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***In breeding does colour / conformation play a part?***

Good read thank you gentlemen.

[Charles Mariano Ward](#) to [SCHOOLBOY LIVES II](#)

When breeding for specific traits of a line or an exact dog - we look for what they bring to the table ability wise and so on **but does color play a part?**

As in the sire being black and you have a few in the litter that are the same color, do they tend to pull more traits of that sires ability and things he was known for?


[Richard Garcia](#)



[Joshua Miller](#) Some breeders go by type.

Which means color and build with all other things in place



[Calvin Housley Paino](#)  I don't think the color is the concern for traits. I think traits will produce the color needed ... if that makes sense ... but I know it's some people that thinks the opposite.



[Charles Mariano Ward](#) [Calvin Housley Paino](#) will you be able to elaborate on traits produce the color?



[Calvin Housley Paino](#) 🗨️ Longevity is the key to bulldogs ... those I admire who's been into these animals don't care about color ... I've seen gooooooooood dogs coming from them but performance doesn't equal color.



[Charles Mariano Ward](#) [Calvin Housley Paino](#) well like I mentioned my question isn't about breeding for color but have anyone encountered where they see the pups that come out the same color as sire or dam do they pull from that side more "ability" wise? It's still about ability bro but I appreciate your input and I agree performance is always the key.



[Stevie Walker](#) I've never been 1 to breed for color but the last few years the dogs coming down off my Turbo dog, the black 1's tends to be rougher than the bucs & reds coming out of the same litter.



[Charles Mariano Ward](#) Stevie Walker well I wasn't really saying bred for color but does the pups that come out the same color as sire or dam usually have closer to their traits ... if that clears it up?



[Paul Frank](#) [Charles Mariano Ward](#) I've heard that before mate. Not sure how much truth is in it but it sounds like a good indication when picking a pup.



[Aubz Hicks](#) Yes color plays a big role in consistency when breeding on a specific dog.

The more you breed on a certain dog to keep a certain trait **the more uniform the family becomes**. The whole purpose of family bred dogs is

to have a locked in trait and usually the family looks consistent in color and conformation. Now other's will still have the traits that does not look like the dog being focused on but over generations they will line up even when not breeding for color. I used dogs with different colors and patterns but bred focused on a specific style. I crossed with dogs from a bunch of other pure families to keep hybrid vigor yet the foundation genes are strong and dominate the rest.

When I get dogs of certain colors in a single litter I have a good idea of how turns out, more than most, of what each dog may be like when they get old. From weight, length, style and even attitude.

I have seen everything in each litters for more generations that most. When you see a pure family bred dog, chances are they are bred for a unique style **yet will have the same look and color**.



[Charles Mariano Ward](#) [Aubz Hicks](#) thanks brother that's a great input and much appreciated



[Aubz Hicks](#) [Charles Mariano Ward](#) always Sir. Don't cost to share info that may help others.



[Jon DeMarco](#) In my opinion, the said traits are linked more towards phenotype and then just color. 🐾



[Charles Mariano Ward](#) [Jon DeMarco](#) ok ok so basically the structure – conformation type more than color?



[Jon DeMarco](#) [Charles Mariano Ward](#) If you are considering the implications of Mendelism then absolutely. I chuckle to myself sometimes when you see a Pedigree and it says 10 times Chinaman and there Isn't a Chinaman phenotype in many generations ... that's paper breeding ie breeding on paper **as a pose to matching phenotypes and characteristics**.. 🐾



[Charles Mariano Ward](#) [Jon DeMarco](#) thanks for your input. That's a big help.



[Calvin Housley Paino](#) Great discussion though much respect to those who are chiming in.



[Calvin Housley Paino](#) I'd love to hear a few old fellas I know



[Charles Mariano Ward](#) [Calvin Housley Paino](#) definitely I want a lot of opinions. I talk to Joe when I have serious questions and he always point me in the right direction



[Calvin Housley Paino](#) [Charles](#) it's good to pick the old heads mind at times 😊😊😊 especially the good ones.



[Charles Mariano Ward](#) I agree 😊😊



[Luther Ryan West](#) If I do a breeding and one comes out looking like (same color and markings) as a good dog in its ped , that's going to be my pick. Every time.



[Charles Mariano Ward](#) [Luther Ryan West](#) does that one usually carry the traits you're looking for or the same traits as the individual?



[Luther Ryan West](#) [Charles Mariano Ward](#) it's a crap shoot really. I dunno if they have any better chance than any other , but it's my preference.



[Charles Mariano Ward](#) [Luther Ryan West](#) thanks brother



[William Harrison](#)



[Luther Ryan West](#) [William Harrison](#) <http://www.apbt.online-pedigrees.com/modules.php...>



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[Charles Mariano Ward](#) [Luther Ryan West](#) that's a good example because both are magnum bred. Did they carry traits of Magnum?  
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[William Harrison](#) [Charles Mariano Ward](#) no doubt



[Joe Coburn](#) Yes and no lol It's hard not to like one that looks like one of the good dog's in the pedigree. But I look for specific things mannerisms, style etc..



[Bo Scippio](#) I don't consider color at all.

Several years ago I bought pups off of a red red nose gyp, from 3 different litters, bred to 2 different sires. But ALL of her pups were black.

I bought Black Mongo (a son of Ch. Termite) bred him 4 times, got 12 pups, only 2 were black. They were no better than the buckskins...



[Mario Lee](#) This color pops up in my dames mother bred to another male . Half brother and sister to skinny, I'm thinking Jonny cash genes . So now it come with skinny litter same two like her mom - the two in Brazil are 🐾🐾🐾 going hunting this season , so naturally I'm keeping this pup solely base on the color lol



[Charles Mariano Ward](#) [Mario Lee](#) nice brother. When she gets older let me know if she has those Cash traits



[Mario Lee](#) [Charles Mariano Ward](#) definitely bro



[William Harrison](#)



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[William Harrison](#) RC always said I like my dogs pretty and Bad



[Brik Sity Thompson](#) [William Harrison](#) I'm going to have to use that! 😊

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[Askin Murphy](#) If it was the sire or dam I was looking to reproduce a likeness to then I would look at colour, build & conformation, disposition as well as the traits desired and I'd be more inclined to think that colour was an indicator but not a definitive one



[Kentrell DA Rasta](#) Did a breeding with a buckskin and white Male over a brindle and white bitch. 4 brindle pups 2 buckskin brindle 2 black brindle all marked like the sire. Crazy thing is a black brindle and buckskin brindle was built like each parent. But the blacks performed (brainstorm) just like the dam and the buckskins performed (a thinker) like the sire. But they all were rough like the dam, but take you in deep water like the sire.



[Zebeaux Deno](#) I think color sure means more than some intend to admit or give any credit towards and sometimes it may just be how the ball rolled but there is a reason most all dogs on most yards are dominant in one or 2 colors.



[James Tree](#) Colour within a strain is a genome marker. Certain colours and coat patterns run in certain gene sequences at a higher rate with certain other genes.

If you were going to buy an Eli or Little Gator line dog what colour would you favor? People say they don't do colour but then they'd go in there a pick the black pups nearly every time because their the dogs that are performing best in them lines.

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[Peter Edwards](#) No, I do not believe they tend to pull more traits of that sires ability and things he was known for if they are the same color as the sire, within a specific litter. Traits are an expression of the genes and the genes responsible for color traits do not have an interrelationship with the genes responsible for the expression of the sires ability and things he was known for.



[Richard Garcia](#) I didn't breed for color per se but instead I recognized certain traits that were consistent with certain colors, which gave insight to specifics in my family of dogs



[Rudi Su Nak](#) [Richard Garcia](#) Si, to know for sure you have to keep the whole litter and it will turn out who's who 🙌👍



[Richard Garcia](#) [Rudi Su Nak](#). Agreed. That's always best so that if the litter is successful you'll have the best one or two or three or more...



[Rudi Su Nak](#) The genes of a dam will be dominant, even if they look like their Sire! Genetical heritage!

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[Laramie Smith](#) Color is a completely different gene all its own. I see no correlation between performance, gameness or any other athletic trait, and color. If someone breeds dogs that do predominantly certain things well, and they are of a scheme or rather tight lineage,

One color will be seen more often, making the athletic prowess and the color coincidental.

Being a knitted together family is what gives one dominant coloration. **It does the same for the consistency of physical attributes.** But they are different genes. They are each seen more often because of the tightness of the gene flow ... yet they are totally separate genes.

Case in point. Surely most of us have seen people write that black dogs bite harder. Well, they most often are referring to a certain person's dogs who happen to come about all black, and most **are bred to enhance mouth.** Therefore, the mistaken correlation. It happens often.