# **BLACKLINE MASTERS**



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# Helpful Hints to remember our Pacific salmon!



# Species Name Found in Kitsap (Common and Weight Length **Interesting Fact** Streams - A little OR Scientific) A lot

#### **Pacific Salmon Species Chart**

Adapted with permission from Students for Salmon, Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Assoc., 2016



Nicknames: King, Tyee, Blackmouth

Scientific Name: Oncorhynchus tshawytscha

Average Weight: 10-24 lbs. (4.5-10.9 kg) (can reach up to 125 lbs.)

Length at Maturity: 36-58 inches (91.4-147.32 cm)

Life Cycle and Status in Kitsap County

- Can live up to 7 or 8 years; most return to large rivers and streams after 3-4 years.
- Young Chinook live in rivers and streams for up to a year before venturing to the ocean.
- Use Kitsap's nearshore to forage (search for food).
- Adults returning to Kitsap streams are from hatcheries in Gorst, Grovers, and Dogfish Creeks.
- Returns in Kitsap peak in late August through September.
- Chinook is named after a native tribe, so always capitalize the name.

Habitat Needs: Chinook are most often found in rivers and occasionally in larger creeks. Spawning usually occurs in fast-water side channels and areas with fist-sized gravel.

They are the largest, but least abundant salmon. When in the ocean they have bluishgreen backs and silver sides with irregular spotting on the back, dorsal fin, and both lobes of the tail. Another distinguishing characteristic is their black gum line. Spawning colors are olive brown to dark brown in color. Males also develop a hooked snout.



Nicknames: Dog, Keta, Calico

Scientific Name: Oncorhynchus keta

Average Weight: 9-15 lbs., up to 40 lbs. (4.1-6.8 kg, up to 18.1 kg)

Length at Maturity: 25-40 inches (63.5-101.6 cm)

Life Cycle and Status in Kitsap County

- Generally live 3-5 years.
- Young chum migrate to salt water soon after emerging from the gravel.
- Spawn in the lower sections of streams close to the estuary.
- The most abundant salmon in Kitsap streams.
- Return to Kitsap streams late October through November.
- Hood Canal Summer Chum begin to return in August.
- They are usually the species raised in local classrooms.

#### Habitat Needs:

Chum can often be found spawning where groundwater upwells through the spawning gravel. Upon entering the estuary, juveniles prefer tidal sloughs and small estuaries associated with the nearshore.

They have the most widely distributed population, found from California to Korea. They are the second largest salmon (following the Chinook). When in the ocean they are metallic, greenish-blue along the back with black speckles which closely resemble sockeye and coho. During the spawning phase males get vertical bars in reds, greens, and purples, while females get a black horizontal stripe.



Nicknames: Silver, silverside

Scientific Name: Oncorhynchus kisutch

Average Weight: 6-12 lbs., up to 31 lbs. (2.7-5.4 kg, up to 14.1 kg)

Length at Maturity: 24-38 inches (61.0-96.5 cm)

#### Life Cycle and Status in Kitsap County

- Generally live about 3 years.
- Young coho spend 1-2 years in fresh water, preferring upper reaches of streams and off-channel areas like beaver ponds.
- Adult coho spawn in the upper sections of small streams.
- One of the more common species in Kitsap, they return to Kitsap streams in the fall, peaking in late November.

#### Habitat Needs:

Spawning coho are often found in small, lowland creeks.

While coho are one of the most commercially sought after salmon species, they make up only 7-10% of the commercial salmon fishery. Some coho travel less than 100 miles from the mouth of their stream for reproduction while others travel over a thousand miles. While in the ocean, they have dark metallic blue or greenish backs with silver sides and a light belly. They have small black spots on their backs and the upper lobe of the tail. Another distinguishing feature is their gum line, which is white. Spawning colors are dark with reddish coloration on their sides.



Nicknames: Humpback, humpy/humpie

Scientific Name: Oncorhynchus gorbuscha

Average Weight: 2-5 lbs., up to 12 lbs. (1.0-2.3 kg, up to 5.4 kg)

Length at Maturity: 20-30 inches (50.8-76.2 cm)

Life Cycle and Status in Kitsap County

- Generally live for 2 years.
- Young pink salmon migrate to saltwater right after emerging from gravel.
- Adult pink salmon spawn close to the estuaries of rivers and streams.
- Only a few spawn in Kitsap streams—less than a dozen spotted by Suquamish Tribe biologists every other year.
- They return to rivers and streams during late summer and early fall every other year.

#### Habitat Needs:

They are known as humpies due to the very large hump males get just behind the head during the spawning phase. They are the smallest of the species and spend the least amount of time in freshwater, spawning in two-year cycles very close to the mouth of streams with little to no upstream migration. While in the ocean, they appear to have steel blue to blue green backs, silver sides, and a white belly with large oval spots covering their back, adipose fin and both lobes of the caudal fin. During the spawning phase, pinks have dark backs with a pinkish wash and green blotches on their sides.



Nicknames: Redfish red, Blueback

Scientific Name: Oncorhynchus nerka

Average Weight: 4-8 lbs., up to 15 lbs. (1.8-3.6 kg, up to 6.8 kg)

Length at Maturity: 25-33 inches (63.5-83.8 cm)

Life Cycle and Status in Kitsap County

- Generally live 2-6 years.
- Young sockeye spend 1-2 years in lakes before migrating to the ocean. However Sockeye in the Nooksack River in WA have learned to survive without a lake.
- Adults return to spawn in late summer to fall.
- They spawn near shorelines, the bottom of lakes, or hundreds of miles upstream in tributaries to large lakes.
- Seen occasionally in Kitsap streams. One was spotted in Gorst Creek in 2018.

#### Habitat Needs:

The most important commercial species, sockeye have long gill rakers as they primarily feed on plankton when in the ocean. While in the ocean they are greenish blue on top of the head and back, silvery on the sides, and white to silver on the belly. During the spawning phase the head and caudal fin become bright green and the body turns scarlet. Land locked populations are known as kokanee.



Screenshot used with permission from Kevin Belcher View full video at <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\_continue=434&v=vBME9YT3N2M&feature=emb\_logo</u>. Chinook Salmon Spawning Act3 2016 Phenomenon begins at the 7:05 mark

#### Probe: What Makes a Good Salmon Stream

Put an X in front of the things that can make a good Salmon stream.

shade	deep pools and ponds	loose gravel	
Beaver dams	cold water	culverts	
places to hide	clean water	clear water	
meandering stream	human-made dams	rocks	
consistent water	riffles	air (oxygen)	
free-flowing rivers	fallen trees		
boulders	wood & vegetation along streambank		
food	excess mud, sand and/or silt from erosion		

Explain your thinking. How did you decide whether something makes a good salmon stream?

Questions I have:

## **Puppies and Their Parents**



What makes a dog a dog? Dogs can look and sound very different from each other. German Shepherds are big and weigh as much as 80 pounds. That's more than a six-year-old human! On the other hand, a Chihuahua is tiny and can fit in a purse. Dogs also have different types of fur. Chihuahuas have short hair but collies have long hair. Poodles have curly hair. Some dogs are brown and some are black. Some dogs howl and some others bark. But they are all dogs. They have four legs, fur and a tail. Many of them do not like cats.

Puppies are usually like their parents. Chihuahuas have small puppies and German Shepherds have bigger puppies. This is because puppies inherit many traits from their parents. Puppies often have the same color or type of fur as their parents. They often grow to be the same size as their parents. But they are not exactly the same. This is why you can tell apart puppies who are brothers and sisters, even when they look similar to each other.

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#### **CHUM SALMONID**

#### Oncorhynchus keta

- 1. Parr marks are smaller than vertical diameter of eye, and faint or absent below lateral line.
- 2. Parr mark height is more regular than on Sockeye.
- 3. Area below lateral line has pale greenish iridescence.
- 4. Gill rakers are short and stubby, about half the length of gill filament, 19 to 26 on first gill arch.



#### CHINOOK SALMONID

#### Oncorhynchus tshawytscha

- 1. Anal fin is not sickle-shaped; leading edge of anal fin shorter than length of base.
- 2. Anal fin leading edge is white.
- 3. Adipose fin has clear center or "window."
- 4. Dorsal fin has dark leading edge and white tip.
- 5. Species has 16–18 branchiostegals.
- 6. Species usually has 135–185 pyloric caeca.



#### SOCKEYE SALMONID

#### Oncorhynchus nerka

- 1. Parr mark length less than vertical diameter of the eye.
- 2. Parr marks are irregular—height is irregular.
- 3. Area below lateral line is silver or white—no greenish sheen.
- 4. Gill raker length is almost equal to length of gill filaments.
- 5. 30–39 gill rakers on first arch.



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### COHO SALMONID

Oncorhynchus kisutch

- 1. Anal fin is sickle-shaped, leading edge longer than base.
- 2. Leading edges of anal and dorsal fins have white followed by black.
- 3. Adipose fin has dark edge; center is opaque.
- 4. Caudal, anal, and adipose fins are pale or ange.
- 5. Species has 13–14 branchiostegals
- 6. Species usually has 45–80 pyloric caeca



## STEELHEAD SALMONID

#### Oncorhynchus mykiss

- 1. Melanophores are evenly speckled on caudal fin of fry.
- 2. Median-dorsal area has parr-like marks, about 5.
- 3. White tip on dorsal covers 3 to 5 interspaces between dorsal fin rays.
- 4. First ray is black on fry.
- 5. Adipose usually has continuous rim of pigment or one break.
- 6. Maxillary does not extend past back margin of eye of parr.
- 7. Jaw has no red or yellow slash.
- 8. There are no hyoid teeth.

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#### CUTTHROAT SALMONID Oncorhynchus clarki clarki

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- Median-dorsal parr-like marks are usually absent.
   White tip on dorsal covers 1 to 3 interspaces between dorsal fin rays.
- First ray is black on fry.
- Adipose may have 1–2 breaks in pigment on rim and often spotted on parr.
- Maxillary extends past rear margin of the eye on fish >80mm.
- 7. rUnderside of jaw (on parr) has red or yettow slash.
- 8. Hyoid teeth are present at the base of the tongue behind first gill arch—see inside lower jaw.











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**SPAWN** 

Silver Streaks
 Large Pupil
 No Spots
 Narrow Caudal
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MARINE

Most commonly found in Kitsap streams

#### SPAWN

- 1. Small Eye
- 2. Black Base of Teeth
- 3. Black Gums
- 4. Tail Covered with Spots
- 5. Long Black Spots
- 6. Thick Caudal
- 7. 13-19 Anal Rays



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#### Salmon Stream Design Gallery Walk Feedback

Salmon Stream Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Traits of our species of salmon fry (offspring)	Traits of salmon adult (parent)-same species	Variation in similar traits of other 4 salmon species

Similarities and Differences between our salmon fry (offspring) and the adults (parents) in their same species	Similarities and Differences between the salmon in our tank (siblings). No tank – list similarities or differences you think siblings of this species may have.	
Similarities	Similarities	
Differences	Differences	
Fry (offspring)       Adult (parent)         Adult (parent)       Adult (parent)		

Use the data you collected to describe patterns of similarities in traits between adults (parents), our salmon (offspring) and siblings of our salmon that provide evidence that traits are inherited.

Use the data you collected to describe patterns of differences in traits between adults (parents), our salmon (offspring) and siblings of our salmon that provide evidence that traits can vary.



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#### PART 1 (60-90 minutes) Student Directions:

#### Your assignment:

Help! You have been asked to educate other students about the importance of clean water for salmon and actions we can all take to keep the water clean. You will read one article and watch three videos to gather information, taking notes on these sources. Then you will answer three questions before writing your essay.

#### Steps you will be following:

In order to plan and compose your speech, you will do all of the following:

- 1. Read an article.
- 2. Watch three videos.
- 3. Answer three questions about the sources.
- 4. Write your essay.

#### **Directions for beginning:**

You will now watch the videos and then read an article about clean water taking notes with the templates provided. You will want to refer to your notes when writing your essay. You may refer back to any of the sources as often as you like.

**Teacher Note:** Prior to reading the article, pre-teach the term "habitat." You may also want to pre-teach "salt water," "fresh water," and "salmon cycle". Preview the article with the students including discussing the text features. Provide scaffolded support as needed with this task.

#### **Source Information:**

<b>Source #1:</b>	Clean Water and Salmon
Article	N. Skerritt, 2015
<b>Source #2:</b>	Making a Sound Impact Entry Power to The Puget Rap (1:59)
Video #1	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vfb2C3dQTsU
<b>Source #3:</b>	Water Pollution Enviromercial (1:25)
Video #2	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D_SWLi7K7_Q
<b>Source #4:</b>	Sound System: A Runoff Experience (1:57)
Video #3	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SvJ4FtNOfQo

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# Clean Water and Salmon



ike every living thing on earth, salmon need water to survive. Their **habitat** or home is water. Salmon live in rivers, streams and oceans. They depend on clean water to stay healthy and produce the next generation of fish. Water pollution is a major problem for salmon. When the water is polluted, the salmon are in danger of dying before they have a chance to complete their life cycle.

#### **Fresh and Salt Water**

Salmon live in two different habitats. One habitat is fresh water and the other is salt water. Salmon begin their life cycle in the shallow fresh water of a stream. Adult salmon lay eggs in the stream. When the salmon eggs hatch, the small fish (alevins) begin their lives. The salmon continue to grow larger in fresh water until they are big enough to begin their journey as adults to the ocean.



**Alevins** 

The ocean is made up of salt water. The salmon become large and strong by swimming and feeding in the ocean. After three or four years, depending on the type of salmon, the fish return to their homes in the fresh water of the streams. They travel from salt water into the mouths of rivers and swim up them to the streams where they were born. Here, the salmon will spawn and lay their eggs. This begins a new life cycle for the salmon.

# Salmon Lifecycle and Habitat

Salmon Smolt (Fresh and saltwater mix Estuary)



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#### **Water Pollution**

Salmon call water their home as do many other plants and animals. When the water is polluted, the salmon cannot stay healthy. Trash in rivers and streams can block the salmon from swimming to their birthplaces. Chemicals and certain bacteria can also harm the water. Chemicals that we use on our lawns and gardens can be **toxic** to fish. Soap from washing our cars can find its way down storm drains and out into the rivers and ocean. Pet waste is another major way that water is polluted. Here are some actions you and your families can take to help save our salmon:

#### What can YOU do? -

- Use lawn and garden products that are safe for the environment.
- Wash cars on grass or at car washes where the water is recycled
- Pick up pet waste and dispose in the garbage
- ✓ Buy cleaning products for the home that are free of *toxic* chemicals
- Do not dump garbage in streams, rivers or oceans
- ✓ Volunteer to pick up trash along water ways, including ocean beaches

Water is the home to many living creatures including the Northwest salmon. When chemicals, garbage, and pet waste pollute these habitats, salmon may not be able to survive. Can you image life without salmon? Salmon are an important food source for people all over the world. **Clean water is one way we can Save Our Salmon**.

Do your part to protect the habitat of these amazing fish!









#### NOTE TAKING TEMPLATE

	Clean Water and Salmon Article
Why Salmon need Clean Water	
How water becomes polluted	
Actions we can take to keep the water clean	





Source	What I learn about Water Pollution	What I learn about how I can help
Video #1:		
Rap		
Video #2:		
Environ-mercial		
Video #3·		
No speaking		



#### Questions

1. Explain why clean water is important to salmon. Use information from the article. *(Claim 4, Target 2)* 



2. Compare the three videos. Which video tells the best story about water pollution and how we can help? Explain your choice. *(Claim 4, Target 3)* 




3. Defend this opinion: We can make a difference in keeping our water clean for salmon. Use information from the any of the sources in your response. *(Claim 4, Target 4)* 







#### PART 2 (70 minutes) Student Directions:

#### You will now have about 70 minutes

to review your notes and sources, plan, draft, and revise your essay. While you may use your notes and refer to the sources, you must work on your own. Now read your assignment and the information about how your essay will be scored, and then begin your work.

#### Your Assignment:

Write an essay where you explain to your reader why clean water is important to the life cycle of salmon. Tell your reader what we can do to make a difference. Use information from the video and the article to write your essay. Outline your ideas on the template provided.

#### How your essay will be scored:

The people scoring your essay will be assigning scores for

- 1. *Statement of Purpose/Focus* how well you clearly state and maintain your controlling idea or main idea
- 2. *Organization* how well the ideas progress from the introduction to the conclusion using effective transitions and how well you stay on topic throughout the essay.
- **3.** *Elaboration of Evidence* how well you provide evidence from sources about your topic and elaborate with specific information.
- **4.** Language and Vocabulary how well you effectively express ideas using precise language that is appropriate for your audience and purpose
- 5. *Conventions* how well you follow the rules of usage, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling

#### Now begin work on your essay.

Manage your time carefully so that you can:

- Plan your essay
- Write your essay
- Revise and edit for a final draft

Word-processing tools and spell check function are available to you.



Outlining My Essay:

Introduction: How can I capture the reader's attention?
Why Salmon need clean water:
How the water becomes politied:
What we can do to make a difference:
Conclusion: How can I sum up my ideas?



#### Informative / Explanatory Performance Task Writing Rubric (Grades 3-5)



Score	4	3	2	1
Statement of Purpose/Focus	<ul> <li>The response is fully sustained and consistently and purposefully focused:</li> <li>controlling or main idea of a topic clearly communicated, and the focus is strongly maintained for the purpose, audience, and task</li> </ul>	The response is adequately sustained and generally focused: • controlling or main idea of a topic is clear, and the focus is mostly maintained for the purpose, audience, and task	<ul> <li>The response is somewhat sustained and have a minor drift in focus:</li> <li>controlling or main idea may be somewhat unclear, or the focus may be insufficiently sustained for the purpose, audience, and task</li> </ul>	The response has little or no discernable organizational structure: • controlling or main idea may be confusing or ambiguous; response may be too brief or the focus may drift from the purpose, audience, and task
Organization	<ul> <li>The response has a clear and effective organizational structure creating unity and completeness:</li> <li>consistent use of a variety of transitional strategies to clarify the relationship between and among ideas</li> <li>effective introduction and conclusion</li> <li>logical progression of ideas from beginning to end; strong connections among ideas with some syntactic variety</li> </ul>	The response has an evident organizational structure and a sense of completeness, though there may be minor flaws and some ideas may be loosely connected: • adequate use of transitional strategies with some variety to clarify the relationship between and among ideas • adequate introduction and conclusion • progression of ideas from beginning to end; strong connections among ideas	<ul> <li>The response has an inconsistent organizational structure, and flaws are evident:</li> <li>inconsistent use of transitional strategies and/or little variety</li> <li>introduction and conclusion, if present, may be weak</li> <li>uneven progression of ideas from beginning to end; and/or formulaic; inconsistent or unclear connections between and among ideas</li> </ul>	The response may be related to the topic but may provide little or no focus: • few or no transitional strategies are evident • introduction and/or conclusion may be missing • frequent extraneous ideas may be evident; ideas may be randomly ordered or have an unclear progression
Elaboration of Evidence	The response provides thorough and convincing support/evidence for the controlling idea and supporting idea(s) that includes the effective use of sources, facts, and details: • comprehensive evidence from sources is integrated; references are relevant and specific • effective use of a variety of elaborative techniques*	The response provides adequate support/evidence for the controlling idea and supporting idea(s) that includes the use of sources, facts, and details: • adequate evidence from sources is integrated, some references may be general • adequate use of some elaborative techniques*	The response provides uneven, cursory support/evidence for the controlling idea and supporting idea(s) that includes partial or uneven use of sources, facts, and details: • some evidence from sources may be weakly integrated, imprecise, or repetitive; references may be vague • weak or uneven use of elaborative techniques*; development may consist primarily of source summary	The response provides minimal support/evidence for the controlling idea and supporting idea(s) that includes little or no use of sources, facts, and details: • evidence from the source material is minimal or irrelevant; references may be absent or incorrectly used • minimal, if any, use of elaborative techniques*
Language	<ul> <li>The response clearly and effectively expresses ideas, using precise language:</li> <li>vocabulary is clearly appropriate for the audience and purpose</li> <li>effective, appropriate style enhances content</li> </ul>	The response adequately elaborates ideas, employing a mix of precise and more general language: • vocabulary is generally appropriate for the audience and purpose • generally appropriate style is evident	<ul> <li>The response expresses ideas unevenly, using simplistic language: <ul> <li>vocabulary use is uneven or somewhat ineffective for the audience and purpose</li> <li>inconsistent or weak attempt to create appropriate style</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The response is vague, lacks clarity, or is confusing:</li> <li>vocabulary is limited or ineffective for the audience and purpose</li> <li>little or no evidence of appropriate style</li> </ul>

Score	2	1	0
Conventions	<ul> <li>The response demonstrates an adequate command of conventions:</li> <li>adequate use of correct sentence formation, punctuation, capitalization, grammar usage, and spelling</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The response demonstrates a partial command of conventions:</li> <li>limited use of correct sentence formation, punctuation, capitalization, grammar usage, and spelling</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The response demonstrates little or no command of conventions:</li> <li>infrequent use of correct sentence formation, punctuation, capitalization, grammar usage, and spelling</li> </ul>

Unintelligible, in a language other than English, off-topic, copied text. (Off-purpose writing will still receive a score in Conventions.)

\*Elaborative techniques may include the use of personal experiences that support the controlling idea.

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#### Virtual Scavenger Hunt – Good Salmon Habitat

Name:

Look for the following elements of good habitat in the photo below. Using the grid, write the letter and number of the section where you found an example of each element. *The first one is done for you. You might find some things in more than one place!* 



Vegetation Along Streambank	C-1	Loose Gravel	Clear Water	
Places to Hide		Fallen Trees	Food	
Wood Along Streambank		Pools and Ponds	Rocks	_
Meandering Stream		Riffles	Shade	



# WANTED

# for Surviving in the Wild!

By student first name or teacher/school

#### **Student Illustration**

Common name, scientific name, aliases/nicknames, and stage

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Age and Size		Distinguishing Features		Last Seen Looking For
Student Illustration		Student Illustration		Student Illustration
Age: Length: Weight:		Primary function:		Description of habitat feature and how it meets salmon's needs
		How You Can Help		
	9	Student Illustration goes here		
Description of relationship between the causal environmental factor, the effect on the habitat and the ultimate impact on the salmon, including ways people can help.				

## You Ain't Nothing but a Hound Dog (but Only If Your Parents Were Too)



Dogs and cats are said to be natural enemies. However, this is not always true. While some cats and dogs fight, others often live together and get along fine. For example, on many farms, farmers keep both cats and dogs on their property. Each of them does important jobs. For example, cats are very good at hunting and catching rats and mice. Having a cat on a farm can prevent the rats and mice from eating crops the farmer has harvested. The dog may do a number of chores. If the farmer raises horses, the dog may help herd them. Or the dog may bark if a stranger arrives on the farm.

Sometimes, if the farmer has more than one dog—male and female—the dogs will breed and make puppies. If the farmer has more than one cat, the cats might breed and make kittens. While both kittens and puppies are very small, they look and act differently because they have different parents. A puppy does not look like a cat, and a kitten does not look like a dog. This is because animals pass down a lot of their own traits to their offspring.

When a male dog and a female dog have puppies, you can expect that the puppies will look something like each of their parents. If both the puppies' parents are big dogs, then the puppies will probably grow up to be big dogs as well. If both the parents have curly hair, then their puppies will probably have curly hair too. The same is true for how the puppies behave. If the parent dogs are friendly, then the puppies may grow up to be friendly too.



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Dogs come in different breeds, each with its own characteristics. For example, a Greyhound is a small, thin dog that can run very, very fast. A Great Dane is a large dog that is a good guard dog. A puppy will always look and act somewhat like its parents, because the things that define its parents are passed down to it. So, if two Greyhounds mate, their puppies will look and act like Greyhounds, while if Great Danes mate, their puppies will look and act like Great Danes. If a Greyhound mates with a Great Dane, the puppies may look and act like a combination of their parents. It may be a small dog that is good at guarding things, or it may be a big dog that runs fast. It may also be a medium-sized dog that is fast and good at guarding things.

The same is true of cats. Kittens look and act like their parents. If two cats are both shy, then the kittens they have will probably be shy too. If the two cats are adventurous, then they have adventurous kittens. A cat will never grow up to look like a dog because it cannot inherit dog traits from its parents. The only animal that can grow up to look like a dog is a puppy.

However, the traits an animal gets from its parents are not the only things that define what that animal becomes. The animal may also develop some traits based on the environment in which it was raised. For example, if a puppy gets lots of food growing up, then the animal will probably grow up to be big and strong. However, if a puppy does not get very much food, it may grow up to be skinny and weak. So, the world in which an animal grows up can affect the way it develops.

This can apply both to the look of an animal and how it behaves. There have been cases in which a kitten has grown up with a family of dogs and has actually begun acting like the dogs. When the dogs went chasing a tennis ball, the kitten went chasing the tennis ball too. And when the dogs gnawed on bones, the kitten joined them. When she grew up into a cat, she kept acting like the dogs. Because there were no cats around her, the kitten did not learn to act like a cat—she learned to act like a dog.

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