# **Dihybrid Cross Supplemental Questions**

- 1) Aliens can either be dominant green (G) or blue (g). Aliens also exhibit codominance in the decorations on their heads: H<sup>A</sup> will have curly antennae on their heads, while H<sup>F</sup> will have flowers on their heads.
  - a. Draw an H<sup>A</sup>H<sup>A</sup> alien, an H<sup>F</sup>H<sup>F</sup> alien, and an H<sup>F</sup>H<sup>A</sup> alien.
  - b. Use a Punnett square to determine the genotypic and phenotypic ratios of a cross between a heterozygous green female with curly antennae and a blue male that is heterozygous for his head decorations.
- 2) In rabbits, black fur colour (F<sup>B</sup>) and white fur colour (F<sup>W</sup>) are incompletely dominant. Additionally, ear length is an X-linked trait, where long ears  $(X^{L})$  are dominant over short ears  $(X^{L})$ 
  - a. Use a Punnett square to determine the genotypic and phenotypic ratios of a cross between a grey short-eared female and a black long-eared male.
  - b. What percentage of the offspring will be:
    - i. Black coloured?
    - ii. Grey coloured?
    - iii. Males with long ears?
    - iv. Females with long ears?
- 3) In four-o-clock flowers, flower colour can be either red, white, or red with white spots. Seed shape is a Mendelian trait where smooth seeds are dominant over wrinkled.
  - a. What type of trait is flower colour: codominant, incomplete dominant, Mendelian, or sex-linked? How do you know?
  - b. A pink-flowered plant that is heterozygous for seed shape is crossed with a whiteflowered plant that is heterozygous for seed shape. Use a Punnett square to determine the genotypic and phenotypic ratios of offspring resulting from this dihybrid cross.
  - c. A "Minnie Mouse" plant is one that has flowers that are red with white spots, and smooth seeds. These plants are very valuable. What would you advise a farmer who is trying to produce the maximum number of Minnie Mouse plants?

- 4) Aliens can either be dominant green (G) or blue (g). Aliens also exhibit codominance in the decorations on their heads: H<sup>A</sup> will have curly antennae on their heads, while H<sup>F</sup> will have flowers on their heads.
  - a. Draw an H<sup>A</sup>H<sup>A</sup> alien, an H<sup>F</sup>H<sup>F</sup> alien, and an H<sup>F</sup>H<sup>A</sup> alien.

H<sup>A</sup>H<sup>A</sup> should have antennae; H<sup>F</sup>H<sup>F</sup> should have flowers; H<sup>F</sup>H<sup>A</sup> should have both flowers and antennae.

b. Use a Punnett square to determine the genotypic and phenotypic ratios of a cross between a heterozygous green female with curly antennae and a blue male that is heterozygous for his head decorations.

## GgH<sup>A</sup>H<sup>A</sup> x ggH<sup>A</sup>H<sup>F</sup>

	GH <sup>A</sup>	GH <sup>A</sup>	gH <sup>A</sup>	gH <sup>A</sup>
gH <sup>A</sup>	GgH <sup>A</sup> H <sup>A</sup>			
gH <sup>₄</sup>	GgH <sup>A</sup> H <sup>A</sup>			
gH <sup>₽</sup>	GgH <sup>A</sup> H <sup>F</sup>			
gH <sup>F</sup>	GgH <sup>A</sup> H <sup>F</sup>			

^Note: colours are used to distinguish between 'blocks' with the same genotype.

Genotypic ratios: 1GgH<sup>A</sup>H<sup>A</sup>:1ggH<sup>A</sup>H<sup>A</sup>:1GgH<sup>A</sup>H<sup>F</sup>: 1ggH<sup>A</sup>H<sup>F</sup>

Phenotypic ratios: 1 green with antennae: 1 green with antennae and flowers: 1 blue with antennae: 1 blue with antennae and flowers

- 5) In rabbits, black fur colour (F<sup>B</sup>) and white fur colour (F<sup>W</sup>) are incompletely dominant. Additionally, ear length is an X-linked trait, where long ears  $(X^{L})$  are dominant over short ears  $(X^{L})$ 
  - a. Use a Punnett square to determine the genotypic and phenotypic ratios of a cross between a grey short-eared female and a black long-eared male.

## Grey short-eared female: F<sup>B</sup>F<sup>W</sup>X<sup>I</sup>X<sup>I</sup>

## Black long-eared male: F<sup>B</sup>F<sup>B</sup>X<sup>L</sup>Y

	<b>F<sup>B</sup>X<sup>L</sup></b>	<b>F<sup>B</sup>X<sup>L</sup></b>	F <sup>B</sup> Y	F <sup>B</sup> Y
<b>F<sup>B</sup>X<sup>I</sup></b>	F <sup>B</sup> F <sup>B</sup> X <sup>L</sup> X <sup>I</sup>	F <sup>B</sup> F <sup>B</sup> X <sup>L</sup> X <sup>I</sup>	F <sup>B</sup> F <sup>B</sup> X <sup>I</sup> Y	F <sup>B</sup> F <sup>B</sup> X <sup>I</sup> Y
<b>F<sup>B</sup>X<sup>I</sup></b>	F <sup>B</sup> F <sup>B</sup> X <sup>L</sup> X <sup>I</sup>	F <sup>B</sup> F <sup>B</sup> X <sup>L</sup> X <sup>I</sup>	F <sup>B</sup> F <sup>B</sup> X <sup>I</sup> Y	F <sup>B</sup> F <sup>B</sup> X <sup>I</sup> Y
<b>F<sup>w</sup>X<sup>I</sup></b>	F <sup>W</sup> F <sup>B</sup> X <sup>L</sup> X <sup>I</sup>	F <sup>W</sup> F <sup>B</sup> X <sup>L</sup> X <sup>I</sup>	F <sup>W</sup> F <sup>B</sup> X <sup>I</sup> Y	F <sup>w</sup> F <sup>B</sup> X <sup>I</sup> Y
<b>F<sup>w</sup>X<sup>I</sup></b>	F <sup>W</sup> F <sup>B</sup> X <sup>L</sup> X <sup>I</sup>	F <sup>W</sup> F <sup>B</sup> X <sup>L</sup> X <sup>I</sup>	F <sup>W</sup> F <sup>B</sup> X <sup>I</sup> Y	F <sup>w</sup> F <sup>B</sup> X <sup>I</sup> Y

Genotypic ratio:  $1 F^{B}F^{B}X^{L}X^{I}$ :  $1 F^{W}F^{B}X^{L}X^{I}$ :  $1 F^{B}F^{B}X^{I}Y$ :  $1 F^{W}F^{B}X^{I}Y$ 

Phenotypic ratio: 1 black, long-eared female: 1 grey, long-eared female: 1 black, short-eared male: 1 grey, short-eared male

- b. What percentage of the offspring will be:
  - i. Black coloured? 50%
  - ii. Grey coloured? 50%
  - iii. Males with long ears? 0%
  - iv. Females with long ears? 50%
- 6) In four-o-clock flowers, flower colour can be either red, white, or red with white spots. Seed shape is a Mendelian trait where smooth seeds are dominant over wrinkled.
  - a. What type of trait is flower colour: codominant, incomplete dominant, Mendelian, or sex-linked? How do you know?

Codominant. One of the phenotypes (red with white spots) shows both of the other phenotypes. This is the heterozygote.

b. A pink-flowered plant that is heterozygous for seed shape is crossed with a whiteflowered plant that is heterozygous for seed shape. Use a Punnett square to determine the genotypic and phenotypic ratios of offspring resulting from this dihybrid cross.

Let flower colour alleles be C<sup>R</sup> for red, C<sup>W</sup> for white.

Let seed shape be represented by A (smooth) or a (wrinkled).

### Cross: C<sup>R</sup>C<sup>W</sup>Aa x C<sup>W</sup>C<sup>W</sup>Aa

	C <sup>R</sup> A	С <sup>к</sup> а	C <sup>w</sup> A	C <sup>w</sup> a		
C <sup>w</sup> A	C <sup>R</sup> C <sup>W</sup> AA	C <sup>R</sup> C <sup>W</sup> Aa	C <sup>w</sup> C <sup>w</sup> AA	C <sup>w</sup> C <sup>w</sup> Aa		
	Red/white	Red/white	White smooth	White smooth		
	smooth	smooth				
Same as previous row						
C <sup>w</sup> a	C <sup>w</sup> C <sup>R</sup> Aa	C <sup>w</sup> C <sup>R</sup> aa	C <sup>w</sup> C <sup>w</sup> Aa	C <sup>w</sup> C <sup>w</sup> aa		
	Red/white	Red/white	White smooth	White wrinkled		
	smooth	wrinkled				
Same as previous row						

Genotypic ratio: 1 C<sup>R</sup>C<sup>W</sup>AA : 1 C<sup>R</sup>C<sup>W</sup>Aa : 1 C<sup>W</sup>C<sup>W</sup>AA : 1 C<sup>W</sup>C<sup>W</sup>Aa : 1 C<sup>W</sup>C<sup>R</sup>Aa : 1 C<sup>W</sup>C<sup>R</sup>Aa : 1 C<sup>W</sup>C<sup>W</sup>Aa : C<sup>W</sup>C<sup>W</sup>Aa

Phenotypic ratio: 3 red/white smooth: 1 red/white wrinkled: 3 white smooth: 1 white wrinkled

c. A "Minnie Mouse" plant is one that has flowers that are red with white spots, and smooth seeds. These plants are very valuable. What would you advise a farmer who is trying to produce the maximum number of Minnie Mouse plants?

First, through trial and error, create two groups of true-breeding plants: 1) red flowers and smooth seeds; 2) white flowers with smooth seeds. Then, cross these two lines. All offspring will be Minnie Mouse plants. However, do not let Minnie Mouse plants cross with each other...