

# Genetics Part V

- The combination of genes that an organism inherits makes them show specific traits
  - The specific combination of alleles is called the **genotype**
    - TT is a **genotype** for a tall pea plant
  - The physical trait that is shown in the organism is called the **phenotype**
    - Being **tall** is the phenotype
- Dominant alleles will always show up in the phenotype if they are present
  - Both TT and Tt will grow a tall pea plant
- Recessive alleles will only show up in the phenotype if the dominant is not there
  - Only tt will grow short pea plants
- When studying a family, scientists use special terms for each generation
  - The parent generation (the first one studied) are called '**P**'
  - The first set of offspring are called the "**F1**"
  - The offspring from the F1 are called the "**F2**"
  - The offspring from the F2 are called the "**F3**"
- Scientists use special terms to describe what types of offspring an organism will produce
  - **Purebred**-organisms will always produce offspring with the same phenotype as the parents
  - **Hybrid**-organisms will have offspring that may have a different phenotype as the parents
- Not all traits are strictly dominant and recessive and there are 3 specific types of this:
  - **Co-Dominance**-these traits have different forms of alleles that are both dominant
    - Blood Type- A and B are dominant, O is recessive
  - **Incomplete Dominance**-neither trait is dominant and the result is an average phenotype
    - The alleles for the flowers of snapdragons are Red or White
    - If a plant has both a Red and a White allele, the plant will have Pink flowers
  - **Sex-Linked**
    - Gender in humans is determined by the combination of 23<sup>rd</sup> chromosome pair
    - Girls have 2 X chromosomes and boys have 1 X and 1 Y chromosome
    - Sex-linked traits are recessive alleles found on the X chromosome. The phenotypes appear more often in boys than in girls.
      - Hemophilia and Colorblindness are examples of sex-linked traits