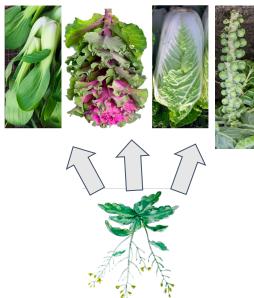




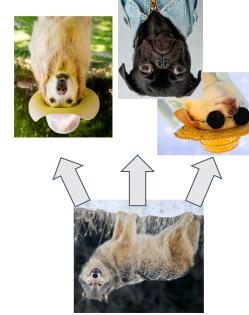


Since their domestication, plant breeders have created many different species within the genus brassica

Brassicas (or wild cabbage) were domesticated 3,000 years ago in Europe.

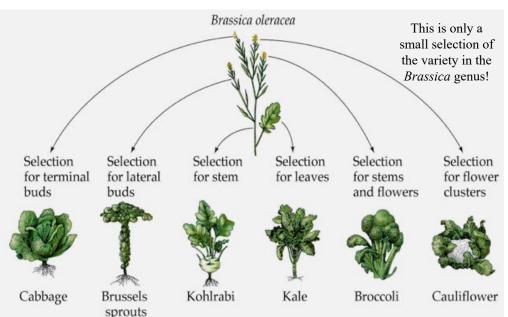


Like dogs, cabbages (genus *Brassica*) show great variability in their phenotypes (i.e. the observable characteristics).



Dogs were domesticated from grey wolves 15-25 thousand years ago. They vary in size, shape, and coat color.

Selection on different morphology components of *Brassica*s lead to many kinds of cabbages and their cousins



If you were a plant breeder, what kinds of *Brassicas* would you make?



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Key Takeaways

