

Research Confirms that Breed ≠ Behavior

The Importance of Welcoming Each Pet as an Individual

Results from a [groundbreaking study](#) challenge the traditional understanding of the link between dog genetics and dog behavior. Among the 18,385 dogs who participated, the study found that:

An individual dog's breed is not a reliable indicator of behavior.

There is 0% correlation between pet dog genetics and threatening or biting behavior.

Identification of a dog's "breed" mix through appearance is often inaccurate with a 75% mistake rate!

These research results strongly demonstrate that:

Many pet-related restrictions in housing are based only on problematic stereotypes associated with specific breeds.

Dog breed has limited influence on dog behavior.

Dogs should be assessed as individuals based on their individual behaviors rather than on breed.

To find other resources for eliminating pet restrictions in rental housing, including a [Pet Personality Profile](#) and a [Sample Pet Agreement](#), please visit our page of resources for rental housing providers or petsandhousing.org.

If you would like to learn more about the history of breed-specific legislation, we encourage you to explore the following resources:

[Research by the National Canine Research Council](#)

[Research by P. Khalil Saucier](#)

[Research by Ann Linder](#)

[Research by Kassidi Jones](#)

[2022 Study Published in Science: Ancestry-Inclusive Dog Genomics Challenges Popular Breed Stereotypes](#)