



BREED ANCESTRY

 Labrador Retriever : 100.0%

GENETIC STATS

Predicted adult weight: **66 lbs**

Life stage: **Senior**

Based on your dog's date of birth provided.

TEST DETAILS

Kit number: EM-35966084

Swab number: 31210952802514



HEALTH REPORT

⊖ Notable result

Stargardt Disease

Vizio inherited one copy of the variant we tested for Stargardt Disease

What does this result mean?

This variant should not impact Hugo's health. This variant is inherited in an autosomal recessive manner, meaning that a dog needs two copies of the variant to show signs of this condition. Hugo is unlikely to develop this condition due to this variant because he only has one copy of the variant.

Impact on Breeding

Your dog carries this variant and will pass it on to ~50% of his offspring. You can email breeders@embarkvet.com to discuss with a genetic counselor how the genotype results should be applied to a breeding program.

What is Stargardt Disease?

This non-painful eye condition causes gradual vision loss as retinal cells are affected. Vision in bright light is typically impacted first, while low-light vision is better preserved, and some vision often remains throughout life.

When signs & symptoms develop in affected dogs

Although subtle changes to vision and the retinas may be noted at 1-2 years of age, dogs may not be diagnosed until middle or advanced age when changes are more noticeable.

How vets diagnose this condition

Stargardt Disease is diagnosed by examining the fundus, or back of the eye. It may be difficult to observe any obvious changes to the retina. But as the disease progresses, there will be mottling of the tapetum (a layer of tissue immediately behind the retina) and thinning of the retinal blood vessels. Changes to the back of the eye are bilateral and symmetrical, helping to distinguish Stargardt Disease from other retinal diseases. If the retinas cannot be evaluated due to other abnormalities, a veterinary ophthalmologist can perform electroretinography (ERG), the definitive test, which measures the electrical activity and, thus, the function of the retinas.

How this condition is treated

Currently, there is no widespread treatment for Stargardt Disease; however, gene and stem cell therapies are an evolving field.

Actions to take if your dog is affected

- Talk to your vet about your dog's Stargardt disease result so you can discuss any signs of vision change and plan monitoring as needed.
- Dogs with this condition may be sensitive to bright light and may squint or avoid sunny areas. Offering shaded spaces or tinted car window covers can help make them more comfortable.
- Keep your dog's environment familiar by leaving furniture in consistent locations, using verbal cues or scent markers, and keeping them on a leash in unfamiliar areas.



OTHER RESULTS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Xanthine Urolithiasis (XDH, Mixed Breed Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> β -Mannosidosis (MANBA Exon 16, Mixed-Breed Variant)	Clear
Mast Cell Tumor	No result



OTHER RESULTS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spongy Degeneration with Cerebellar Ataxia 1 (KCNJ10)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spongy Degeneration with Cerebellar Ataxia 2 (ATP1B2)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Succinic Semialdehyde Dehydrogenase Deficiency (ALDH5A1 Exon 7, Saluki Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thrombopathia (RASGRP1 Exon 5, American Eskimo Dog Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thrombopathia (RASGRP1 Exon 5, Basset Hound Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thrombopathia (RASGRP1 Exon 8, Landseer Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trapped Neutrophil Syndrome, TNS (VPS13B)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ullrich-like Congenital Muscular Dystrophy (COL6A1 Exon 3, Landseer Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unilateral Deafness and Vestibular Syndrome (PTPRQ Exon 39, Doberman Pinscher)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Von Willebrand Disease Type I, Type I vWD (VWF)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Von Willebrand Disease Type II, Type II vWD (VWF, Pointer Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Von Willebrand Disease Type III, Type III vWD (VWF Exon 4, Terrier Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Von Willebrand Disease Type III, Type III vWD (VWF Intron 16, Nederlandse Kooikerhondje Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Von Willebrand Disease Type III, Type III vWD (VWF Exon 7, Shetland Sheepdog Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X-Linked Hereditary Nephropathy, XLHN (COL4A5 Exon 35, Samoyed Variant 2)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X-Linked Progressive Retinal Atrophy 1, XL-PRA1 (RPGR)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X-linked Severe Combined Immunodeficiency, X-SCID (IL2RG Exon 1, Basset Hound Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X-linked Severe Combined Immunodeficiency, X-SCID (IL2RG, Corgi Variant)	Clear



OTHER RESULTS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protein Losing Nephropathy, PLN (NPHS1)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pyruvate Dehydrogenase Deficiency (PDP1, Spaniel Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency (PKLR Exon 5, Basenji Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency (PKLR Exon 7, Beagle Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency (PKLR Exon 10, Terrier Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency (PKLR Exon 7, Pug Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Raine Syndrome (FAM20C)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recurrent Inflammatory Pulmonary Disease, RIPD (AKNA, Rough Collie Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Renal Cystadenocarcinoma and Nodular Dermatofibrosis (FLCN Exon 7)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Retina Dysplasia and/or Optic Nerve Hypoplasia (SIX6 Exon 1, Golden Retriever Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sensory Neuropathy (FAM134B, Border Collie Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Severe Combined Immunodeficiency, SCID (PRKDC, Terrier Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Severe Combined Immunodeficiency, SCID (RAG1, Wetterhoun Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shaking Puppy Syndrome (PLP1, English Springer Spaniel Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shar-Pei Autoinflammatory Disease, SPAID, Shar-Pei Fever (MTBP)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Skin Fragility Syndrome (PKP1, Chesapeake Bay Retriever Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spinocerebellar Ataxia (SCN8A, Alpine Dachsbracke Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spinocerebellar Ataxia with Myokymia and/or Seizures (KCNJ10)	Clear



OTHER RESULTS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia, PCD (NME5, Alaskan Malamute Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia, PCD (CCDC39 Exon 3, Old English Sheepdog Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Hyperoxaluria (AGXT)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Lens Luxation (ADAMTS17)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Open Angle Glaucoma (ADAMTS17 Exon 11, Basset Fauve de Bretagne Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Open Angle Glaucoma (ADAMTS10 Exon 17, Beagle Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Open Angle Glaucoma (ADAMTS10 Exon 9, Norwegian Elkhound Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Open Angle Glaucoma and Primary Lens Luxation (ADAMTS17 Exon 2, Chinese Shar-Pei Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Progressive Retinal Atrophy (SAG)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Progressive Retinal Atrophy (IFT122 Exon 26, Lapponian Herder Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Progressive Retinal Atrophy, Bardet-Biedl Syndrome (BBS2 Exon 11, Shetland Sheepdog Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Progressive Retinal Atrophy, CNGA (CNGA1 Exon 9)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Progressive Retinal Atrophy, crd1 (PDE6B, American Staffordshire Terrier Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Progressive Retinal Atrophy, PRA1 (CNGB1)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Progressive Retinal Atrophy, PRA3 (FAM161A)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Progressive Retinal Atrophy, rcd1 (PDE6B Exon 21, Irish Setter Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Progressive Retinal Atrophy, rcd3 (PDE6A)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proportionate Dwarfism (GH1 Exon 5, Chihuahua Variant)	Clear



OTHER RESULTS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis 8, NCL 8 (CLN8 Insertion, Saluki Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis, Cerebellar Ataxia, NCL4A (ARSG Exon 2, American Staffordshire Terrier Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oculocutaneous Albinism, OCA (SLC45A2 Exon 6, Bullmastiff Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oculocutaneous Albinism, OCA (SLC45A2, Small Breed Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oculoskeletal Dysplasia 2 (COL9A2, Samoyed Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Osteochondrodysplasia (SLC13A1, Poodle Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Osteogenesis Imperfecta (COL1A2, Beagle Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Osteogenesis Imperfecta (SERPINH1, Dachshund Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Osteogenesis Imperfecta (COL1A1, Golden Retriever Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> P2Y12 Receptor Platelet Disorder (P2Y12)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pachyonychia Congenita (KRT16, Dogue de Bordeaux Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paroxysmal Dyskinesia, PxD (PIGN)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Persistent Mullerian Duct Syndrome, PMDS (AMHR2)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pituitary Dwarfism (POU1F1 Intron 4, Karelian Bear Dog Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Platelet Factor X Receptor Deficiency, Scott Syndrome (TMEM16F)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Polycystic Kidney Disease, PKD (PKD1)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pompe's Disease (GAA, Finnish and Swedish Lapphund, Lapponian Herder Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prekallikrein Deficiency (KLKB1 Exon 8)	Clear



OTHER RESULTS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Myotonia Congenita (CLCN1 Exon 7, Miniature Schnauzer Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Narcolepsy (HCRTR2 Exon 1, Dachshund Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Narcolepsy (HCRTR2 Intron 4, Doberman Pinscher Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nemaline Myopathy (NEB, American Bulldog Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neonatal Cerebellar Cortical Degeneration (SPTBN2, Beagle Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neonatal Encephalopathy with Seizures, NEWS (ATF2)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neonatal Interstitial Lung Disease (LAMP3)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neuroaxonal Dystrophy, NAD (VPS11, Rottweiler Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neuroaxonal Dystrophy, NAD (TECPR2, Spanish Water Dog Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis 1, NCL 1 (PPT1 Exon 8, Dachshund Variant 1)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis 10, NCL 10 (CTSD Exon 5, American Bulldog Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis 2, NCL 2 (TPP1 Exon 4, Dachshund Variant 2)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis 5, NCL 5 (CLN5 Exon 4 SNP, Border Collie Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis 5, NCL 5 (CLN5 Exon 4 Deletion, Golden Retriever Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis 6, NCL 6 (CLN6 Exon 7, Australian Shepherd Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis 7, NCL 7 (MFSD8, Chihuahua and Chinese Crested Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis 8, NCL 8 (CLN8, Australian Shepherd Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis 8, NCL 8 (CLN8 Exon 2, English Setter Variant)	Clear



OTHER RESULTS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lundehund Syndrome (LEPREL1)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Malignant Hyperthermia (RYR1)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> May-Hegglin Anomaly (MYH9)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MDR1 Drug Sensitivity (ABCB1)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Methemoglobinemia (CYB5R3, Pit Bull Terrier Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Methemoglobinemia (CYB5R3)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microphthalmia (RBP4 Exon 2, Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mucopolysaccharidosis IIIB, Sanfilippo Syndrome Type B, MPS IIIB (NAGLU, Schipperke Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mucopolysaccharidosis Type IIIA, Sanfilippo Syndrome Type A, MPS IIIA (SGSH Exon 6, Dachshund Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mucopolysaccharidosis Type IIIA, Sanfilippo Syndrome Type A, MPS IIIA (SGSH Exon 6, New Zealand Huntaway Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mucopolysaccharidosis Type VI, Maroteaux-Lamy Syndrome, MPS VI (ARSB Exon 5, Miniature Pinscher Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mucopolysaccharidosis Type VII, Sly Syndrome, MPS VII (GUSB Exon 3, German Shepherd Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mucopolysaccharidosis Type VII, Sly Syndrome, MPS VII (GUSB Exon 5, Terrier Brasileiro Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Muscular Dystrophy (DMD, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Variant 1)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Muscular Dystrophy (DMD, Golden Retriever Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Musladin-Lueke Syndrome, MLS (ADAMTSL2)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Myasthenia Gravis-Like Syndrome (CHRNE, Heideterrier Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Myotonia Congenita (CLCN1 Exon 23, Australian Cattle Dog Variant)	Clear



OTHER RESULTS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junctional Epidermolysis Bullosa (LAMA3 Exon 66, Australian Cattle Dog Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junctional Epidermolysis Bullosa (LAMB3 Exon 11, Australian Shepherd Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Epilepsy (LGI2)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Laryngeal Paralysis and Polyneuropathy (RAB3GAP1, Rottweiler Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Myoclonic Epilepsy (DIRAS1)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> L-2-Hydroxyglutaricaciduria, L2HGA (L2HGDH, Staffordshire Bull Terrier Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lagotto Storage Disease (ATG4D)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laryngeal Paralysis (RAPGEF6, Miniature Bull Terrier Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Late Onset Spinocerebellar Ataxia (CAPN1)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Late-Onset Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis, NCL 12 (ATP13A2, Australian Cattle Dog Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonberger Polyneuropathy 1 (LPN1, ARHGEF10)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonberger Polyneuropathy 2 (GJA9)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lethal Acrodermatitis, LAD (MKLN1)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leukodystrophy (TSEN54 Exon 5, Standard Schnauzer Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ligneous Membranitis, LM (PLG)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy (SGCD, Boston Terrier Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limb-Girdle Muscular Dystrophy 2D (SGCA Exon 3, Miniature Dachshund Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Long QT Syndrome (KCNQ1)	Clear



OTHER RESULTS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hereditary Cataracts (HSF4 Exon 9, Australian Shepherd Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hereditary Footpad Hyperkeratosis (FAM83G, Terrier and Kromfohrlander Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hereditary Footpad Hyperkeratosis (DSG1, Rottweiler Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hereditary Nasal Parakeratosis (SUV39H2 Intron 4, Greyhound Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hereditary Vitamin D-Resistant Rickets (VDR)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hypocatalasia, Acatlasemia (CAT)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hypomyelination and Tremors (FNIP2, Weimaraner Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hypophosphatasia (ALPL Exon 9, Karelian Bear Dog Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ichthyosis (NIPAL4, American Bulldog Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ichthyosis (ASPRV1 Exon 2, German Shepherd Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ichthyosis (SLC27A4, Great Dane Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ichthyosis, Epidermolytic Hyperkeratosis (KRT10, Terrier Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ichthyosis, ICH1 (PNPLA1, Golden Retriever Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inflammatory Myopathy (SLC25A12)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inherited Myopathy of Great Danes (BIN1)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inherited Selected Cobalamin Malabsorption with Proteinuria (CUBN, Komondor Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intervertebral Disc Disease (Type I) (FGF4 retrogene - CFA12)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intestinal Lipid Malabsorption (ACSL5, Australian Kelpie)	Clear



OTHER RESULTS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Globoid Cell Leukodystrophy, Krabbe disease (GALC Exon 5, Terrier Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Glycogen Storage Disease Type IA, Von Gierke Disease, GSD IA (G6PC, Maltese Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Glycogen Storage Disease Type IIIA, GSD IIIA (AGL, Curly Coated Retriever Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Glycogen storage disease Type VII, Phosphofructokinase Deficiency, PFK Deficiency (PFKM, Whippet and English Springer Spaniel Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Glycogen storage disease Type VII, Phosphofructokinase Deficiency, PFK Deficiency (PFKM, Wachtelhund Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GM1 Gangliosidosis (GLB1 Exon 2, Portuguese Water Dog Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GM1 Gangliosidosis (GLB1 Exon 15, Shiba Inu Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GM1 Gangliosidosis (GLB1 Exon 15, Alaskan Husky Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GM2 Gangliosidosis (HEXA, Japanese Chin Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GM2 Gangliosidosis (HEXB, Poodle Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Golden Retriever Progressive Retinal Atrophy 1, GR-PRA1 (SLC4A3)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Goniodysgenesis and Glaucoma, Pectinate Ligament Dysplasia, PLD (OLFM3)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hemophilia A (F8 Exon 11, German Shepherd Variant 1)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hemophilia A (F8 Exon 1, German Shepherd Variant 2)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hemophilia A (F8 Exon 10, Boxer Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hemophilia B (F9 Exon 7, Terrier Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hemophilia B (F9 Exon 7, Rhodesian Ridgeback Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hereditary Ataxia, Cerebellar Degeneration (RAB24, Old English Sheepdog and Gordon Setter Variant)	Clear



OTHER RESULTS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dry Eye Curly Coat Syndrome (FAM83H Exon 5)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa (COL7A1, Central Asian Shepherd Dog Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa (COL7A1, Golden Retriever Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Early Bilateral Deafness (LOXHD1 Exon 38, Rottweiler Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Early Onset Adult Deafness, EOAD (EPS8L2 Deletion, Rhodesian Ridgeback Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Early Onset Cerebellar Ataxia (SEL1L, Finnish Hound Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ehlers Danlos (ADAMTS2, Doberman Pinscher Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enamel Hypoplasia (ENAM Deletion, Italian Greyhound Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enamel Hypoplasia (ENAM SNP, Parson Russell Terrier Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Episodic Falling Syndrome (BCAN)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Factor VII Deficiency (F7 Exon 5)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Factor XI Deficiency (F11 Exon 7, Kerry Blue Terrier Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Familial Nephropathy (COL4A4 Exon 3, Cocker Spaniel Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Familial Nephropathy (COL4A4 Exon 30, English Springer Spaniel Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fanconi Syndrome (FAN1, Basenji Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fetal-Onset Neonatal Neuroaxonal Dystrophy (MFN2, Giant Schnauzer Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia Type I (ITGA2B Exon 13, Great Pyrenees Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia Type I (ITGA2B Exon 12, Otterhound Variant)	Clear



OTHER RESULTS

✓ Congenital Stationary Night Blindness (LRIT3, Beagle Variant)	Clear
✓ Congenital Stationary Night Blindness (RPE65, Briard Variant)	Clear
✓ Craniomandibular Osteopathy, CMO (SLC37A2)	Clear
✓ Craniomandibular Osteopathy, CMO (SLC37A2 Intron 16, Basset Hound Variant)	Clear
✓ Cystinuria Type I-A (SLC3A1, Newfoundland Variant)	Clear
✓ Cystinuria Type II-A (SLC3A1, Australian Cattle Dog Variant)	Clear
✓ Cystinuria Type II-B (SLC7A9, Miniature Pinscher Variant)	Clear
✓ Day Blindness (CNGB3 Deletion, Alaskan Malamute Variant)	Clear
✓ Day Blindness (CNGB3 Exon 7, German Shepherd Variant)	Clear
✓ Day Blindness (CNGB3 Exon 6, German Shorthaired Pointer Variant)	Clear
✓ Deafness and Vestibular Syndrome of Dobermans, DVDob, DINGS (MYO7A)	Clear
✓ Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (SBF2/MTRM13)	Clear
✓ Dental-Skeletal-Retinal Anomaly (MIA3, Cane Corso Variant)	Clear
✓ Diffuse Cystic Renal Dysplasia and Hepatic Fibrosis (INPP5E Intron 9, Norwich Terrier Variant)	Clear
✓ Dilated Cardiomyopathy, DCM (RBM20, Schnauzer Variant)	Clear
✓ Dilated Cardiomyopathy, DCM1 (PDK4, Doberman Pinscher Variant 1)	Clear
✓ Dilated Cardiomyopathy, DCM2 (TTN, Doberman Pinscher Variant 2)	Clear
✓ Disproportionate Dwarfism (PRKG2, Dogo Argentino Variant)	Clear



OTHER RESULTS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cardiomyopathy and Juvenile Mortality (YARS2)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cerebellar Hypoplasia (VLDLR, Eurasier Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chondrodysplasia (ITGA10, Norwegian Elkhound and Karelian Bear Dog Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cleft Lip and/or Cleft Palate (ADAMTS20, Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cleft Palate, CP1 (DLX6 intron 2, Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cobalamin Malabsorption (CUBN Exon 8, Beagle Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cobalamin Malabsorption (CUBN Exon 53, Border Collie Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collie Eye Anomaly (NHEJ1)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complement 3 Deficiency, C3 Deficiency (C3)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Congenital Cornification Disorder (NSDHL, Chihuahua Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Congenital Hypothyroidism (TPO, Rat, Toy, Hairless Terrier Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Congenital Hypothyroidism (TPO, Tenterfield Terrier Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Congenital Hypothyroidism with Goiter (TPO Intron 13, French Bulldog Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Congenital Hypothyroidism with Goiter (SLC5A5, Shih Tzu Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Congenital Macrothrombocytopenia (TUBB1 Exon 1, Cairn and Norfolk Terrier Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Congenital Myasthenic Syndrome, CMS (COLQ, Golden Retriever Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Congenital Myasthenic Syndrome, CMS (CHAT, Old Danish Pointing Dog Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Congenital Myasthenic Syndrome, CMS (CHRNE, Jack Russell Terrier Variant)	Clear



OTHER RESULTS

Research has not yet linked these conditions to dogs with similar breeds to Hugo. Review any increased risk or notable results to understand his potential risk and recommendations.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2-DHA Kidney & Bladder Stones (APRT)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acral Mutilation Syndrome (GDNF-AS, Spaniel and Pointer Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alaskan Husky Encephalopathy (SLC19A3)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alaskan Malamute Polyneuropathy, AMPN (NDRG1 SNP)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALT Activity (GPT)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anhidrotic Ectodermal Dysplasia (EDA Intron 8)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Autosomal Dominant Progressive Retinal Atrophy (RHO)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bald Thigh Syndrome (IGFBP5)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bernard-Soulier Syndrome, BSS (GP9, Cocker Spaniel Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bully Whippet Syndrome (MSTN)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canine Fucosidosis (FUCA1)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canine Leukocyte Adhesion Deficiency Type I, CLAD I (ITGB2, Setter Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canine Leukocyte Adhesion Deficiency Type III, CLAD III (FERMT3, German Shepherd Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canine Multifocal Retinopathy, cmr1 (BEST1 Exon 2)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canine Multifocal Retinopathy, cmr2 (BEST1 Exon 5, Coton de Tulear Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canine Multifocal Retinopathy, cmr3 (BEST1 Exon 10 Deletion, Finnish and Swedish Lapphund, Lapponian Herder Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canine Multiple System Degeneration (SERAC1 Exon 4, Chinese Crested Variant)	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canine Multiple System Degeneration (SERAC1 Exon 15, Kerry Blue Terrier Variant)	Clear



BREED-RELEVANT RESULTS

X-Linked Myotubular Myopathy (MTM1, Labrador Retriever Variant)

Clear





BREED-RELEVANT RESULTS

Research studies indicate that these results are more relevant to dogs like Hugo, and may influence his chances of developing certain health conditions.

Stargardt Disease (ABCA4 Exon 28, Labrador Retriever Variant)	Notable
Alexander Disease (GFAP)	Clear
Canine Elliptocytosis (SPTB Exon 30)	Clear
Centronuclear Myopathy, CNM (PTPLA)	Clear
Congenital Myasthenic Syndrome, CMS (COLQ, Labrador Retriever Variant)	Clear
Day Blindness (CNGA3 Exon 7, Labrador Retriever Variant)	Clear
Degenerative Myelopathy, DM (SOD1A)	Clear
Exercise-Induced Collapse, EIC (DNM1)	Clear
Golden Retriever Progressive Retinal Atrophy 2, GR-PRA2 (TTC8)	Clear
Hereditary Nasal Parakeratosis, HNPk (SUV39H2)	Clear
Macular Corneal Dystrophy, MCD (CHST6)	Clear
Narcolepsy (HCRTR2 Intron 6, Labrador Retriever Variant)	Clear
Progressive Retinal Atrophy, crd4/cord1 (RPGRIP1)	Clear
Progressive Retinal Atrophy, prcd (PRCD Exon 1)	Clear
Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency (PKLR Exon 7, Labrador Retriever Variant)	Clear
Skeletal Dysplasia 2, SD2 (COL11A2, Labrador Retriever Variant)	Clear
Ullrich-like Congenital Muscular Dystrophy (COL6A3 Exon 10, Labrador Retriever Variant)	Clear
Urate Kidney & Bladder Stones (SLC2A9)	Clear



HEALTH REPORT

How to interpret Hugo's genetic health results:

If Hugo inherited any of the variants that we tested, they will be listed at the top of the Health Report section, along with a description of how to interpret this result. We also include all of the variants that we tested Hugo for that we did not detect the risk variant for.

A genetic test is not a diagnosis

This genetic test does not diagnose a disease. Please talk to your vet about your dog's genetic results, or if you think that your pet may have a health condition or disease.

Summary

Of the 256 genetic health risks we analyzed, we found 1 result that you should learn about.

Notable results (1)

Stargardt Disease

Clear results

Breed-relevant (18)

Other (236)



TRAITS: PERFORMANCE

TRAIT

RESULT

Altitude Adaptation (EPAS1)

This mutation causes dogs to be especially tolerant of low oxygen environments (hypoxia), such as those found at high elevations. Dogs with at least one **A** allele are less susceptible to "altitude sickness." This mutation was originally identified in breeds from high altitude areas such as the Tibetan Mastiff.

Normal altitude tolerance (GG)

Appetite (POMC)

This mutation in the POMC gene is found primarily in Labrador and Flat Coated Retrievers. Compared to dogs with no copies of the mutation (**NN**), dogs with one (**ND**) or two (**DD**) copies of the mutation are more likely to have high food motivation, which can cause them to eat excessively, have higher body fat percentage, and be more prone to obesity. Read more about the genetics of POMC, and learn how you can contribute to research, in our blog post (<https://embarkvet.com/resources/blog/pomc-dogs/>). We measure this result using a linkage test.

Normal food motivation (NN)



TRAITS: BODY SIZE

TRAIT	RESULT
Body Size (IGF1) The I allele is associated with smaller body size.	Smaller (II)
Body Size (IGFR1) The A allele is associated with smaller body size.	Larger (GG)
Body Size (STC2) The A allele is associated with smaller body size.	Larger (TT)
Body Size (GHR - E191K) The A allele is associated with smaller body size.	Larger (GG)
Body Size (GHR - P177L) The T allele is associated with smaller body size.	Larger (CC)



TRAITS: OTHER BODY FEATURES (CONTINUED)

TRAIT

RESULT

Blue Eye Color (ALX4)

Embark researchers discovered this large duplication associated with blue eyes in Arctic breeds like Siberian Husky as well as tri-colored (non-merle) Australian Shepherds. Dogs with at least one copy of the duplication (**Dup**) are more likely to have at least one blue eye. Some dogs with the duplication may have only one blue eye (complete heterochromia) or may not have blue eyes at all; nevertheless, they can still pass the duplication and the trait to their offspring. **NN** dogs do not carry this duplication, but may have blue eyes due to other factors, such as merle. Please note that this is a linkage test, so it may not be as predictive as direct tests of the mutation in some lines.

Less likely to have blue eyes (NN)

Back Muscling & Bulk, Large Breed (ACSL4)

The **T** allele is associated with heavy muscling along the back and trunk in characteristically "bulky" large-breed dogs including the Saint Bernard, Bernese Mountain Dog, Greater Swiss Mountain Dog, and Rottweiler. The "bulky" **T** allele is absent from leaner shaped large breed dogs like the Great Dane, Irish Wolfhound, and Scottish Deerhound, which are fixed for the ancestral **C** allele. Note that this mutation does not seem to affect muscling in small or even mid-sized dog breeds with notable back muscling, including the American Staffordshire Terrier, Boston Terrier, and the English Bulldog.

Likely normal muscling (CC)



TRAITS: OTHER BODY FEATURES

TRAIT

RESULT

Muzzle Length (BMP3)

Dogs in medium-length muzzle (mesocephalic) breeds like Staffordshire Terriers and Labradors, and long muzzle (dolichocephalic) breeds like Whippet and Collie have one, or more commonly two, copies of the ancestral **C** allele. Dogs in many short-length muzzle (brachycephalic) breeds such as the English Bulldog, Pug, and Pekingese have two copies of the derived **A** allele. At least five different genes affect muzzle length in dogs, with BMP3 being the only one with a known causal mutation. For example, the skull shape of some breeds, including the dolichocephalic Scottish Terrier or the brachycephalic Japanese Chin, appear to be caused by other genes. Thus, dogs may have short or long muzzles due to other genetic factors that are not yet known to science.

Likely medium or long muzzle (CC)

Tail Length (T)

Whereas most dogs have two **C** alleles and a long tail, dogs with one **G** allele are likely to have a bobtail, which is an unusually short or absent tail. This mutation causes natural bobtail in many breeds including the Pembroke Welsh Corgi, the Australian Shepherd, and the Brittany Spaniel. Dogs with **GG** genotypes have not been observed, suggesting that dogs with the **GG** genotype do not survive to birth.

Please note that this mutation does not explain every natural bobtail! While certain lineages of Boston Terrier, English Bulldog, Rottweiler, Miniature Schnauzer, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, and Parson Russell Terrier, and Dobermans are born with a natural bobtail, these breeds do not have this mutation. This suggests that other unknown genetic mutations can also lead to a natural bobtail.

Likely normal-length tail (CC)

Hind Dewclaws (LMBR1)

Common in certain breeds such as the Saint Bernard, hind dewclaws are extra, nonfunctional digits located midway between a dog's paw and hock. Dogs with at least one copy of the **T** allele have about a 50% chance of having hind dewclaws. Note that other (currently unknown to science) mutations can also cause hind dewclaws, so some **CC** or **TC** dogs will have hind dewclaws.

Unlikely to have hind dew claws (CC)



TRAITS: OTHER COAT TRAITS (CONTINUED)

TRAIT**RESULT****Oculocutaneous Albinism Type 2 (SLC45A2)**

Dogs with two copies **DD** of this deletion in the SLC45A2 gene have oculocutaneous albinism (OCA), also known as Doberman Z Factor Albinism, a recessive condition characterized by severely reduced or absent pigment in the eyes, skin, and hair. Affected dogs sometimes suffer from vision problems due to lack of eye pigment (which helps direct and absorb ambient light) and are prone to sunburn. Dogs with a single copy of the deletion **ND** will not be affected but can pass the mutation on to their offspring. This particular mutation can be traced back to a single white Doberman Pinscher born in 1976, and it has only been observed in dogs descended from this individual. Please note that this is a linkage test, so it may not be as predictive as direct tests of the mutation in some lines.

Likely not albino (NN)



TRAITS: OTHER COAT TRAITS (CONTINUED)

TRAIT	RESULT
Shedding (MC5R) Dogs with at least one copy of the ancestral C allele, like many Labradors and German Shepherd Dogs, are heavy or seasonal shedders, while those with two copies of the T allele, including many Boxers, Shih Tzus and Chihuahuas, tend to be lighter shedders. Dogs with furnished/wire-haired coats caused by RSP02 (the furnishings gene) tend to be low shedders regardless of their genotype at this gene.	Likely light shedding (TT)
Coat Texture (KRT71) Dogs with a long coat and at least one copy of the T allele have a wavy or curly coat characteristic of Poodles and Bichon Frises. Dogs with two copies of the ancestral C allele are likely to have a straight coat, but there are other factors that can cause a curly coat, for example if they at least one F allele for the Furnishings (RSP02) gene then they are likely to have a curly coat. Dogs with short coats may carry one or two copies of the T allele but still have straight coats.	Likely straight coat (CC)
Hairlessness (FOXI3) A duplication in the FOXI3 gene causes hairlessness over most of the body as well as changes in tooth shape and number. This mutation occurs in Peruvian Inca Orchid, Xoloitzcuintli (Mexican Hairless), and Chinese Crested (other hairless breeds have different mutations). Dogs with the NDup genotype are likely to be hairless while dogs with the NN genotype are likely to have a normal coat. The DupDup genotype has never been observed, suggesting that dogs with that genotype cannot survive to birth. Please note that this is a linkage test, so it may not be as predictive as direct tests of the mutation in some lines.	Very unlikely to be hairless (NN)
Hairlessness (SGK3) Hairlessness in the American Hairless Terrier arises from a mutation in the SGK3 gene. Dogs with the DD result are likely to be hairless. Dogs with the ND genotype will have a normal coat, but can pass the D variant on to their offspring.	Very unlikely to be hairless (NN)



TRAITS: OTHER COAT TRAITS (CONTINUED)

TRAIT

RESULT

Coat Length (FGF5)

The FGF5 gene affects hair length in many species, including cats, dogs, mice, and humans. In dogs, an **Lh** allele confers a long, silky hair coat across many breeds, including Yorkshire Terriers, Cocker Spaniels, and Golden Retrievers, while the **Sh** allele causes a shorter coat, as seen in the Boxer or the American Staffordshire Terrier. In certain breeds, such as the Pembroke Welsh Corgi and French Bulldog, the long haircoat is described as “fluffy”. The coat length determined by FGF5, as reported by us, is influenced by four genetic variants that work together to promote long hair.

The most common of these is the **Lh1** variant (G/T, CanFam3.1, chr32, g.4509367) and the less common ones are **Lh2** (C/T, CanFam3.1, chr32, g.4528639), **Lh3** (16bp deletion, CanFam3.1, chr32, g.4528616), and **Lh4** (GG insertion, CanFam3.1, chr32, g.4528621). The FGF5_Lh1 variant is found across many dog breeds. The less common alleles, FGF5_Lh2, have been found in the Akita, Samoyed, and Siberian Husky, FGF5_Lh3 have been found in the Eurasier, and FGF5_Lh4 have been found in the Afghan Hound, Eurasier, and French Bulldog.

Likely short or mid-length coat (ShSh)

The **Lh** alleles have a recessive mode of inheritance, meaning that two copies of the **Lh** alleles are required to have long hair. The presence of two Lh alleles at any of these FGF5 loci is expected to result in long hair. One copy each of **Lh1** and **Lh2** have been found in Samoyeds, one copy each of **Lh1** and **Lh3** have been found in Eurasiers, and one copy each of **Lh1** and **Lh4** have been found in the Afghan Hounds and Eurasiers.

Interestingly, the Lh3 variant, a 16 base pair deletion, encompasses the Lh4 variant (GG insertion). The presence of one or two copies of Lh3 influences the outcome at the Lh4 locus. When two copies of Lh3 are present, there will be no reportable result for the FGF5_Lh4 locus. With one copy of Lh3, Lh4 can have either one copy of the variant allele or the normal allele. The overall FGF5 result remains unaffected by this.



TRAITS: OTHER COAT TRAITS

TRAIT

RESULT

Furnishings (RSP02)

Dogs with one or two copies of the **F** allele have “furnishings”: the mustache, beard, and eyebrows characteristic of breeds like the Schnauzer, Scottish Terrier, and Wire Haired Dachshund. A dog with two **I** alleles will not have furnishings, which is sometimes called an “improper coat” in breeds where furnishings are part of the breed standard. The mutation is a genetic insertion which we measure indirectly using a linkage test highly correlated with the insertion.

Likely unfurnished (no mustache, beard, and/or eyebrows) (II)



TRAITS: COAT COLOR (CONTINUED)

TRAIT

RESULT

M Locus (PMEL)

Merle coat patterning is common to several dog breeds including the Australian Shepherd, Catahoula Leopard Dog, and Shetland Sheepdog, among many others. Merle arises from an unstable SINE insertion (which we term the "M*" allele) that disrupts activity of the pigmentary gene PMEL, leading to mottled or patchy coat color. Dogs with an **M*m** result are likely to be phenotypically merle or could be "non-expressing" merle, meaning that the merle pattern is very subtle or not at all evident in their coat. Dogs with an **M*M*** result are likely to be phenotypically merle or double merle. Dogs with an **mm** result have no merle alleles and are unlikely to have a merle coat pattern.

No merle alleles (mm)

Note that Embark does not currently distinguish between the recently described cryptic, atypical, atypical+, classic, and harlequin merle alleles. Our merle test only detects the presence, but not the length of the SINE insertion. We do not recommend making breeding decisions on this result alone. Please pursue further testing for allelic distinction prior to breeding decisions.

R Locus (USH2A)

The R Locus regulates the presence or absence of the roan coat color pattern. Partial duplication of the USH2A gene is strongly associated with this coat pattern. Dogs with at least one **R** allele will likely have roaning on otherwise uniformly unpigmented white areas. Roan appears in white areas controlled by the S Locus but not in other white or cream areas created by other loci, such as the E Locus with **ee** along with Dilute Red Pigmentation by I Locus (for example, in Samoyeds). Mechanisms for controlling the extent of roaning are currently unknown, and roaning can appear in a uniform or non-uniform pattern. Further, non-uniform roaning may appear as ticking, and not obviously roan. The roan pattern can appear with or without ticking.

Likely no impact on coat pattern (rr)

H Locus (Harlequin)

This pattern is recognized in Great Danes and causes dogs to have a white coat with patches of darker pigment. A dog with an **Hh** result will be harlequin if they are also **M*m** or **M*M*** at the M Locus and are not **ee** at the E locus. Dogs with a result of **hh** will not be harlequin. This trait is thought to be homozygous lethal; a living dog with an **HH** genotype has never been found.

No harlequin alleles (hh)



TRAITS: COAT COLOR (CONTINUED)

TRAIT

RESULT

Cocoa (HPS3)

Dogs with the **coco** genotype will produce dark brown pigment instead of black in both their hair and skin. Dogs with the **Nco** genotype will produce black pigment, but can pass the **co** allele on to their puppies. Dogs that have the **coco** genotype as well as the **bb** genotype at the B locus are generally a lighter brown than dogs that have the **Bb** or **BB** genotypes at the B locus.

No co alleles, not expressed (NN)

B Locus (TYRP1)

Dogs with two copies of the **b** allele produce brown pigment instead of black in both their hair and skin. Dogs with one copy of the **b** allele will produce black pigment, but can pass the **b** allele on to their puppies. E Locus **ee** dogs that carry two **b** alleles will have red or cream coats, but have brown noses, eye rims, and footpads (sometimes referred to as "Dudley Nose" in Labrador Retrievers). "Liver" or "chocolate" is the preferred color term for brown in most breeds; in the Doberman Pinscher it is referred to as "red".

Black or gray hair and skin (BB)

Saddle Tan (RALY)

The "Saddle Tan" pattern causes the black hairs to recede into a "saddle" shape on the back, leaving a tan face, legs, and belly, as a dog ages. The Saddle Tan pattern is characteristic of breeds like the Corgi, Beagle, and German Shepherd. Dogs that have the **ll** genotype at this locus are more likely to be mostly black with tan points on the eyebrows, muzzle, and legs as commonly seen in the Doberman Pinscher and the Rottweiler. This gene modifies the A Locus **a^t** allele, so dogs that do not express **a^t** are not influenced by this gene.

Not expressed (ll)

S Locus (MITF)

The S Locus determines white spotting and pigment distribution. MITF controls where pigment is produced, and an insertion in the MITF gene causes a loss of pigment in the coat and skin, resulting in white hair and/or pink skin. Dogs with two copies of this variant will likely have breed-dependent white patterning, with a nearly white, parti, or piebald coat. Dogs with one copy of this variant will have more limited white spotting and may be considered flash, parti or piebald. This MITF variant does not explain all white spotting patterns in dogs and other variants are currently being researched. Some dogs may have small amounts of white on the paws, chest, face, or tail regardless of their S Locus genotype.

Likely to have little to no white in coat (SS)



TRAITS: COAT COLOR (CONTINUED)

TRAIT

RESULT

Intensity Loci

Areas of a dog's coat where dark (black or brown) pigment is not expressed either contain red/yellow pigment, or no pigment at all. Five locations across five chromosomes explain approximately 70% of red pigmentation "intensity" variation across all dogs. Dogs with a result of **Intense Red Pigmentation** will likely have deep red hair like an Irish Setter or "apricot" hair like some Poodles, dogs with a result of **Intermediate Red Pigmentation** will likely have tan or yellow hair like a Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier, and dogs with **Dilute Red Pigmentation** will likely have cream or white hair like a Samoyed. Because the mutations we test may not directly cause differences in red pigmentation intensity, we consider this to be a linkage test.

No impact on coat pattern (Intermediate Red Pigmentation)

A Locus (ASIP)

The A Locus controls switching between black and red pigment in hair cells, but it will only be expressed in dogs that are not **ee** at the E Locus and are **k^Yk^Y** at the K Locus. Sable (also called "Fawn") dogs have a mostly or entirely red coat with some interspersed black hairs. Agouti (also called "Wolf Sable") dogs have red hairs with black tips, mostly on their head and back. Black and tan dogs are mostly black or brown with lighter patches on their cheeks, eyebrows, chest, and legs. Recessive black dogs have solid-colored black or brown coats.

Not expressed (a^{ta}t)

D Locus (MLPH)

The D locus result that we report is determined by three different genetic variants that can work together to cause diluted pigmentation. These are the common **d** allele, also known as "**d1**", and the less common alleles known as "**d2**" and "**d3**". Dogs with two **d** alleles, regardless of which variant, will have all black pigment lightened ("diluted") to gray, or brown pigment lightened to lighter brown in their hair, skin, and sometimes eyes. There are many breed-specific names for these dilute colors, such as "blue", "charcoal", "fawn", "silver", and "Isabella". Note that in certain breeds, dilute dogs have a higher incidence of Color Dilution Alopecia. Dogs with one **d** allele will not be dilute, but can pass the **d** allele on to their puppies.

Dark areas of hair and skin are not lightened (DD)



TRAITS: COAT COLOR

TRAIT

RESULT

E Locus (MC1R)

The E Locus determines if and where a dog can produce dark (black or brown) hair. Dogs with two copies of the recessive **e** variant do not produce dark hairs and will express a red pigment called pheomelanin over their entire body. The shade of red, which can range from a deep copper to white, depends on other genetic factors, including the Intensity loci. In addition to determining if a dog can develop dark hairs, the E Locus can give a dog a black "mask" or "widow's peak" unless the dog has overriding coat color genetic factors.

No dark mask or grizzle (Ee)

Dogs with one or two copies of the **E^m** variant may have a melanistic mask (dark facial hair as commonly seen in the German Shepherd Dog and Pug). In the absence of **E^m**, dogs with the **E^g** variant can have a "grizzle" phenotype (darker color on the head and top with a melanistic "widow's peak" and a lighter underside, commonly seen in the Afghan Hound and Borzoi and also referred to as "domino"). In the absence of both **E^m** and **E** variants, dogs with the **E^a** or **E^h** variants can express the grizzle phenotype. Additionally, a dog with any combination of two of the **E^g**, **E^a**, or **E^h** variants (example: **E^gE^a**) is also expected to express the grizzle phenotype.

K Locus (CBD103)

The K Locus **K^B** allele "overrides" the A Locus, meaning that it prevents the A Locus genotype from affecting coat color. For this reason, the **K^B** allele is referred to as the "dominant black" allele. As a result, dogs with at least one **K^B** allele will usually have solid black or brown coats (or red/cream coats if they are **ee** at the E Locus) regardless of their genotype at the A Locus, although several other genes could impact the dog's coat and cause other patterns, such as white spotting. Dogs with the **k^yk^y** genotype will show a coat color pattern based on the genotype they have at the A Locus. Dogs who test as **K^Bk^y** may be brindle rather than black or brown.

More likely to have a mostly solid black or brown coat (K^BK^B)



PATERNAL LINE



Through Hugo's Y chromosome we can trace his father's ancestry back to where dogs and people first became friends. This map helps you visualize the routes that his ancestors took to your home. Their story is described below the map.

HAPLOGROUP: A2b

A2b appears to have split a few times in succession, which means that some of the Central Asian male ancestors of this lineage went their separate ways before their respective Y chromosomes made their rounds. There is not much diversity in this lineage, meaning that it has only begun to take off recently. Two iconic breeds, the Dachshund and Bloodhound, represent this lineage well. Over half of Rottweilers are A2b, as are the majority of Labrador Retrievers and Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. While A2a is restricted mostly to East Asia, this paternal line is also found among European breeds.

HAPLOTYPE: Hc.17

Part of the A2b haplogroup, this haplotype occurs most frequently in mixed breed dogs.



LABRADOR RETRIEVER



The Labrador Retriever has been the most popular AKC breed in the United States every year for the past 25 years. Their origins have been traced to the St. John's dog, named for the capital city of the Canadian province "Newfoundland and Labrador." The St. John's was developed from imported European dogs for fishing and hunting on the island of Newfoundland in the 18th century. During the 19th century St John's were bred in England and developed into the Labradors we know and love. Labradors were recognized as a breed by the British Kennel Club in 1903 and by the AKC in 1917. With their friendly dispositions and weatherproof build, they are terrific family dogs and outdoor companions. Most Labradors are very active with an appetite to match, and need plenty of exercise. Labradors often love to swim. Their double-coated weather-resistant fur can cause heavy shedding. Great hunting dogs and popular household companions, Labrador Retrievers are also employed as guide dogs and search-and-rescue dogs.

Fun Fact

We're pretty sure Labradors came from the island of Newfoundland, and many experts believe that the Newfoundland breed was developed in neighboring Labrador! By our calculations, there are 10 times as many Labradors in North America than there are people living in Labrador and Newfoundland.