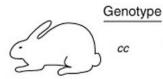
Many genes have more than 2 allele, even though only two might be required for a specific trait.



## Phenotype

White hairs over the entire body

Black hairs on the extremities: white hairs everywhere else

Albino



Himalayan



cchcch White hair with black tips on the body

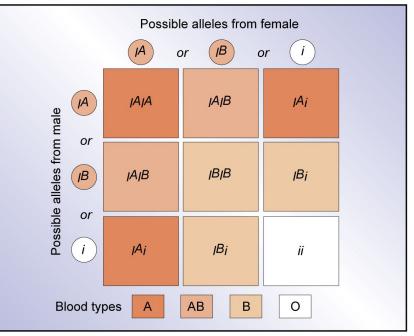
Chinchilla



- $c^+c^+$ Colored hairs over the entire body
- Wild-type Copyright 2000 John Wiley and Sons, Inc.

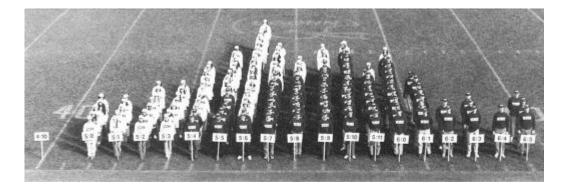
## These genes are said to have multiple alleles.

## Amoeba sisters video



Many traits are produced by the interactions of several genes.

**Polygenic traits**: traits controlled by more than two genes. *poly= many genic= genes* 





- Height
- Skin color
- Eye color

Controlled by more than 4 alleles, but all have not been identified <u>Characteristics</u> of organisms are <u>not</u> determined <u>solely</u> by genes.

Characteristics are determined by the **interaction** between <u>genes</u> and environment.



## Nature versus Nurture