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 In practice measurements of total genotypic values V are not feasible. Using the genetic model that relates phenotypic observations to genotypic values and environmental effect, we get

$Y = V + E$ for animal i , observation j of a certain phenotypic trait can be modelled as

$Y_{ij} = V_i + e_{ij}$; Using the decomposition of V_i

$$= \mu + BV_i + D_i + I_i + e_{ij}$$

$$= \mu + U_i + d_i + i_i + e_{ij}$$

For selecting best animals as parents only breeding values are relevant, because BV quantify the value of single alleles that are passed from parents to offspring.

$$\Rightarrow Y_{ij} = \mu + U_i + e_{ij}^* \quad \text{where } e_{ij}^* = d_i + i_i + e_{ij}$$