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| Evidence | | | |
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| Indiv idual s in a popu latio n or grou p diffe r in som e trait of inter est. | | | |
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- many animals
- Larger populations probably have some dark colored mice due to the commonness of melaninism
- Black mice likely exist in the population

Inheritance

The variation in the trait of interest is at least partially inherited (passed from parents to offspring). The variation stem

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more likely to survive in a dark environment as they blend in to their environment, making it hard to predate on them

- Dark mice have a natural environmental pressure favoring them

Adaptation

The frequency of the trait that helps individuals survive or leave more offspring will increase in the population over time, as

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- Dark mice are more likely to survive in dark areas
- Since dark fur is inheritable, its increased fitness will be more likely to pass on to the next generation
- Over time, more mice will be dark furred as they are more fit for the environment