Non-Mendelian: Sex- Linked Traits A. Determining Sex

- 1. Humans have a <u>diploid</u> number of <u>46</u> chromosomes or <u>23 pairs</u>
- 2.22 of the pairs are autosomes, they are the same for males and females
- 3. The 23rd pair of chromosomes <u>differ</u> in males and females

O The are the sex chromosomes and are indicated by <u>X</u> and <u>Y</u>







<u>Males</u> determine the baby's sex because only men give the Y chromosome



50% girls XX 50% boys Xy *The male determines the sex of the offspring IX.Sex- Linked Traits
B.Inheriting sex linked traits
1.Genes located on the <u>sex chromosomes</u> are called sex- linked traits
2.Because the Y chromosome is small it carries <u>few genes</u>, including the male determinant sex gene.





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3. Males who receive a recessive allele on the X chromosomes will express the recessive phenotype because he cannot inherit on the Y chromosome. • There is **no** dominant allele to overpower the recessive gene

B.Inheriting sex linked traits

4. <u>Males</u> have a higher percent chance of expressing the recessive trait

IX.Sex- Linked Traits C.Examples in Humans

- 1. Hemophilia
 - Causes a problem with blood clotting
 - Caused by a <u>recessive</u> allele on the <u>X</u> chromosomes
 - Males: 1/10,000
 - Need <u>one</u> recessive allele from carrier mom
 - Females: 1/10,000,000
 - Need <u>two</u> recessive alleles; one from mom and one from dad







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C.Examples in Humans 1.Red-Green Color Blindness OPeople who have red-green color blindness cannot differentiate between the two colors.

> O Caused by a recessive allele on the X chromosomes

