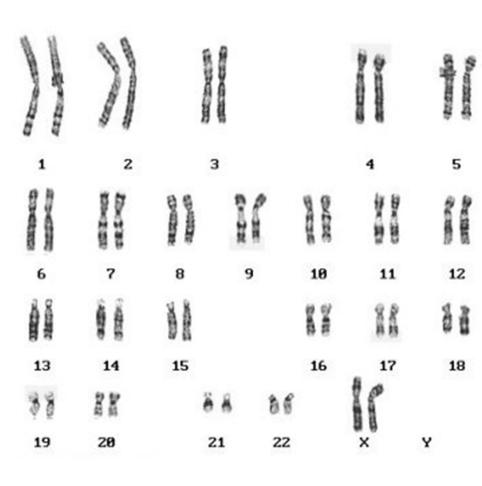
Karyotypes

- Chromosomes and disorders can be studied using a <u>karyotype</u>
 - Images of chromosomes stained during metaphase
 - Shows pairs of homologous chromosomes
 - Each pair is arranged according to size
 - 23 pairs are shown with the last one being the sex chromsomes



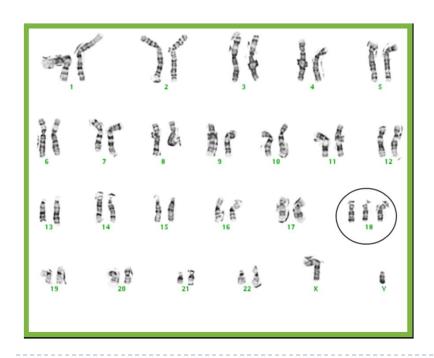
Nondisjunction

- Remember during cell division, the chromosomes separate
- This moves one to each pole of the cell
- What about if this doesn't happen correctly?
 - NONDISJUNCTION
 - If this occurs during meiosis I or II the resulting sex cells will not have the correct # of chromosomes
 - If it is fertilized the offspring will not have the correct number either

Nondisjunction

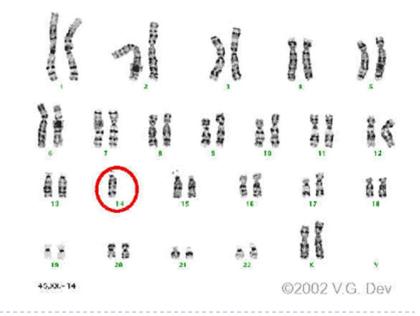
Trisomy

Result of an extra copy of a chromosome



Monosomy

 Results from only one particular type of chromosome



Nondisjunction

Trisomy 21

- Down's Syndrome
- Extra chromosome on the 21st pair
- Distinctive facial features, short stature, heart defects, mental disabilities
- Around I out of 800 births in the US
 - Increases with the age of the mother

