

Title: Determinants of de novo mutations in extended pedigrees of 43 dog

breeds

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23 **Abstract:** Intensive breeding of dogs has had dramatic effects on genetic variants underlying
24 phenotypes. To investigate whether this also affected mutation rates, we deep-sequenced
25 pedigrees from 43 different dog breeds representing 404 trios. We find that the mutation rate is
26 remarkably stable across breeds and is predominantly influenced by variation in parental ages.
27 The effect of paternal age per year on mutation rates is approximately 1.5 times greater in dogs
28 than humans, suggesting that the elevated yearly mutation rate in dogs is only partially attributed
29 to earlier reproduction. While there is no significant effect of breeds on the overall mutation rate,
30 larger breeds accumulate proportionally more mutations earlier in development than small
31 breeds. Interestingly, we find a 2.6 times greater mutation rate in CG Islands (CGIs) compared to
32 the remaining genome in dogs, unlike humans, where there is no difference. Our estimated rate
33 of mutation by recombination in dogs is more than 10 times larger than estimates in humans. We
34 ascribe these to the fact that canids have lost PRDM9-directed recombination and draw away
35 recombination from CGIs. In conclusion, our study sheds light on stability of mutation processes
36 and disparities in mutation accumulation rates reflecting the influence of differences in growth
37 patterns among breeds, and the impact of PRDM9 gene loss on the de novo mutations of canids.

38 **Main Text:** Decreased costs of genome sequencing and improved bioinformatics pipelines¹ have
39 made it possible, at scale, to identify the set of new mutations that an individual is born with, by
40 sequencing the trio of father, mother and offspring. This has led to mutation rate estimates from
41 many vertebrates^{2,3,4,5}, improving phylogenetic dating and providing insights into evolutionary
42 changes to the mutational process across vertebrates. However, only humans^{6,7,8,9,10} and mice¹¹
43 have had a sufficient number of trios sequenced and analysed for intraspecific analysis
44 determinants of mutation rate. Little is known, therefore, about how mutations accumulate over
45 time in the germline of other mammalian species, including dogs.

46 Dogs constitute a particularly interesting model for studying mutational processes. First, canids
47 are unique among mammals in lacking a functional *PRDM9* ortholog⁶. In other mammals,
48 *PRDM9* recognizes specific sequence motifs and directs the recombination machinery toward
49 these positions, though in some species only weakly⁷. However, without *PRDM9*, canids position
50 recombination events in open chromatin regions, most notably in CG Islands (CGIs)^{6,12}. Given
51 that recombination is mutagenic⁸, the lack of *PRDM9*-directed recombination in dogs should
52 translate into differences in the genomic distribution of germline de novo mutations (DNMs)
53 compared to other mammalian species with a functional *PRDM9* gene, such as humans.

54 Furthermore, intensive breeding of dogs over the past two hundred years has fostered an
55 impressive array of phenotypic diversity in, for example, body size^{9,10} and shape¹¹, fur type^{13,14},
56 coat colour^{15,16} and breed-specific behavioural and disease enrichment^{17,18,19,20}. Association
57 studies have identified allelic variants of large phenotypic impact across breeds. Very strong
58 artificial selection by humans may also have affected DNA repair processes and, thus, mutational
59 processes may differ between breeds.

60 Here we identify de novo mutations in 390 trios from 43 breeds of dogs raised in similar
61 environments in Finland. Our dataset includes unusually large pedigrees (on average 7.48 trios),
62 allowing us to study potential differences in mutational processes among breeds with different
63 phenotypical makeups and life histories. Moreover, by comparing the accumulation of germline
64 DNM s in CGIs with the rest of the genome, we estimate the mutagenic effects of recombination
65 in dogs, and provide an estimate of the time when *PRDM9*-directed recombination was lost in
66 the canid lineage.

67 **Dog mutation rates shaped by parental ages**

68 We sequenced dog families collected at the dog biobank at the University of Helsinki, Finland,
69 over the past ~15 years. Genomes were sequenced to an average coverage of 43.3X from 643
70 dogs (341 females, 302 males) representing 54 multigenerational families and 404 trios, from a
71 total of 43 distinct dog breeds (Supplementary information 1, Supplementary Data 1). We
72 excluded 14 trios with at least one individual displaying an average coverage lower than 24X,
73 thus retaining 390 trios. The pedigrees vary in relationship structure and size, including 37
74 extended pedigrees average litter size = 2.4), and 81 trios with multiple siblings (mean = 3.6)
75 (Fig. 1, Supplementary Fig. 1). We applied a stringent pipeline to call DNM s for all 404 trios
76 (Methods and Extended Data Fig. 1). We identified 8,312 high-quality autosome DNM s from
77 these 390 trios, with an average of 21.31 DNM s per trio (95% c.i.: 20.14-22.49, Binomial) and a
78 mean callable genome fraction of 96.52% (95% c.i. 96.44-96.56, Bootstrap). Our dataset
79 includes a hypermutated individual with 230 DNM s (ID: FAM007647), which we excluded from
80 all subsequent analyses. We found that 1.51% of DNM s are in coding regions, similar to what
81 has been previously reported in humans (Extended Data Fig. 2). Searching for genes with several
82 mutations, we found enrichment for neurodevelopmental genes in both dogs and humans, but

83 these were generally in non-coding regions, and the biological significance of this observation is
84 unclear (Supplementary information 2).

85 Taking the individual callable genome into account (Methods), we observe an average germline
86 DNM rate of 4.89×10^{-9} (95% c.i. 4.77×10^{-9} - 5.02×10^{-9} , Bootstrap) per base pair, per
87 generation across the pedigrees in autosomes. This estimate is slightly higher than previous
88 pedigree-based estimates in wolves²¹ (4.5×10^{-9}), suggesting a divergence time between dogs and
89 wolves of ~23,000-30,000 years (Extended Data Table 1). Figure 2a shows per-generation
90 mutation rate estimates from the individual breeds, together with their phylogenetic
91 relationships. The estimated mutation rate per trio differs significantly among breeds ($P = 5.4 \times$
92 10^{-12} , ANOVA). The breed's effect on the rate per trio is less after accounting for differences in
93 paternal age at conception, but remains statistically significant ($P = 0.00014$, ANOVA).

94 However, the differences in germline mutation rate across breeds are no longer significant after
95 accounting for parental age differences when we consider rates per litter, instead of treating
96 littermates as independent trios ($P = 0.602$, ANOVA) (Supplementary information 3).

97 Using read-backed phasing, we determined that the parental origins of 2,586 out of 8,312 DNMs
98 (31.11%). Of the phased DNMs, 75.05% (95% c.i. 73.59 - 76.48, Bootstrap) were of paternal
99 origin, corresponding to a male-to-female mutation ratio of 3.01 (95% c.i. 2.79 - 3.25,
100 Bootstrap). This is less biased than in humans²² (0.79% of paternal origin, 3.70), but as for
101 humans, we find a significant association between paternal age and the number of paternal
102 DNMs (Extended Data Fig. 3). We investigated male and female mutation rates as a function of
103 parental ages and compared the dog results to human data⁸. We find that paternal age and
104 maternal age are both significant predictors of mutation rate in dogs (Extended Data Fig. 4)
105 (adjusted $R^2 = 0.3425$, $P < 2 \times 10^{-16}$ and $P = 0.000118$, respectively), as in humans. We also
106 modelled phased mutation rates as a function of parental ages using Bayesian Poisson regression

107 (Figure 2b). We observe significant posterior estimates for paternal age effects on paternal
108 mutation rates (3.25×10^{-10} , 95% HDI 2.88×10^{-10} - 3.63×10^{-10}) and maternal age effects on
109 maternal mutation rates (9.64×10^{-11} , 95% HDI 5.61×10^{-11} - 1.37×10^{-10}) (Supplementary
110 information 4). The posterior estimates for paternal intercepts are higher in dogs than humans,
111 suggesting a bigger contribution of mutations accumulated early in development (Figure 2c).
112 Additionally, dogs show a steeper accumulation of paternal mutations per year, with paternal age
113 effect estimates 1.5 times greater than in humans (Figure 2c). This higher yearly accumulation in
114 the male germline, and their shorter generation time, translates into a higher yearly rate of de
115 novo mutation in dogs compared to humans (1.41×10^{-9} HDI: 1.37×10^{-9} - 1.45×10^{-9} vs $3.8 \times$
116 10^{-10} HDI: 3.78×10^{-10} - 3.82×10^{-10}).

117 Paternal age at conception explains less of the variance in paternal germline mutation rates in
118 dogs (McFadden's R^2 of 30.47%) than humans (McFadden's R^2 of 56.18%), using Poisson
119 regression. McFadden's R^2 value is still higher in humans after downsampling the number of
120 DNM to match that found in dogs (56.06%, Supplementary information 4), suggesting that
121 additional factors may contribute to the variance accumulation of paternal DNM in dogs. We
122 tested for differences in 21 quantitative phenotypes among breeds including size and lifespan but
123 found that none have a significant effect on the overall mutation rate per litter, based on an
124 ANOVA analysis using parental ages as covariates. (Supplementary information 3).

125 We next compared the accumulation of germline DNM with parental age among breeds of dogs
126 of different sizes, assigning each to a category of small, intermediate or large size, based on
127 weight (Figure 3a). We found that large breeds accumulate more paternal DNM early in
128 development, yielding higher estimates for the intercept (Figure 3b) (3.14×10^{-9} , HDI: 2.58×10^{-9}
129 - 3.7×10^{-9}) than small breeds (2.03×10^{-9} , HDI: 1.78×10^{-9} - 2.29×10^{-9}). Conversely, we
130 found that smaller breeds accumulate more paternal mutations per year, as evidenced by a higher

131 paternal age effect on paternal mutation rates in small dogs (3.93×10^{-10} , HDI: 3.30×10^{-10} -
132 4.55×10^{-10}) compared to that observed in large dogs (1.66×10^{-10} , HDI: 7.81×10^{-11} - 2.63×10^{-10}
133¹⁰) (Figure 3c). Thus, even though the overall per-generation mutation rate is similar for small
134 and large dogs, we find that the accumulation of germline DNMs through life varies among
135 breeds of differing body sizes. This variation may reflect differences in growth patterns among
136 breeds, with larger breeds having more early cell divisions (faster initial growth) and later
137 puberty^{23, 24}, and shorter lifespan²⁵.

138 **Mutational spectrum in dogs compared to humans**

139 Next, we compared the mutational spectrum of germline DNMs between dogs, mice and humans
140 by stratifying DNMs into eight classes representing the six possible single base pair changes,
141 plus separate categories for C>T mutations in a CpG context, and mutations occurring in CGIs
142 (Methods) (Figure 4a). We find that the spectrum of mutations in dogs is more similar to mice
143 than humans. Notably, dogs show a greater rate of C>T mutations and a smaller rate of T>C
144 mutations than do humans. Intriguingly, this is also the pattern observed when comparing young
145 to old fathers among human pedigrees⁷, suggesting that the mutation spectrum in dogs is more
146 similar to that transmitted by very young parents in humans. In addition, the rate of mutations
147 occurring in CGIs is significantly higher in dogs than in mice and humans.

148 These differences in mutational spectrum might be explained by a higher proportion of mutations
149 in dogs occurring earlier in development, i.e., before puberty, as suggested by a significantly
150 larger intercept in the accumulation of DNMs with parental age. To investigate this, we
151 compared the mutational composition of DNMs shared between siblings or half-siblings but
152 found no significant differences between the mutational spectrum in shared mutations and non-
153 shared mutations. We note that this analysis is based on only 79 unique mutations shared by 34

154 sibling groups, similar to what is observed in a comparable human trio data set²⁶ (Extended Data
155 Fig. 5).

156 **Mutation rate on the X-chromosome**

157 Since the X chromosome spends $\frac{2}{3}$ of the time in females but only $\frac{1}{3}$ of the time in males, and
158 given that 71.11% of the DNMs are paternal in origin, the mutation rate on the X chromosome is
159 expected to be lower than that of the autosomes. Following our estimated male-to-female
160 mutation rate ratio of 3 (α), we would expect an X-to-autosome mutation rate ratio of 0.83 (95%
161 c.i. 0.82 - 0.84, Bootstrap) ($[2(2+\alpha)]/[3(1+\alpha)]$). We found a lower rate ratio than expected,
162 however, d (0.66), with an estimated mutation rate on the X of 3.22×10^{-9} (95% c.i. 2.84×10^{-9}
163 - 3.58×10^{-9} , Bootstrap) and a mutation rate on the autosomes of 4.89×10^{-9} (95% c.i. $4.77 \times$
164 10^{-9} - 5.02×10^{-9} , Bootstrap) (Figure 4b). Thus, the mutation process on the non-
165 pseudoautosomal regions (PAR) of the X chromosome is slower than on the autosomes. A
166 deviation from this is the PAR of $6.8 \text{ Mb}^{27, 28}$ on the rest of the X which is 8.79×10^{-9} (95% c.i.
167 6.44×10^{-9} - 1.10×10^{-8} , Bootstrap), which is 1.8 times higher than the autosomal rate. Since
168 there has to be one recombination event in the PAR in each male meiosis, the PAR should have a
169 recombination rate of approximately $100/6.8=14.7 \text{ cM/Mb}$ in males and 1 cM/Mb in females,
170 yielding a sex-averaged recombination rate of 7.85 cM/Mb , which is around eight times higher
171 than the genome average. Given that recombination is mutagenic^{8, 29}, this higher rate in the PAR
172 could explain the higher mutation rate observed in this region.

173 **Recombination shapes the genomic distribution of de novo mutations in dogs**

174 Dogs lack *PRDM9*-directed recombination and are therefore expected to have more
175 recombination events in open chromatin, such as CGIs proximal to genes^{7, 29}. Strikingly, dogs
176 display a much higher mutation rate in CGIs than both humans and mice (Figure 4a). This

177 corresponds to a mutation rate of 1.27×10^{-8} (95% c.i. 1.16×10^{-8} - 1.38×10^{-8} , Bootstrap),
178 which corresponds to a 2.6-fold increase in CGIs compared to the rest of the autosomes (95% c.i.
179 2.37 - 2.82, Bootstrap, Figure 4b). We find that the mutational spectrum of DNM_s in CGIs is
180 shifted towards a significantly higher rate after correction for multiple-testing (Bonferroni), of
181 C>A ($P = 1.46 \times 10^{-3}$; Binomial test), C>G ($P = 9.23 \times 10^{-6}$; Binomial test) and CpG>TpG (3.11
182 $\times 10^{-9}$; Binomial test) in dogs, but not in humans (Figure 4c). As in the case of the PAR data
183 presented above, assuming that recombination in humans is mutagenic^{8,29}, a higher rate of
184 recombination in CGIs could potentially explain the larger number of mutations observed within
185 these regions in dogs. If this is the case, recombination causes 2.00 times more mutations in
186 CGIs compared to the PAR, and the recombination rate should then be expected to be twice as
187 high in the CGIs, i.e., 15.70 cM/Mb. Given that the dog CGIs cover a total of 32 Mb, this would
188 correspond to a recombination length of CGIs of roughly $32 \times 15.7 = 502$ cM, implying that about
189 25.4% of the recombination events occur in CGIs, assuming a total dog map length of 1978
190 cM³⁰. These observations allow a very rough estimation of the mutagenic effect of
191 recombination. In 389 trios we would expect ~1953 recombination events in CGIs (389×5.02).
192 We found a total of 334 mutations in the CGIs, where we expect $334/2.6 = 128.46$ mutations from
193 the autosomes. If this excess of mutations of $334 - 128.46 = 205.53$ mutations were all due to
194 recombination, this yields an estimate of 0.092 ($205.53/2240.64$, 95% c.i. 0.08 - 0.10, Bootstrap)
195 mutations per recombination event in CGIs. Our estimated rate of mutation by recombination in
196 dogs is more than 10 times larger than estimates from humans^{8,31}. We speculate that this could
197 be part of the reason for using PRDM9 recombination to draw away recombination from CG
198 Island.
199 Unlike most mutations accumulated in the germline of males and females from conception to
200 reproduction, the mutational effect of recombination is expected to be independent of parental

201 age (since there is always one round of meiosis). Therefore, we expect mutations in the PAR and
202 in CGIs to be less dependent on parental age than for the rest of the autosomes. Moreover, we
203 also expect a lower paternal age effect on mutations in the X chromosome, given that this
204 chromosome is more influenced by the maternal mutation rate. The correlations shown in Figure
205 4d are consistent with these assumptions.

206 **Estimated age of loss of *PRDM9***

207 Over evolutionary time, following the mutagenic effect of recombination, we would expect a
208 faster rate of evolution in the CGIs of species that lack a functional *PRDM9* gene. We sought to
209 investigate this effect by estimating the ratio of CGIs to autosomal substitution rate along the
210 branches of the phylogeny close to dogs. As expected, this rate is around 2 for canid species that
211 lack a functional *PRDM9* gene, while it is 1.15 and 1.26 in the branches leading to the outgroups
212 Ursus and Felix, which have *PRDM9*-mediated recombination (Figure 4e). Interestingly, we also
213 estimated a rate of around two in the ancestral branch of canids back to the split with Ursus,
214 suggesting that the loss of *PRDM9* must have occurred soon after this split. These estimates
215 would situate the loss of *PRDM9* in canids around 45 million years ago, making it an old
216 evolutionary loss.

217 **Conclusions**

218 Studying mutations rates in 43 distinct dog breeds demonstrates that the mutation rate is very
219 stable, despite the very strong artificial selection associated with dog breeding. The only life-
220 history trait we found associated with mutation accumulation is breed size, where larger breeds
221 accumulate more mutations early in life, implicating to the negative relationship between weight
222 and lifespan of dog breeds²⁵. Whether this is a cause of the shorter life expectancy observed in
223 large breeds is an interesting question for future research.

224 Male dogs accumulate about 1.5 times more mutations in sperm in their testis per year after
225 puberty compared to humans. The higher yearly mutation rate in dogs compared to humans is,
226 therefore, not only an effect of much shorter generation intervals, but also of a higher intrinsic
227 mutation rate in dog spermatogenesis which is conserved across many different breeds.
228 Interestingly, dogs have also been reported to have a higher somatic mutation rate, which could
229 partly explain the 5-7 times shorter in lifespan observed dogs compared to humans, despite
230 having similar rates of cell divisions per year³².
231 The most conspicuous difference between dogs and humans in the distribution of mutations is
232 with regards to the dogs' much higher rate in CGIs. We ascribe this to the loss of PRDM9-
233 directed recombination in canids. which then place a large fraction (we very crudely estimate
234 29%) of the recombinations in the open chromatin associated with CGIs. This implies that these
235 evolve faster in canids, and we could use their rate of evolution together with phylogenetic data
236 to estimate that the loss of PRDM9 occurred prior to canid diversification more than 45 million
237 years ago.

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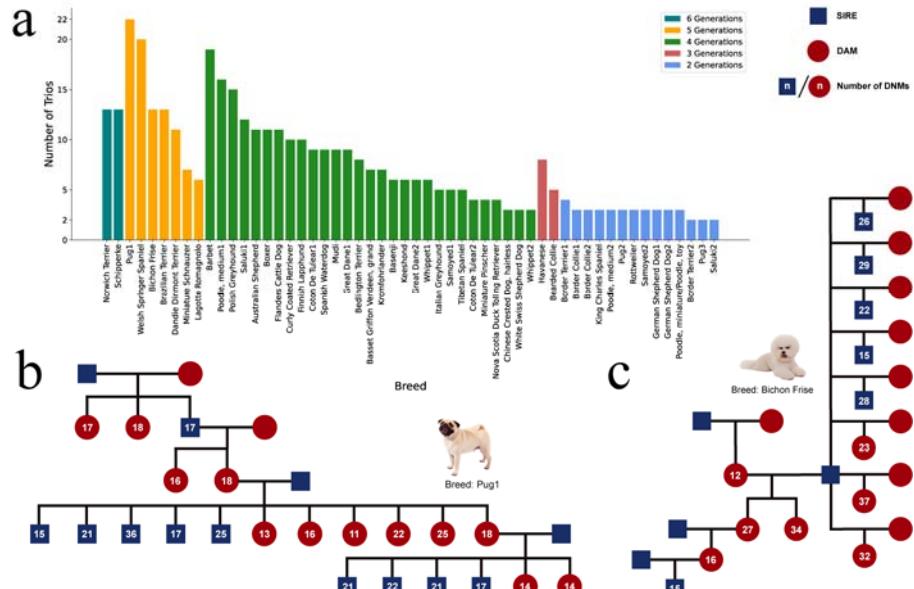
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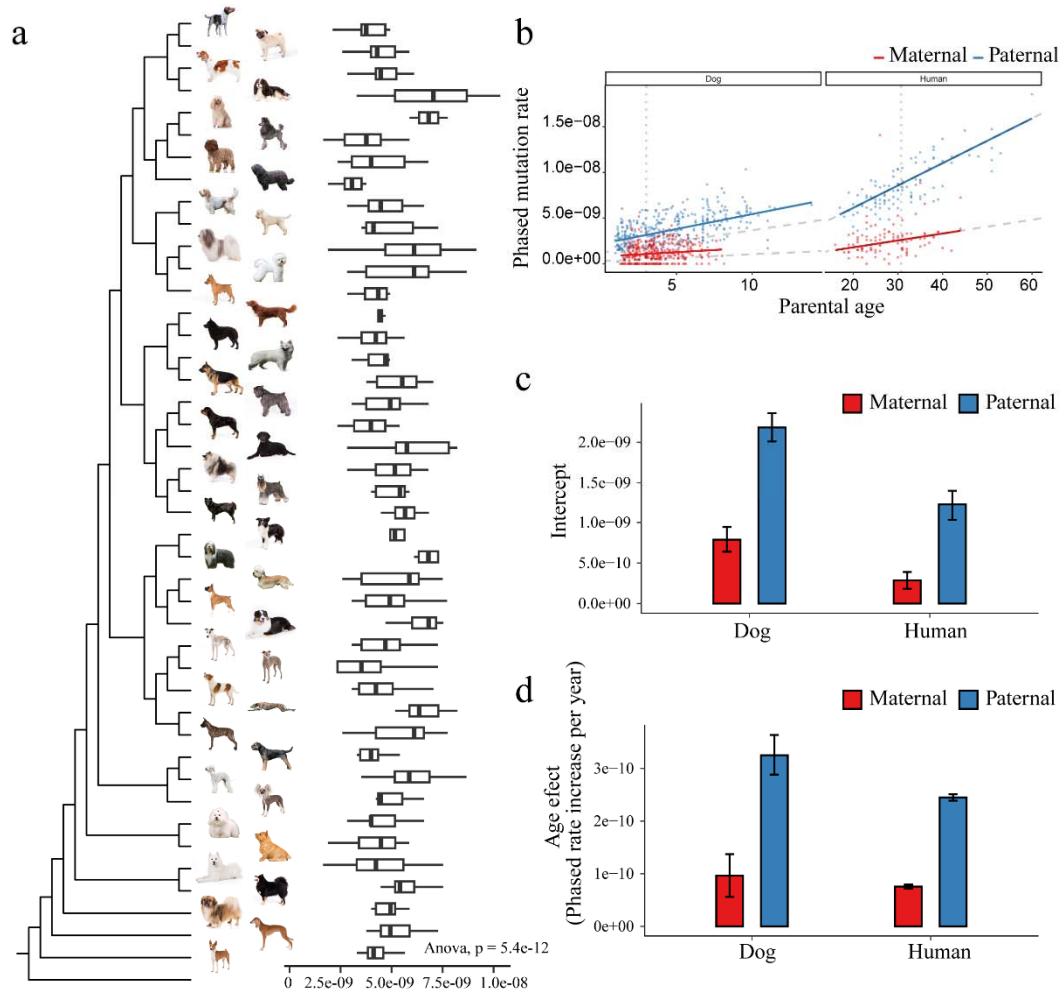
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313 **Fig. 1. Sample information and statistics of de novo mutations.** (a) Number of trios per
314 pedigree. Bar graphs show the corresponding breeds of all 54 pedigrees (horizontal axis), the
315 number of trios in each pedigree (vertical axis), and the number of generations in each pedigree
316 (color of bars). (b) and (c) The demonstration of two representative pedigrees of pug1 and bichon
317 frise, respectively. Blue boxes represent male and red circles represent female, the numbers in
318 them represent the number of DNMs for the individual.

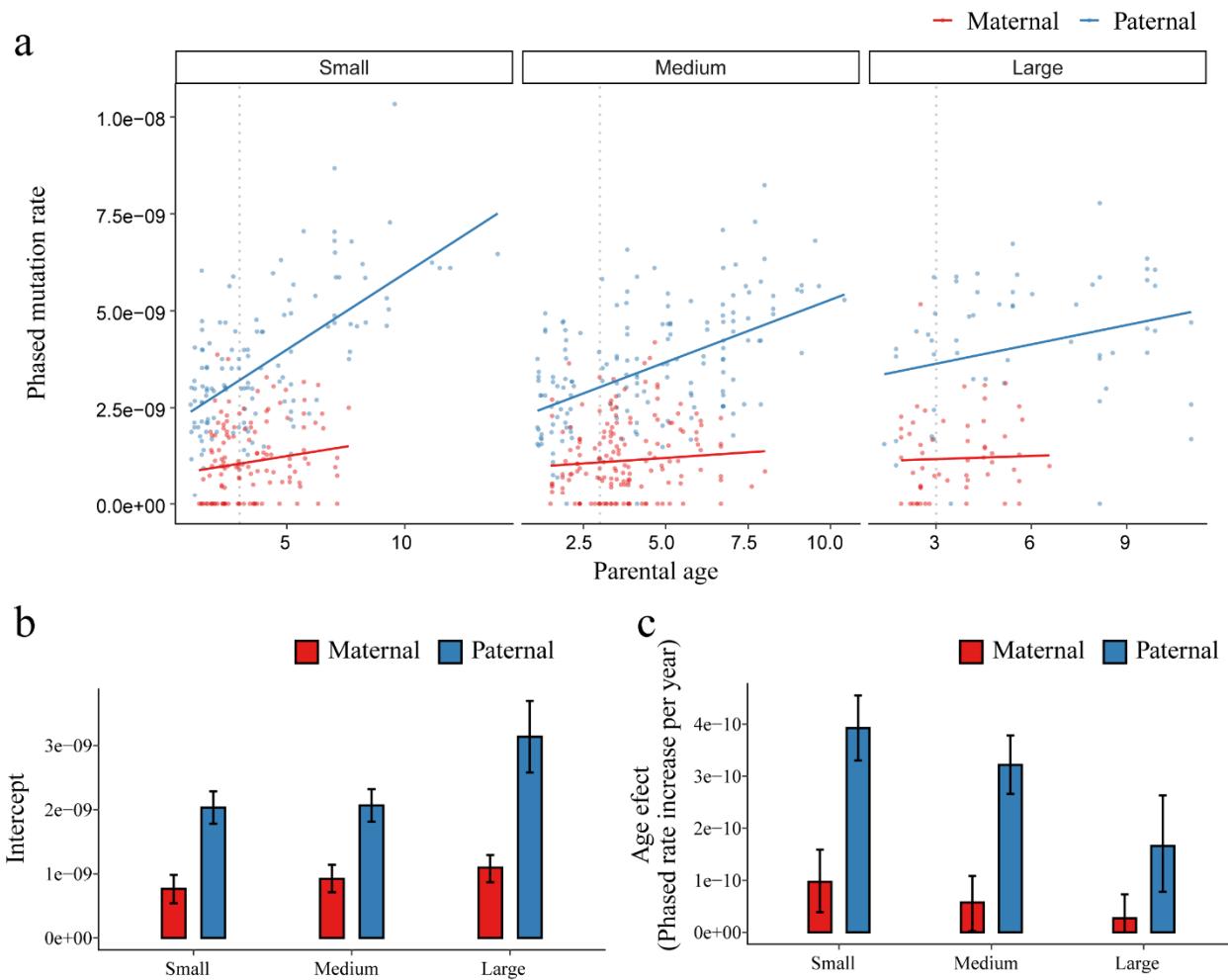
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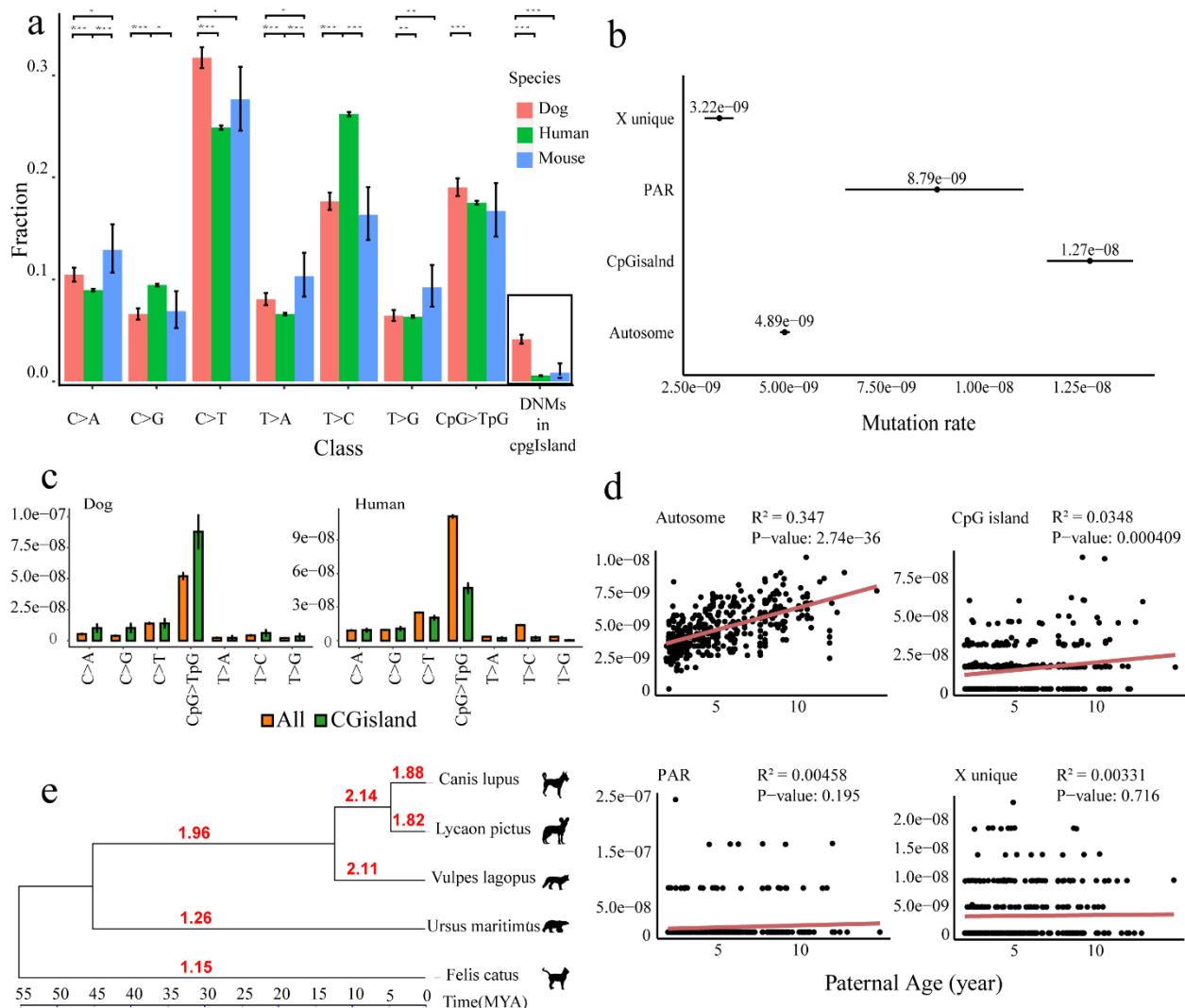
321 **Fig. 2. Demonstrations of mutation rates.** (a) Mutation rates from the dog breeds together with
322 their phylogenetic relationships. (b) Paternal age and maternal mutation rates in humans and
323 dogs, respectively. (c) Intercept of the mutation rate for male and female in dogs and humans,
324 respectively. (d) Age effect of the mutation rate for male and female in dogs and humans,
325 respectively.

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328 **Fig. 3. Body sizes contributes to the variance in mutation rates.** (a) Phased mutation rates
329 with parental age among small, intermediate, large dog breeds, and humans. (b) The intercept
330 and slope of the mutation rate for paternal and maternal among small, intermediate, large dog
331 breeds. (c) Age effect of the mutation rate for paternal and maternal among small, intermediate,
332 large dog breeds.

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335 **Fig. 4. Dog mutational spectrum among species and genomic component.** (a) Relative
336 frequency of mutational classes by mouse, dog and human. The black box is a separate class, the
337 number of mutations in CpG islands, and the other seven classes are combined as 1. (b) The
338 comparison of mutation rates in different genomic regions (X chromosomes, PAR regions, CpG
339 islands and Autosomes) of dogs. (c) Comparison of mutation rates of different mutation classes
340 in CpG islands and the whole genome. (d) The mutation rates per individual with parental age of
341 dogs in different genomic regions (X chromosomes, PAR regions, CpG islands and Autosomes).
342 The red lines represent fitted linear regressions only using the paternal age. The black points
343 denote the observed rate. (e) The comparison of evolutionary rate between CpG islands and

344 whole genomes in five species (dogs, African wild Dog, arctic fox, polar bear and domestic cat).

345 The branch length represents the divergent time. The value on each branch is the ratio of

346 evolutionary rate cpg and whole genome evolutionary rate.

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348 **Method**

349 **Sample collection and information**

350 We collected samples from 643 dogs from 43 breeds, including 54 families, and 404 trios
351 (Supplementary information 1). The dogs were selected from the Finnish dog biobank, and All
352 dogs in the study originate from Finland. In subsequent analyses, we found that when the
353 sequencing depth of parents in a trio is low, it affects the results of DNM calling. Therefore, we
354 removed 14 trios that included low-depth parental samples (average coverage lower than 24X).
355 As a result, the final number of trios included in our DNM analysis is 390 (Supplementary
356 information 1).

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358 **Whole Genome Sequencing and Variant Calling of a Large Cohort of Dogs**

359 We used the Covaris system to shear 1-3 µg of DNA into fragments ranging from 200-800 bp.
360 The fragments were then sequenced using the Illumina HiSeq 2000 platform with an average
361 depth of 43.3X. We subsequently used the bwa mem -M algorithm³² to map the raw sequence
362 reads to the dog reference genome (Canfam3.1)³⁴. We employed PICARD (version 1.96)
363 (<https://broadinstitute.github.io/picard/>) to remove duplicated reads, and merged BAM files for
364 multiple lanes. The sequences were locally realigned and base-recalibrated using the Genome
365 Analysis Tool Kit (GATK, version 3.7-0-gcfedb67)³⁵. To produce the final BAM files, we
366 recalibrated base quality using GATK BQSR. We then used the HaplotypeCaller algorithm in
367 GATK to perform variant calling and generated a gVCF file for each sample. We joint
368 genotyped the gVCF files for each trio to generate a raw VCF file. During the base and variant
369 recalibration, we used a list of known SNPs downloaded from the Ensembl database
370 (ftp://ftp.ensembl.org/pub/release-73/variation/vcf/canis_familiaris/) as the training set. Finally,

371 we filtered the raw VCF files based on the following parameters: "QD < 2.0 || FS > 60.0 || MQ <
372 40.0 || QUAL < 50.0 || SOR > 3.0 || MQRankSum < -12.5" for further analysis.

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374 **De novo mutations calling**

375 We identified de novo mutations (DNMs) in 404 trios from 54 families using the approach
376 outlined in Supplementary Fig 1 adhered to the guidelines on practices from Bergeron et al¹. The
377 criteria for DNM calling using the variant call format (VCF) file of each trio are as follows:

378 a. The offspring genotype is heterozygous (0/1) and the genotype from the same position
379 from both parents is homozygous (0/0).

380 b. The mutation must be supported by a maximum of one read in the parents.

381 c. The genotype quality (GQ) of the DNM is no less than 40 (GQ >= 40).

382 d. The read depth of any individual in the trio is no less than 12 (min-meanDP = 12), more
383 than half of the average depth of the individual, and not more than twice the average
384 depth (0.5*indDP < DP < 2*indDP). These depth thresholds are halved for X variants
385 in the chromosomes of male offspring, except for variants in the PAR region.

386 e. The allelic balance, the fraction of reads supporting the alternative allele,) in the child
387 must be greater than 0.25 and less than 0.75. The allelic balance of variants in the X
388 chromosome of male offspring must be greater than 0.75, except for variants in the PAR
389 region.

390 f. Only single nucleotide mutations are retained.

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392 **De novo mutations filtering**

393 To further remove false positive sites from candidate DNM, we conducted a filter similar to a
394 manual check with IGV³⁶. We used the samtools tool³⁷ (samtools tview) to check the reads of all

395 DNM. This check is based on the bam file which is without realignment. We allowed at most
396 one incorrect read. Incorrect reads refer to reads that differ from the reference genome in the
397 parents and reads that differ from both the reference genome and the DNM in the offspring.
398 Additionally, the offspring's DNM reads were required to meet the filtering criteria for allele
399 balance, with reads supporting the mutation accounting for 0.25-0.75 of the total number of
400 reads. After excluding unqualified sites, we obtained a final set of 8,565 high-quality DNM.

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402 **Germline generationally mutation rates**

403 The mutation rate per base pair per generation was estimated as the number of DNM divided by
404 twice the number of callable sites. The number of callable sites is the number of sites where we
405 would be able to call a de novo mutation in the whole genome. We calculated the number of
406 callable sites for each trio as positions in the genome where parents are homozygous for the
407 reference allele that passed the depth filter applied to DNM calling, i.e no less than 12 and not
408 more than twice the average depth. As in the case of DNM calling, these depth thresholds are
409 halved for X variants in the chromosomes in male offspring, except for variants in the PAR
410 region. Here we need to clarify the terms we used for genome callable site and callable size. We
411 use the “callable site” to refer to the genome position of a haploid genome that passes our quality
412 filters for de novo mutation calling, and we use the “callable size” to refer to the number used as
413 the denominator in mutation rate estimation after considering chromosomal region and
414 individual sex difference. For the X chromosome unique region, male individuals possess only
415 one copy and female individuals will carry two. Thus, the factor for scaling a callable site into
416 callable size is 1 and 2 for male and female respectively. For all other regions, the callable size
417 for each individual will be 2 times of the number of callable sites extracted.

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419 **Mutational classes analysis**

420 We discretize the 12 different single nucleotide mutations into 6 mutational classes (C>A, C>G,
421 C>T, T>A, T>C, and T>G, respectively), differentiating C>T mutations in a CpG context
422 (CpG>TpG) from the rest (C>T). We consider DNM s in CpG islands(CGIs) as a separate class.
423 We obtained the annotation of CGIs from UCSC (<https://genome.ucsc.edu/>), using the genome
424 assemblies of canFam3 and hg38 for dogs and humans, respectively. For comparison, we also
425 used previously published DNM s from mice (760 DNM s from 40 trios)⁹ and humans (181,258
426 DNM s from 2,976 trios)⁸.

427 We assessed the difference in the fraction of DNM s for each mutational class between species
428 using Fisher's exact test(R Package stats version 4.1.1). For each mutational class, we
429 constructed a 2x2 contingency table by dividing the the DNM s for each species into two
430 categories: belonging to the given mutational class (foreground) and not belonging to the
431 mutational class (background) The resulting P-values were adjusted for multiple testing using
432 Bonferroni's correction.

433 We also compared the rates of DNM s for each mutational class. For this analysis, we control for
434 differences in the callable fraction of each trio. We also account for differences in the mutational
435 opportunities in the genome and CGIs by scaling the callable fraction of a given mutational class
436 by the proportion of reference bases, i.e C, T and CpG, in a given genomic context. To test the
437 statistical significance in differences between mutation rates for a specific mutation class in the
438 entire genome and inside CGIs, we used a binomial test from scipy (version 1.7.3) and adjusted
439 the P-values for multiple testing with Bonferroni correction using multipletests from statsmodels
440 (version 0.13.2).

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442 **DNM shared by siblings**

443 In this study, we analyzed 8,565 de novo mutations identified through whole-genome analysis.

444 We catalogued each mutation by its unique chromosomal position and filtered for mutations

445 observed more than once. Subsequently, we examined whether mutations shared between

446 individuals were from siblings or half-siblings, based on parental information. Siblings were

447 defined as individuals with the same parents, while half-siblings were those sharing only one

448 parent

449 All shared mutations in the dataset occurred between either siblings or half-siblings. We

450 identified 79 unique mutations that are shared: 70 of these are common between two individuals,

451 while 9 are shared among three individuals. Notably, only two mutations were found between

452 half-siblings who shared the same father. There are 34 different parental combinations involved

453 in these sibling-shared mutations.

454 We further compare the mutational spectra between the 79 shared mutations and the

455 remaining 8,398 unique mutations. This involved calculating the frequency of eight mutation

456 types (C>A, C>G, C>T, T>A, T>C, T>G, C>T in CG context, and mutations in CGIs). For the

457 mutational spectrum, the frequency of all categories, except mutations in CGIs, cumulatively

458 equals 1. We determined the frequency of each mutation type and its 95% confidence interval as

459 follows:

$$\bar{P}_i = \frac{c_i}{\sum_i c_i}$$

$$SE_i = \sqrt{\frac{\bar{P}_i(1 - \bar{P}_i)}{\sum_i c_i}}$$

$$\bar{P}_{up} = \bar{P}_i + 1.96 * SE_i$$

$$\bar{P}_{low} = \bar{P}_i - 1.96 * SE_i$$

466 **The impact of mutation and recombination patterns in domestic dogs**

467 We use the branch lengths of the phylogenetic trees to represent the evolutionary rate. We use

468 the whole genome sequences and CGIs region sequences to construct NJ phylogenetic trees and

469 obtain the branch lengths of each branch. We use five species, dog, African wild dog, Arctic fox,

470 polar bear and domestic cat, for the evolutionary rate analysis. The whole genome alignment

471 sequences of the five species come from the HAL alignment of 241 species zoonomia³⁸ cactus

472 alignment. The CGIs alignment sequences are extracted from the HAL alignment using the

473 maffilter tool³⁹ with the dog as the reference genome. Subsequently, we obtain the species tree

474 with divergence time of the five species from Timetree⁴⁰.

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476 **Data and materials availability**

477 Raw sequence data is available from the GSA (<https://ngdc.cncb.ac.cn/gsa/>) under accessions

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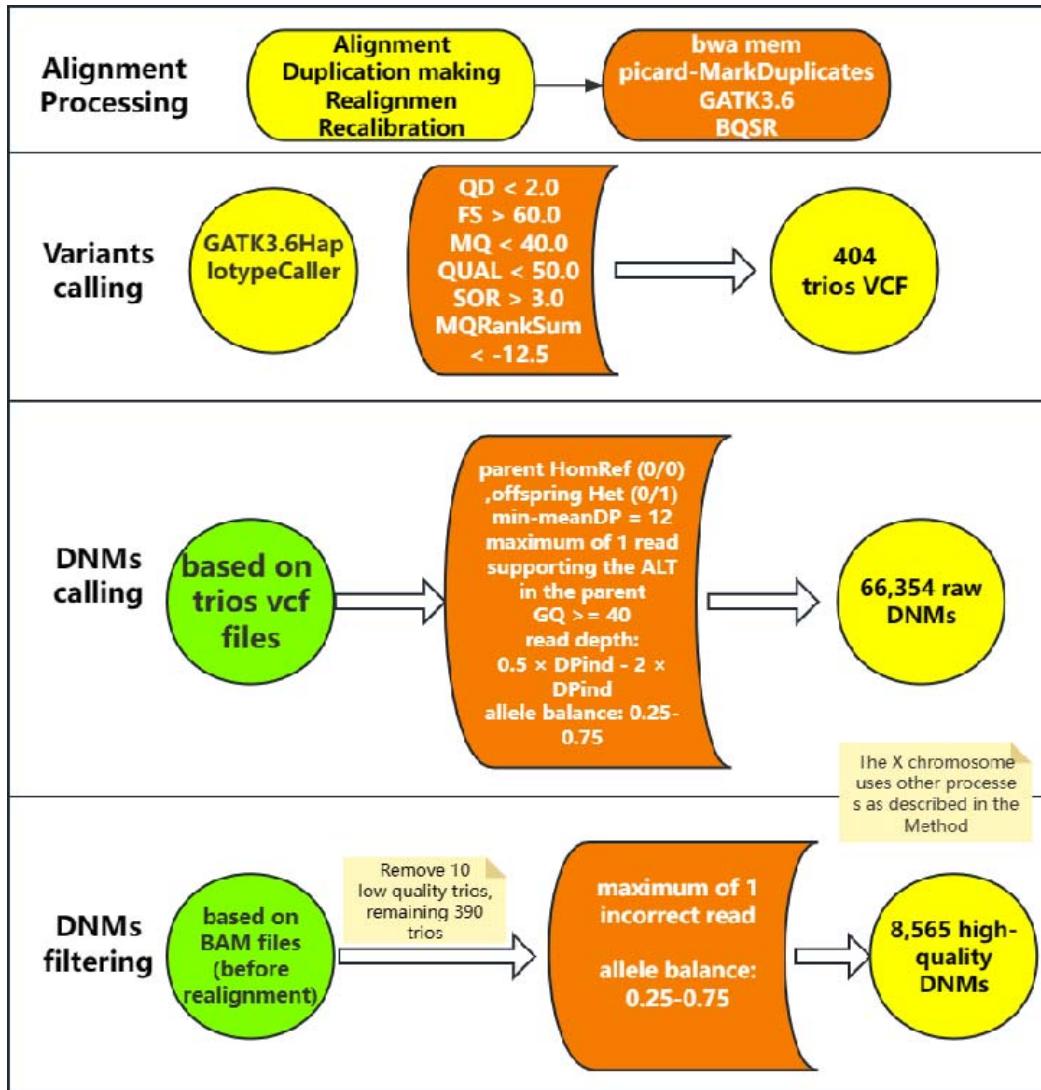
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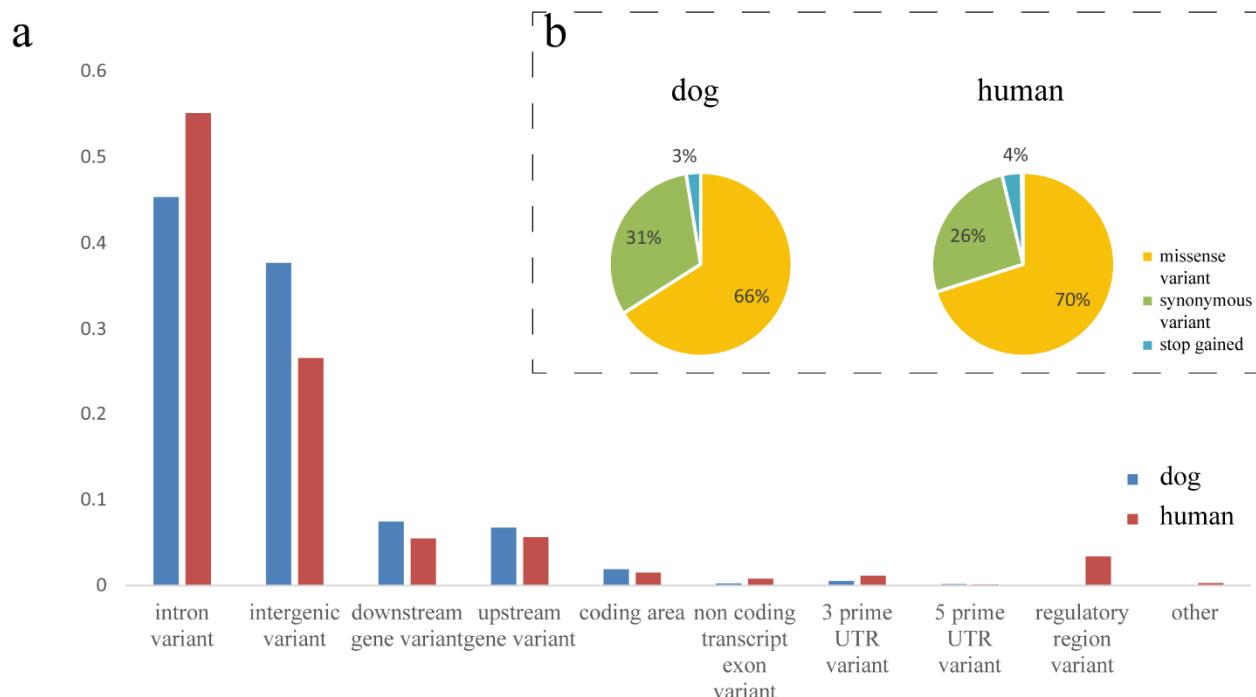


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522 **Extended Data Fig. 1**

523 Flowchart for the identification of de novo mutations.

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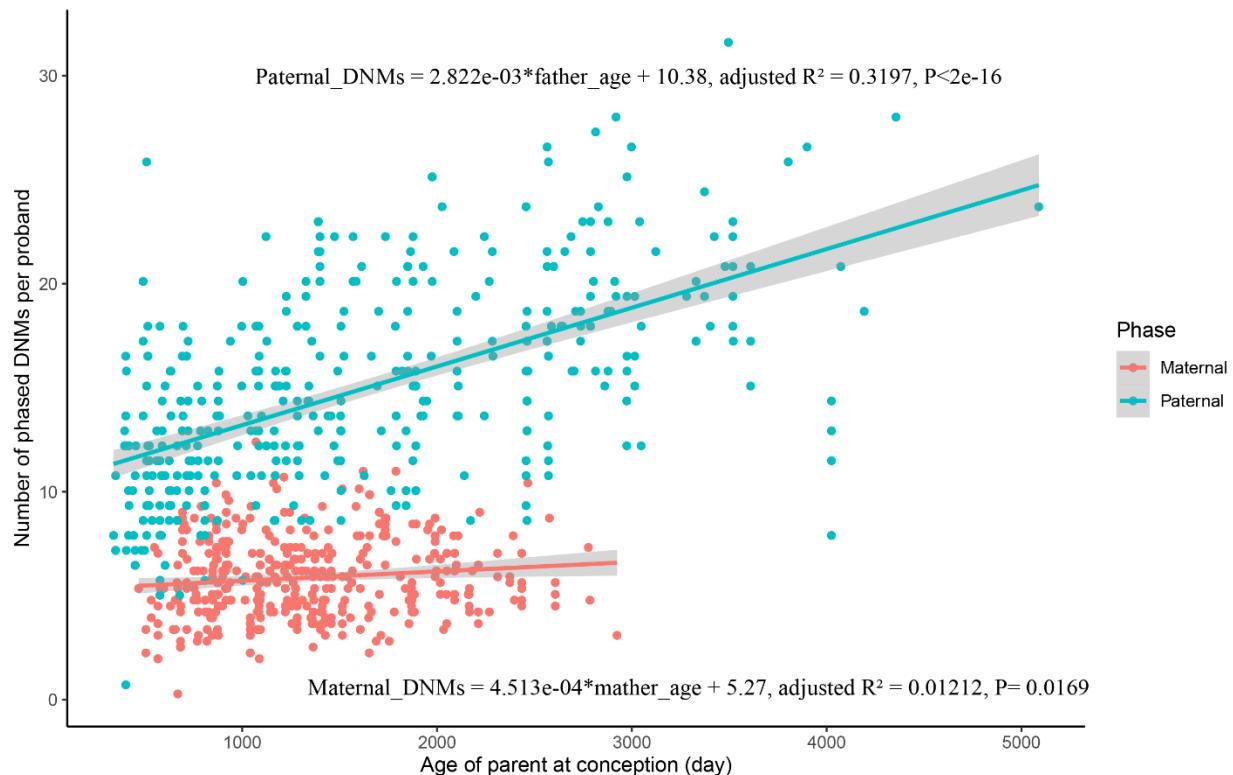


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526 **Extended Data Fig. 2**

527 Variant type difference of de novo mutations between dog and human. (a) Comparison in all de
528 novo mutations. (b) Comparison in coding region mutations.

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532 **Extended Data Fig. 3**

533 Phased DNMs as a function of the parent's age at conception.

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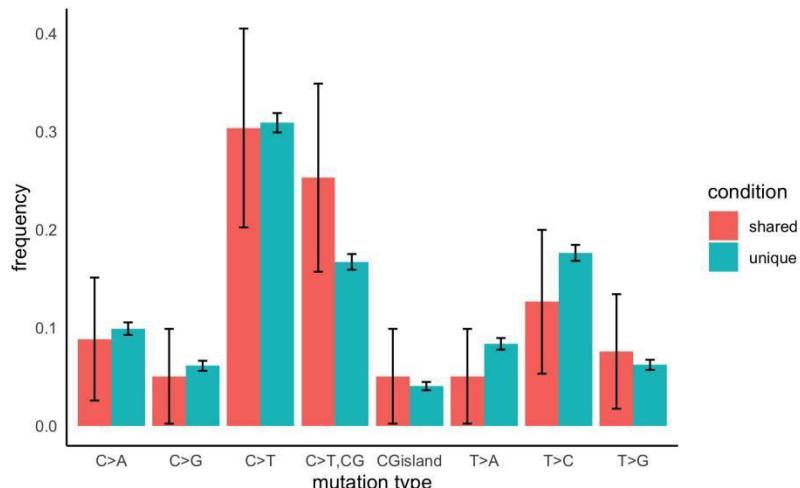


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536 **Extended Data Fig. 4**

537 Parent's age as a function of the mutation rate (per generation).

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540 **Extended Data Fig. 5**

541 Mutational spectrum in shared mutations and non-shared mutations.

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543 **Extended Data Table 1.** Recalibration of estimated divergence times in canid.

Divergence Event	Published Dates (ka)	Novembre's Recalibration (ka)	Recalibration by this study (ka)
	AF: 37 (35–40)	33 (23–62)	30(19-58)
Dogs vs. wolves	BvH: 28 (24–30)	25 (16–46)	23(15-44)
	ZF: 29 (24–30)	26 (16–46)	24(15-45)
	LF: 34 (17–48)	30 (11–74)	28(17-52)
Western Eurasian dogs vs. East			
Asian dogs	LF: 6 (6–11)	5 (4–17)	5(3-9)
Basenji vs. other dogs	AF: 32 (29–34)	28 (19–52)	26(16-49)
	ZF: 21 (19–23)	19 (12–35)	17(11-33)
	BvH: 165 (158–		
Coyotes vs. wolves	171)	146 (102–264)	134(85-255)

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