

Should Children Be Allowed to Own Pets?

There are many arguments for and against children owning pets. Pets help to keep children company, help to keep children fit, and they also help children to learn new responsibilities. However, pets can be dangerous. They require a lot of maintenance, and they cost a lot of money to be taken care of properly.

The first argument that supports pet ownership by children is that they are good company. When children come home from school, pets are always there to greet them. They love children and are always willing to play. Consequently, children will be less likely to experience loneliness. They will also help to keep children active as they will need to be walked and played with every day.

Secondly, owning a pet encourages children to learn new responsibilities. Pets need to be looked after and be taken care of every day. Children will learn different skills that they can use later in life. For example, washing and feeding pets are essential skills to learn. Learning these responsibilities will ensure that children will be able to look after themselves, and possibly their children one day.

On the other hand, some pets can be dangerous. Some dogs, for example, are inclined to bite, and children may become scared of animals as a result of this happening to them. Cats also look very soft and cuddly, but they do have very sharp claws. If they are treated in the wrong way, cats can use their claws to scratch.

In addition, pets require a great deal of maintenance. Many pets need to be regularly groomed, exercised and bathed. As a result of this, children may neglect their studies because they are too busy worrying about their pet and its wellbeing.

A further argument against pet ownership is that pets are costly; buying food and maintaining their care is expensive. Ultimately, the cost of owning one falls on parents, and as a result, children don't fully understand the responsibility of having one.

In conclusion, there are many arguments for and against pet ownership. Pets help to keep children company, fit, and they also help them to learn new responsibilities. However, pets can be dangerous, they require a lot of maintenance, and they cost a lot of money to be taken care of properly.



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Questions

1. What type of text is this?
2. What is the purpose of the title for this text?
3. What are the author's three arguments for children being allowed to own pets?
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5. What connectives (words or phrases) has the author used to express the start of a new argument?
6. What words or phrases has the author used to signal their introduction and conclusion paragraphs?
7. What is the purpose of the conclusion in this text?
8. Why do you think the author chose to present their arguments against children owning pets after presenting their reasons for children owning pets?
9. Do you think children should be allowed to own pets? Why or why not?

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Answers

1. What type of text is this?

This text is a discussion because it presents arguments for and against children owning pets.

2. What is the purpose of the title for this text?

The purpose of the title for this text is to let the reader know that it is a discussion. The author will present both sides of the topic which will allow the reader to make up their own mind.

3. What are the author's three arguments for children being allowed to own pets?

- Pets help keep children company
- Pets help keep children fit
- Pets help children learn new responsibilities

4. What are the author's three arguments against children being allowed to own pets?

- Pets can be dangerous.
- Pets require a lot of maintenance.
- Pets cost a lot of money to be taken care of properly.

5. What connectives (words or phrases) has the author used to express the start of a new argument?

- The first argument that supports...
- Secondly...
- On the other hand...
- In addition...
- A further argument...

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6. **What words or phrases has the author used to signal their introduction and conclusion paragraphs?**

- Introduction: There are many arguments for and against...
- Conclusion: In conclusion...

7. **What is the purpose of the conclusion in this text?**

The purpose of the conclusion in this text is to restate and summarise the arguments for and against children owning their own pets.

8. **Why do you think the author chose to present their arguments against children owning pets after presenting their reasons for children owning pets?**

The author chose to present their arguments against children owning pets last to enable them to express their recommendation on the topic.

9. **Do you think children should be allowed to own pets? Why or why not?**

Answers will vary.