Heredity & Inheritance

Introduction to Genetics

Notes

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- Studied patterns of inheritance
 - Pea Plants
- Bred tall plants with tall plants
 - Tall Plants
- Bred short plants with short plants
 Short Plants
- Bred tall with short
 - •???



Hybrid

- The result of breeding two pure parents
 Tall x Short = Hybrid
- Denotation
 - Parent Generation (P₁)
 - 1st Generation of Offspring (F₁)
 - 2nd Generation of Offspring (F₂)

• Etc...



Tall x Short = ???

 If a tall plant is bred with a short plant the offspring are all...
 TALL
 Why?



• Complete Dominance

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 Some traits dominate over others

> Dominant traits are expressed over recessive traits

 <u>Dominant</u> (capital letters) – TT

 <u>Recessive</u> (lower case letters) - tt

Law of Segregation

- 1. For each characteristic, an individual carries 2 factors
- 2. Each parent contributes 1 of its 2 factors

3. Offspring carrying both dominant or mixed (1 dominant and 1 recessive) will show the dominant trait, or both recessive will show the recessive trait

Genes

 Units of heredity
 Located on chromosomes
 Determine the characteristics of an organism



Alleles

• Form of the gene Multiple forms of each gene that can be expressed • Examples: • Hair color • Eye color

Every organism carries two factors for each gene (two alleles)

Genotype • Letters that represent each allele (trait) **O** Homozygous • Dominant (TT) • Recessive (tt) **O** Heterozygous (Tt)

O Phenotype

 <u>Expression</u> of trait (interaction of each allele)

 Outward appearance



Phenotype= Blue Eyes

Phenotype=Brown Eyes



Genotype=bb Recessive=b

Genotype = Bb or BB Dominant =B