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LIMIT THE TOPIC: It is highly suggested that you limit your focus. In writing a division essay, it is important to develop appropriate categories. Your main topic is too broad. You are attempting to cover all the animals on the planet. The essay would be improved by focusing on one of the topics listed instead of all of them. The inclusion of the other body paragraphs creates a complexity that one essay can not deal with adequately. It is better to provide a lot of information about a few topics instead of writing a little about many topics. Focus on only one of the groups you mention.

Title: Three Traditional Mammal Pets

Topic announcement:

Background:

Thesis statement:

Introduction

Body Paragraph 1 : Dogs

- A. Characteristic 1
- B. Characteristic 2
- C. Characteristic 3

Body Paragraphs

Body Paragraph 2 : Cats

- A. Characteristic 1
- B. Characteristic 2
- C. Characteristic 3
- D.

Body Paragraph 3 : Skunks

- A. Characteristic 1
- B. Characteristic 2
- C. Characteristic 3

Conclusion

Identify the three categories and restate the purpose as mentioned in the thesis.

Comment [WU1]: THESIS: The thesis must accomplish three purposes:
1. Clearly identify your topic,
2. Divide or classify the topic into at least three clearly identified categories
3. Clearly state your purpose to your audience. In your thesis statement, you must explain what your paper will prove.

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Comment [WU2]: There must be a heading on each page containing name, student number, exam number, page number, mailing address, and e-mail address.
Try to place your information in a header as shown above. That way the information does not interrupt the flow of the writing. Please use the header function in Word. Please see page 7 in your study guide.

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Prewriting: Classification and Division

Title: Types of Pets

Topic announcement: Animals

Introduction

Background: There are a lot of pets available that people can purchase or adopt.

Thesis statement: Trying to find the right family pet can be difficult to do with the variety of pets that are available on the market and mostly in the shelters.

Body Paragraphs

Traditional Mammal Pets

Dogs: Available from pet stores, animal shelters, rescues and private breeders. Wide variety of dog breeds available for owners to pick from with a variety of sizes to fit any household size. Requires a yard and/or dog park and walks for exercise and potty breaks. Can be expensive or cheap depending on where the owner purchases. Will require yearly vaccines and vet appointments. May require a license depending on area. Can have a potential impact on home owner's insurance. Can live for over ten years.

Cats: Also available from pet stores, animal shelters, rescues and private breeders with a variety of breed available. Not as much variety in size, but should fit any household size. Does not have any outdoor requirements although some owners do create catios for their cats. Will require a litter box. Can also be expensive or cheap depending on where they are purchased. Will require yearly vaccines and vet appointments. Probably will not require a license, but a few places do require them. Can also live for over ten years.

Comment [WU3]: THESIS: The thesis must accomplish three purposes:
4. Clearly identify your topic,
5. Divide or classify the topic into at least three clearly identified categories
6. Clearly state your purpose to your audience. In your thesis statement, you must explain what your paper will prove.
Your thesis has not fulfilled the second and third requirements.

Comment [WU4]: BODY PARAGRAPHS: For each body paragraph you will be discussing you need to identify at least three characteristics of each topic mentioned in the thesis. The topics should be listed in a form appropriate for a graphic organizer; e.g.
1. AAAA
2. BBBB
3. CCCC etc.

Comment [WU5]: Since you have decided to cover such a broad topic there is a great deal of information required. Instead of sub-dividing the topic of "Traditional Mammal Pets" you need to provide characteristics of all Mammal Pets.

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Traditional Non-Mammal Pets

Comment [WU6]: Instead of sub-dividing the topic of "Traditional Non-Mammal Pets" you need to provide characteristics of all Non-Mammal Pets.

Fish: Can be purchased mostly from pet stores or specialty fish stores with a wide variety of fish available for purchase. Owners can choose to have a salt water tank or fresh water tank. Both types of tanks can be expensive with the larger the tank size the more expensive it may be. Will require a tank, filter, heater and decorations. Does not require vet appointments as most stores will assess water or sell water treatments. Does not require a license. May have an impact on home owners insurance. May have a short life expectancy, but can also live for a long time, especially salt water fish.

Reptiles: Can be purchase from pet stores, rescues and private breeders. Wide variety of animals available in this group such as lizards, snakes, turtles and tortoises that come in a variety of sizes. Will require a special cage or tank set-up that does not allow for escapes along with a heat source or special light. Can be very expensive depending on species. May require some vet care, and not all vets work with reptiles. Some reptiles may have extremely long life expectancies. Some may live even longer than their owners live for.

Exotic Pets

Comment [WU7]: Instead of sub-dividing the topic of "Exotic Pets" you need to provide characteristics of all Exotic Pets.

Bird: Can be purchased from pet stores, rescues and private breeders. Wide variety of types, with some very small and others quite large. Will require a flight cage or perch depending on size and bird requirements. Can be very expensive depending on the species purchased. May also require some vet care with needing to find a vet willing to work with the bird breed. Some birds may also have an extremely long life expectancy.

Ferret: Can be purchased from pet stores, rescues and private breeders. Most ferrets are about the same size. Very active animals that require a large cage and time outside of the cage

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for exercise. Can be somewhat expensive. Will require vet care with vaccines and many die from tumors or other health problems. Does not have a really long life expectancy as most live for less than ten years.

Conclusion

There are a variety of factors that need to be accessed before deciding upon which pet to purchase. Some pets may have a large price tag, require a large amount of care, require expensive products to keep them safe, live for a very long time, and require special licenses or insurance to own them.

Trying to find the right pet can be very hard for a family because of the large amount of pets available to a person. Each type of pet has their own special requirements that need to be considered before taking the step to find the right pet for a person or family.