted violently when fired upon, moving erratically and sliming responding personnel. Despite its chaotic behaviour, it demonstrated limited aggression toward humans, focusing instead on its feeding behaviour.

Following coordinated proton stream engagement and strategic trap placement, the Jail Jaw Ghost was successfully captured without civilian injury.

Physical Appearance

The Jail Jaw Ghost manifests as a semi-corporeal, pink-toned apparition coated in viscous ectoplasmic residue. Its most distinctive feature is an oversized, hinged jaw that dominates its facial structure.

Notable traits include:

- Elastic jaw capable of extreme extension
- Constant ectoplasmic drool or slime secretion
- Rounded, exaggerated facial proportions
- Visible fixation on food-related stimuli

The jaw structure is believed to be a psychic manifestation of unchecked appetite rather than a physical anatomical necessity.

Behaviour and Personality

Unlike many Class V entities, the Jail Jaw Ghost exhibits limited hostility. It does not actively pursue humans unless startled or threatened and shows no evidence of strategic aggression.

Observed behavioural patterns include:

- Targeting kitchens, pantries, and food storage areas
- Ignoring non-food-related objects
- Becoming agitated when interrupted while feeding

Researchers believe the ghost represents a form of residual obsession, possibly tied to gluttony, scarcity, or unresolved need from its former life.

Containment Classification

The Jail Jaw Ghost was successfully contained using a standard Ghostbusters ghost trap. During containment, the entity showed resistance typical of a Class V but did not exhibit advanced

defensive behaviour.

Once secured, the ghost displayed a rapid drop in psychomagnetic output, suggesting that its power was heavily dependent on environmental stimulation.

Expanded Continuity Significance

The Jail Jaw Ghost holds particular significance as one of the few Kenner-era designs to receive an in-universe narrative explanation. Its inclusion bridges the gap between merchandising concepts and story-based Ghostbusters lore.

This has led to the entity appearing in background material and archival references within expanded Ghostbusters media.

Where Is the Jail Jaw Ghost Now?

Following its capture, the Jail Jaw Ghost was transferred into long-term containment. Unlike highly volatile or sentient entities, it has not been flagged as a containment risk.

Internal Ghostbusters records suggest the entity remains stable while contained, exhibiting minimal energy spikes unless exposed to food-related stimuli.

Some researchers speculate that, should the entity ever re-manifest, it would likely appear in environments rich in excess or abundance rather than areas of emotional distress.

Current Status

- Threat level: Low to Moderate
- Containment status: Secure
- Primary behavioural drive: Consumption

The Jail Jaw Ghost stands as a reminder that not all paranormal threats are born from malice. Some are simply echoes of obsession, endlessly repeating the habits that defined them in life.

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