

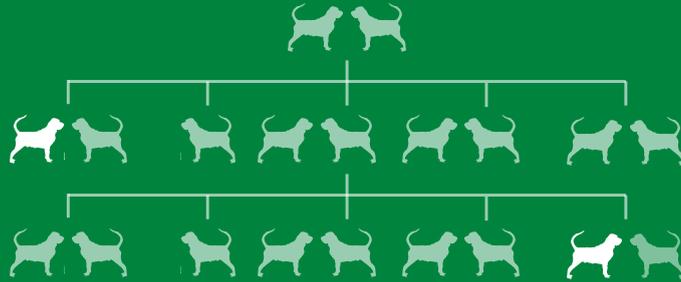


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DOG HEALTH

Inbreeding & Selection - The balancing act of Inbreeding

How do we define Inbreeding?

Inbreeding is the **mating of related individuals**, and the **sharing of genetic material from common ancestor(s)**.



How do we define selection?

Selection is the deliberate breeding of dogs that have been **chosen to produce offspring** based on **particular desired characteristics** and **genetic traits**.



Inbreeding

Manage inbreeding to ensure **genetic diversity** in a breed

Vs.

Selection

Selection for **improvement/maintenance of important traits**, e.g. health or temperament

You might not be surprised to hear, that dogs that are related tend to look like each other...

