

## GEPHE SUMMARY

**Gephebase Gene**  
Dishevelled

**Entry Status**  
Published

**GepheID**  
GP00002110

**Main curator**  
Courtier

## PHENOTYPIC CHANGE

**Trait Category**  
Morphology

**Trait**  
Organ size (tail)

**Trait State in Taxon A**  
Canis familiaris

**Trait State in Taxon B**  
Canis familiaris - 3 breeds with a screw tail

**Ancestral State**  
Taxon A

**Taxonomic Status**  
Domesticated

### Taxon A

**Latin Name**  
*Canis lupus familiaris*

**Common Name**  
dog

**Synonyms**  
Canis canis; Canis domesticus; Canis familiaris; dog; dogs

**Rank**  
subspecies

**Lineage**  
cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Deuterostomia; Chordata; Craniata; Vertebrata; Gnathostomata; Teleostomi; Euteleostomi; Sarcopterygii; Dipnotetrapodomorpha; Tetrapoda; Amniota; Mammalia; Theria; Eutheria; Boreoeutheria; Laurasiatheria; Carnivora; Caniformia; Canidae; Canis; Canis lupus

**Parent**  
Canis lupus (gray wolf) - (Rank: species)

**NCBI Taxonomy ID**  
9615

**is Taxon A an Intraspecies?**  
No

### Taxon B

**Latin Name**  
*Canis lupus familiaris*

**Common Name**  
dog

**Synonyms**  
Canis canis; Canis domesticus; Canis familiaris; dog; dogs

**Rank**  
subspecies

**Lineage**  
cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Deuterostomia; Chordata; Craniata; Vertebrata; Gnathostomata; Teleostomi; Euteleostomi; Sarcopterygii; Dipnotetrapodomorpha; Tetrapoda; Amniota; Mammalia; Theria; Eutheria; Boreoeutheria; Laurasiatheria; Carnivora; Caniformia; Canidae; Canis; Canis lupus

**Parent**  
Canis lupus (gray wolf) - (Rank: species)

**NCBI Taxonomy ID**  
9615

**is Taxon B an Intraspecies?**  
Yes

**Taxon B Description**  
Bulldog; French Bulldog and Boston Terrier

## GENOTYPIC CHANGE

**Generic Gene Name**  
Dvl2

**Synonyms**  
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**String**  
10090.ENSMUSP00000019362

**Sequence Similarities**  
Belongs to the DSH family.

**GO - Molecular Function**  
GO:0042802 : identical protein binding  
GO:0019901 : protein kinase binding  
GO:0030674 : protein binding, bridging  
GO:0019904 : protein domain specific binding  
GO:0005109 : frizzled binding  
GO:0048365 : Rac GTPase binding  
GO:0043621 : protein self-association

**GO - Biological Process**

**UniProtKB** Mus musculus  
Q60838

**GenebankID or UniProtKB**

GO:0007507 : heart development  
GO:0001843 : neural tube closure  
GO:0045893 : positive regulation of transcription, DNA-templated  
GO:0043547 : positive regulation of GTPase activity  
GO:0001934 : positive regulation of protein phosphorylation  
GO:0006366 : transcription by RNA polymerase II  
GO:0035556 : intracellular signal transduction  
GO:0051091 : positive regulation of DNA-binding transcription factor activity  
GO:0060070 : canonical Wnt signaling pathway  
GO:0003007 : heart morphogenesis  
GO:0035567 : non-canonical Wnt signaling pathway  
GO:0043507 : positive regulation of JUN kinase activity  
GO:0003151 : outflow tract morphogenesis  
GO:0007379 : segment specification  
GO:0044340 : canonical Wnt signaling pathway involved in regulation of cell proliferation  
GO:0034613 : cellular protein localization  
GO:0090103 : cochlea morphogenesis  
GO:0022007 : convergent extension involved in neural plate elongation  
GO:0060029 : convergent extension involved in organogenesis  
GO:0090179 : planar cell polarity pathway involved in neural tube closure  
GO:0150012 : positive regulation of neuron projection arborization  
GO:0061098 : positive regulation of protein tyrosine kinase activity  
GO:0035282 : segmentation  
GO:0060071 : Wnt signaling pathway, planar cell polarity pathway

#### GO - Cellular Component

GO:0005886 : plasma membrane  
GO:0030136 : clathrin-coated vesicle  
GO:0005737 : cytoplasm  
GO:0005829 : cytosol  
GO:0005654 : nucleoplasm  
GO:0005634 : nucleus  
GO:0016604 : nuclear body  
GO:0005856 : cytoskeleton  
GO:0031410 : cytoplasmic vesicle  
GO:0045177 : apical part of cell  
GO:0005938 : cell cortex  
GO:0016235 : aggresome  
GO:0016328 : lateral plasma membrane

#### Presumptive Null

Yes

#### Molecular Type

Coding

#### Aberration Type

Deletion

#### Deletion Size

1-9 bp

#### Molecular Details of the Mutation

single base deletion found on CFA 5(g.32195043\_32195044del) that is homozygous in the three screw tail breeds - predicted to lead to a frameshift mutation and cause a premature stop codon that truncates the translated protein by 23 amino acids (p.Pro684LeufsX26) - 26 altered amino acids are predicted to be present in the highly conserved C-terminus of the mutant protein.

#### Experimental Evidence

##### Association Mapping

##### Main Reference

Whole genome variant association across 100 dogs identifies a frame shift mutation in DISHEVELLED 2 which contributes to Robinow-like syndrome in Bulldogs and related screw tail dog breeds. (2018)

##### Authors

Mansour TA; Lucot K; Konopelski SE; Dickinson PJ; Sturges BK; Vernau KL; Choi S; Stern JA; Thomasy SM; DÄ¶ring S; Verstraete FJM; Johnson EG; York D; Rebhun RB; Ho HH; Brown CT; Bannasch DL

##### Abstract

Domestic dog breeds exhibit remarkable morphological variations that result from centuries of artificial selection and breeding. Identifying the genetic changes that contribute to these variations could provide critical insights into the molecular basis of tissue and organismal morphogenesis. Bulldogs, French Bulldogs and Boston Terriers share many morphological and disease-predisposition traits, including brachycephalic skull morphology, widely set eyes and short stature. Unlike other brachycephalic dogs, these breeds also exhibit vertebral malformations that result in a truncated, kinked tail (screw tail). Whole genome sequencing of 100 dogs from 21 breeds identified 12.4 million bi-allelic variants that met inclusion criteria. Whole Genome Association of these variants with the breed defining phenotype of screw tail was performed using 10 cases and 84 controls and identified a frameshift mutation in the WNT pathway gene DISHEVELLED 2 (DVL2) (Chr5: 32195043\_32195044del, p = 4.37 X 10<sup>-37</sup>) as the most strongly associated variant in the canine genome. This DVL2 variant was fixed in Bulldogs and French Bulldogs and had a high allele frequency (0.94) in Boston Terriers. The DVL2 variant segregated with thoracic and caudal vertebral column malformations in a recessive manner with incomplete and variable penetrance for thoracic vertebral malformations between different breeds. Importantly, analogous frameshift mutations in the human DVL1 and DVL3 genes cause Robinow syndrome, a congenital disorder characterized by similar craniofacial, limb and vertebral malformations. Analysis of the canine DVL2 variant protein showed that its ability to undergo WNT-induced phosphorylation is reduced, suggesting that altered WNT signaling may contribute to the Robinow-like syndrome in the screwtail breeds.

##### Additional References

#### Related Genes

No matches found.

#### Related Haplotypes

No matches found.

#### EXTERNAL LINKS

#### COMMENTS

the screw tail phenotype corresponds to malformed and fused vertebrae and lack of approximately 8 to 15 caudal vertebrae; which normally form the canine tail. Analogous frameshift mutations in the human DVL1 and DVL3 genes cause Robinow syndrome (a congenital disorder characterized by similar craniofacial; limb and vertebral malformations).