# Dicey (xXDiceyshippingXx)

"I'm gonna try to keep this short but what a long trip it's been. This anime has been with me since I was a little kid and I can honestly say it changed my life. Thanks to the pokeani I got to meet so many people and it is kinda surreal to see Satoshi and Pikachu leave. I don't think I've come to terms with it yet, if ever. But after almost 26 years of Satoshi and 15 years of editing him I guess it's time to say goodbye. We have really put our heart into this project and I just wanna say: thank you. Thank you pokeani team and thank you everyone who joined this collab. This send-off is simply amazing.

.. Gotta catch you later, Satoshi."

### Su (alolamanalo)

"Ash Ketchum became my childhood hero the moment I saw him save the world on the back of a Lugia when I was 5, but as much as I loved him back then I never could have imagined that 23 years later I'd still be watching his adventures weekly and cheering him on to become the world champion. Saying goodbye to him now hurts so much but I couldn't be prouder of how far my son has come and I'll never forget how much fun I've had experiencing his journey. Thank you to Lena for putting this beautiful collab together and everyone else who's been a part of it because I'm so happy we could give such a nice send off to the Pokemon Master who had such a huge impact on so many people's lives. His journey as a protagonist may be over but his adventures will live on in all of our hearts. ""

# Sapphy (yacchxns)

"So, I don't quite know where to start my message here since it is a huge part of my life that comes to an end. I guess I will start with saying thank you. Pokemon has been a huge part of my life for 25 years now and seeing Ash go certainly does hurt. But I also want to thank Ash to give me the opportunity to become who I am today. Without him and Pikachu, I would've never picked up editing or started talking to people or even meet people that I now call my dearest friends. Without him, I would've never started to cosplay and met some of the most kindest people that I can also now call my dear friends. I'm incredibly thankful towards him because not only did I get two amazing hobbies with it, I've found my most important people with it and also got to know characters I never knew could love so much. 25 years is a long time and I am sad to see Ash go, but I'm also filled with so much love and appreciation for what he has done for me, as silly as that sounds. Thank you Ash and Pikachu and thank you Pokeani Team. Not only did you make my childhood great, you also showed me how great life can be with friends around you. I will love you forever."

#### Missy (Missy)

"One of my first memories in a movie theater was crying when I thought Ash had died in the first movie. I didn't understand why I was so affected by it at the time. Looking back, it was that this kid was so sincere and loved Pokemon so much. He was kindhearted and refused to back down and protected all people and Pokemon. He loved with all of his heart and there was something truly special about that.

I got to watch him grow up as I did and watch him learn with bright eyes and become resilient and love the world that he lived in and all of his new experiences.

I met friends who I have known for half my life now through our love of a 10 year old kid from Pallet Town, who grew up with him and me. It's hard to let him go, but he also achieved his dream the way that my friends and I are finding ours.

This collab for me is a love letter. From the very beginning of his journey when he was young and naive through all of the people and Pokemon and experiences he had to where he is now. We chose the moments that stood out to us and left a lasting impression on our hearts and souls.

Thank you Ash and Pikachu."

## Julia (Juliame)

"I think I'm still kind of in desbelief that it's over, wonder when it'll finally set in. I never expected it would end here. Pokemon and especially the anime has been my main interest and the one thing I always look forward to for half of my life now. I don't want to be overdramatic or anything, but it genuinely helped me through some tough times and it's how I know most of the friends I have today, I don't think I would be the same person without it. I am so so thankful for that. Seeing Ash and Pikachu going on silly adventures never got old to me even over 1000 episodes in, I love those two characters so much, this collab hurting me as much as it did was a reminder of how much I care about them. They always managed to make the franchise fun, and told such a beautiful story about never giving up on your dream. I'll miss seeing them every week so much. I wish we got to see them in Paldea. But at the same time I'm just glad their journey happened, as much as sad as it makes me to see it come to a close.

tl;dr: dkskdkdkslajdj 😭 😭 😭"

#### Dina (SilentStormfall)

"HEY ASHHH! CONGRATS ON YOUR RETIREMENT AS PROTAG!!! And yes I'm gonna talk to Ash like this because he's real and he can hear me. You've been a constant in my life since I can remember and I'll always be grateful to the joy you've given me both through the adventures we shared through the show and for the bestest of friends that you've introduced me to! Both onscreen and off. I'm so so proud of you and want to thank you for everything! And as you've taught me, parting is not a goodbye, because wherever you are you'll always be with me! So, until we meet again, Ash!!! BEST WISSHESSSS!!!!!!"

## Lili (LiliDoesAMV)

"Where do I start? It is difficult to put these feelings into words, but I will try. It truly is the end of an era. Even though I haven't followed the anime regularly anymore, I still had tears in my eyes when I finally saw Ash win. He was a role model of principle and bravery in a world full of hatred and violence for me. His compassion and love for his friends always touched me and even if it is often labeled as corny or childish, many more people should take an example from it, not only children. He never gave up no matter how many times he lost. Ash was a 'friend' when I could find none in the world. His adventures introduced me to the world of games and Japanese pop culture and gave me the opportunity to find like-minded people and new friends. He showed how deep found family can go and what bonds can keep people together. No matter how far they might travel. Through him I was able to find the people I love and care so deeply about to this day and for that I will be forever grateful. Pokémon made me an editor, and I've met all these wonderful people that I'm honored to have done this project with. I never expected him to leave, but I'm glad he's going in honor and as a champion. It was a long journey, but he more than deserved his happy ending. Thank you for everything and thank you for helping me grow. Thank you for all the joy, tears and excitement. But this won't be goodbye forever. Side by side, we will ride once again, and if we keep the flame alive, my friend, we will meet again. We will meet again. サトシ、ありがとうございます。"

# Fra (MsMyLife91)

"I never thought this day would arrived tbh... I always thought that I would've died with Ash being still on journey and indeed here we are to say goodbye to him after 25 years (23 in Italy).

I will forever remember those afternoons spent with my friends watching the daily episode, and if we didn't watch it together the day after we all talked together about it. Another fond memory that I have is the one of me coming back at home, around 4pm since it was one of those 3 days that I had lunch at school, and I ran inside the house, I turned on the tv and the opening of s02 started and my mom brought me the snack and sit along with me watching the episode ♥ at 9 years old after being operated a dear friend of my parents gifted me with a Pokedex (the first one aka the same Pokedex that Ash had during the first 5 seasons) and I remember that after that day when I watched a episodes I took my Pokedex out every time Ash did. Or, another one, I have a dear friend that is exactly like Misty with bugs so everytime she ran away from them we looked at eachother and I always said with my eyes "Is you, totally you" and since then I call her Misty when comes to bugs; or our trauma when May came (and especially with her italian voice), the TR that I'll forever love immensely... Yeah, I have many many memories and, remaining in friendship topic, it was so beautiful see Ash making always new friendships (thank you for having let me met my queen) and discovering new regions, and we were doing too along with him... it was like travelling together.

Years and years later thanks to Ash I met new wonderful friends, amazing ppl that share my same craziness and love and it wouldn't have happened if it wasn't for him and his journey. I'll forever be grateful for this ♥

This may be a goodbye but you'll forever be remembered, thank you Ash"

Pokemon especially ash and pikachu had a great impact in my childhood. Even for some this attachment feel absurd now but that's how it just was. True friendship, being good and not giving up.

When I think about it, I feel so overwhelmed that it was just an anime and that's how it is just gonna be like.