

Re: Generic Dog ancestor

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> *It's not only selective breeding but the manner of their upbringing.*
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> *Dogs, cats and most other animals which are raised as pets from a very*
> *early age, develop different behaviour patterns from those raised in*
> *the wild. The same thing happens with humans. Children raised in a*
> *violent and threatening society behave quite differently from those*
> *raised in a caring, non-violent environment. Not only are there marked*
> *differences in their adult behaviour but marked differences in brain*
> *structure can be observed by various types of tomography. I see no*
> *reason why the same should not apply to dogs.*
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> *Eric Stevens*
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I think that there was little intimacy at first. Still, the fox experiment effectively detailed the comparative differences between wild canids and their domesticated cousins. The fact that it was done in 40 years implies that even without a deliberate plan of action, this change could occur totally in the space of a century, assuming moderated actions relating to killing/driving off aggressive individuals. We will probably never find the first puppy mill.