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## Purebred vs hybrid dog

There has been much said when it comes to knowing whether a mixed-breed dog is healthier (or not) than a purebred dog. There certainly seems to be a surplus of health benefits for mixed-breed dogs compared to their purebred counterparts. That said, however, this does not mean that there are no advantages in choosing a purebred dog. So, if you are looking to bring a furry friend to your home but are worried if a pure or mixed breed breed is right for you, sit back and relax. We will discover the benefits of mixed breed dogs and pure-bred vs mutt health and life expectancy and more! The benefits of mixed breed dogs get the same breed appearance: some dog owners are looking for a puppy with a distinct appearance, for example, a husky or chow chow. Many mixed-breed dogs will tend to physically resemble one breed more than the other, so you can get close enough to a breed look for your dog while still adopting a mixed breed. OR You get a unique look: On the other hand, if you like the uniqueness of a mixed-breed dog, then you can find a dog that does not look like other dogs. Take Basil for example - a 3 year old mixed breed dog (photo presented by a staff member!). Take a second to guess what race it is. We're going to give you a second. Price: A key advantage of mixed-breed dogs is that they have a much cheaper price than those of purebred dog breeders. While their personalities and growth may surprise you, the experience will be worth the wait (and the wait itself is so much fun) if you love surprises and being spontaneous. And let's go back to the question: what kind is Basil? If you guessed husky/labrador, you're a winner! Benefits of purebred dogs A misunderstanding that people have about purebred dogs is that all purebred dogs are not as healthy as their mixed counterpart. While there is research suggesting that this is true for some breeds (and we will reach it soon), there are various factors that affect the life expectancy and health of purebred dogs. Specially selected parents: In most cases, dog breeders have selected parents (sire and dam) specifically for the desired health and breed traits to ensure that their puppies are happy and healthy. You know what to expect: When you get a purebred dog, you can expect to know how big they will have, their temperament and more. If you live in a smaller house or work for long hours, you can choose a dog that suits your lifestyle; while a mixed breed dog may have some surprises that may not be so easily manageable. Ease with training: With a purebred dog, you (and potential trainers) have a better idea of what to expect with your furry friend. This means that a may not have the temperament you're looking for — and you won't know until they're older. For basil, for example - part husky and part laboratory. While the the in him makes him vital as a great service dog, the husky part of him could make it difficult to service or train the guide. Speaking directly to Basil's owner, it's clear that... the latter is true. Apparently it's impossible to train. While this varies across the board, a purebred dog lets you know what to expect, so you can choose a puppy with a training regimen in mind. Purebred Vs Mutt: The main health differences When comparing purebred vs mixed health, there are some differences in how pure and mixed-bred dogs inherit genetic disorders. A study conducted by the Institute of Canine Biology examined cases of 24 different genetic disorders and found that across the board, 10 disorders occurred more frequently in thoroughbreds, 1 disorder occurred more frequently in mixed breeds, and then the last 13 disorders no longer appeared frequently in either dog. So that means you should only adopt a mixed-breed dog, right? Nothing is ever that simple. Let's examine only two of the most frequented ailments in purebred dogs: atopy (or allergies). Studies found that 1% of mixed-breed dogs had allergies. In contrast, some of the best breed dogs with allergies include the West Highland White Terrier (8.2%), Coonhound (8%) and the Wirehaired Fox Terrier (8%). Now let's take a look at the swelling in dogs. With mixed breeds, we are again at less than 1 percent. The breeds where swelling was most present were St Bernard (3.7%), Irish Setter (3.4%) and Hounds (3.4%). What does it mean? In these two categories of disorders, purebred dogs showed symptoms more often; however, not all thoroughbreds were at the same risk for the same diseases. Consider how some dogs are more prone to being a watchdog or protective dog, and others are more inclined to live in a small apartment than others. Of course, not all dogs are the same. So do mixed-breed dogs really have fewer health problems? The answer is not so definitive. Mixed breed dogs will not always be healthier than thoroughbreds. While some breeds may be at higher risk of health problems, each dog is different. In addition, many dogs will go on without developing particular health complications. If you want to know the health models for a specific breed of a dog, you will have a better expectation of what to look for during their life by talking to a breeder or doing more specific research of the breed. Purebred vs Mixed Breed Life Expectancy Not much will be said about life expectancy that has not already been said about race health vs mutt. There are a multitude of factors that affect a dog's life expectancy. Wellness: Of course, invest in how you care for your dog - adhering to the veterinary recommendation for annual or semi-annual wellness exams - then your dog will be more privileged to live a longer and healthier life. Dog size: In addition, on the size of the dog has shown that some larger dogs can have a life expectancy of about 7-10 years, while smaller ones can be up to 13-16 years old. These, of course, are not hard numbers, but general observations. The real question: Although research has indicated that mixed-breed dogs show signs of a longer life expectancy, proper dog care will always be crucial to make sure that your dog - regardless of size, regardless of their offspring - will live a long and happy life next to you! In Conclusion Really, the decision to choose a mixed-breed or pure-bred dog is entirely up to you. Everyone has their own unique strengths that can make for a fun (if different) experience for you and your family. Even with all these facts in place, it is important to remember that every dog is different. While they can react to things in a very similar way, each dog has its own special personality and spirit that will make the overall experience even more fun! By Dr. Jessica Vogelsang DVM | October 23, 2014 In a dog park, the blur of running feet and wagging tails is too much to identify every dog: it seems to be a Retriever, maybe something chihuahua-ish on the left, and a curly-haired dog that could be a Barodle is playing through someone's bag. Zooming in happy herds, dogs are not aware of the unstated lines between them, separating them into modern Montagues and Capulets. The owners, on the other hand, are well aware of the labels and wear them with pride. That's Thor, proudly says one. It's a Labrador. Race. I just won Best of Breed in a show this weekend. And that's Millie, says another person, just as proud. She's a shepherd mix. I adopted her. She's a pier diving champion. The owners look at each other uncertainly, perhaps a little mistrust, and come back to watch their dogs play. The struggle for superiority and bragging rights between thoroughbred owners and mixed-race dogs is nothing new, and both sides have compelling arguments that one choice might be better than the other. So, who's right? Which dogs reign supreme? We went to experts in every field for their professional opinions. Before getting into the advantages of a purebred dog over a mixed-breed dog, it is important to clarify exactly what a breed of dogs is. According to Dr. Emily Weiss, senior director of research and development for the ASPCA, reed breeds include a unique genetic makeup that can be reproduced consistently. Jessica Rice D'Amato, PR director of the American Kennel Club (AKC), notes that any dog whose parents belong to the same breed is considered a dog of Newer hybrids, or designer dogs, do not qualify according to these standards. A Goldendoodle bred by pairing a purebred Golden Retriever with a purebred barodle would not be considered purebred. Puppies resulting from two Goldendoodles would also be considered thoroughbred, since their parents are considered mixed breed dogs, although both were mixtures of the same two breeds. This could change one day, if breeders met the strict requirements of their countries' governing organizations to have their dogs recognized as new breeds. Many breeds have their bases in other breeds; it is believed that the beloved Golden Retriever, for example, is descended from Flat-Coated Retrievers, Irish Setters and a now extinct breed of water spaniel. The AKC currently recognizes 180 official breeds, with new breeds added each year. The Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI), the world governing body for dog breeds, recognizes 343 of them. For race enthusiasts, consistency and predictability are key. People can have a purebred dog on a mixed breed because they are looking for predictable qualities - temperament, type of coat, exercise needs, etc., d'Amato says. Historically, dog breeds had a purpose for which individual characteristics were optimal: the long body and short legs of dachshund, for example, were suitable for their work hunting for badgers, while the heavy coat and large webbed feet made the Newfie a good worker in the cold swamps of Newfoundland. As modern lifestyles have evolved, so they have new tasks that take advantage of the consistent qualities of centuries-old breed lines. The Penn Vet Working Dog Center is a great example of how predictable and specially bred dogs are identified and trained for jobs that help humans, D'Amato says. Breeds that have specific ideal traits, such as Labrador Retrievers, are trained there to detect everything from cancer and diabetes to explosives. Thoroughbreds are also used in search and rescue, trained to help those with vision and hearing problems and used as service dogs for individuals with autism oPTSD.