

**Adult pets are great!**

**Taking care of pets is hard work.**

**The [first, second, etc.] fun fact ...**

## Article #1 - *Taking Care of Your Pet*



Vocabulary: depend, scraps, shelter, veterinarians, vaccination, thrive, affection, gentle

<sup>1</sup> You have a new pet. How exciting! Now the hard work begins. Pets **depend** on you to take care of them. They cannot take care of themselves. Taking care of pets is hard work. Here are some ways to take care of pets.

**Taking care of pets is hard work.**

Food

<sup>2</sup> Feed your pet once or twice a day. Baby animals may need to be fed more often. Never give your pet table **scraps**. People food (especially chocolate) can make animals sick.

**Taking care of pets is hard work.**

Water

<sup>3</sup> Pets need lots of fresh clean water to drink. Change their water at least **twice** a day. Clean the tanks of fish and turtles once a week.

**Taking care of pets is hard work.**

## Shelter

<sup>4</sup> Your pet needs a place to call home. Their home may be a tank, cage, or doghouse. Your pet needs **shelter** when they go outside, too. **Shelter** protects them from cold in winter and heat in summer.

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## Health care

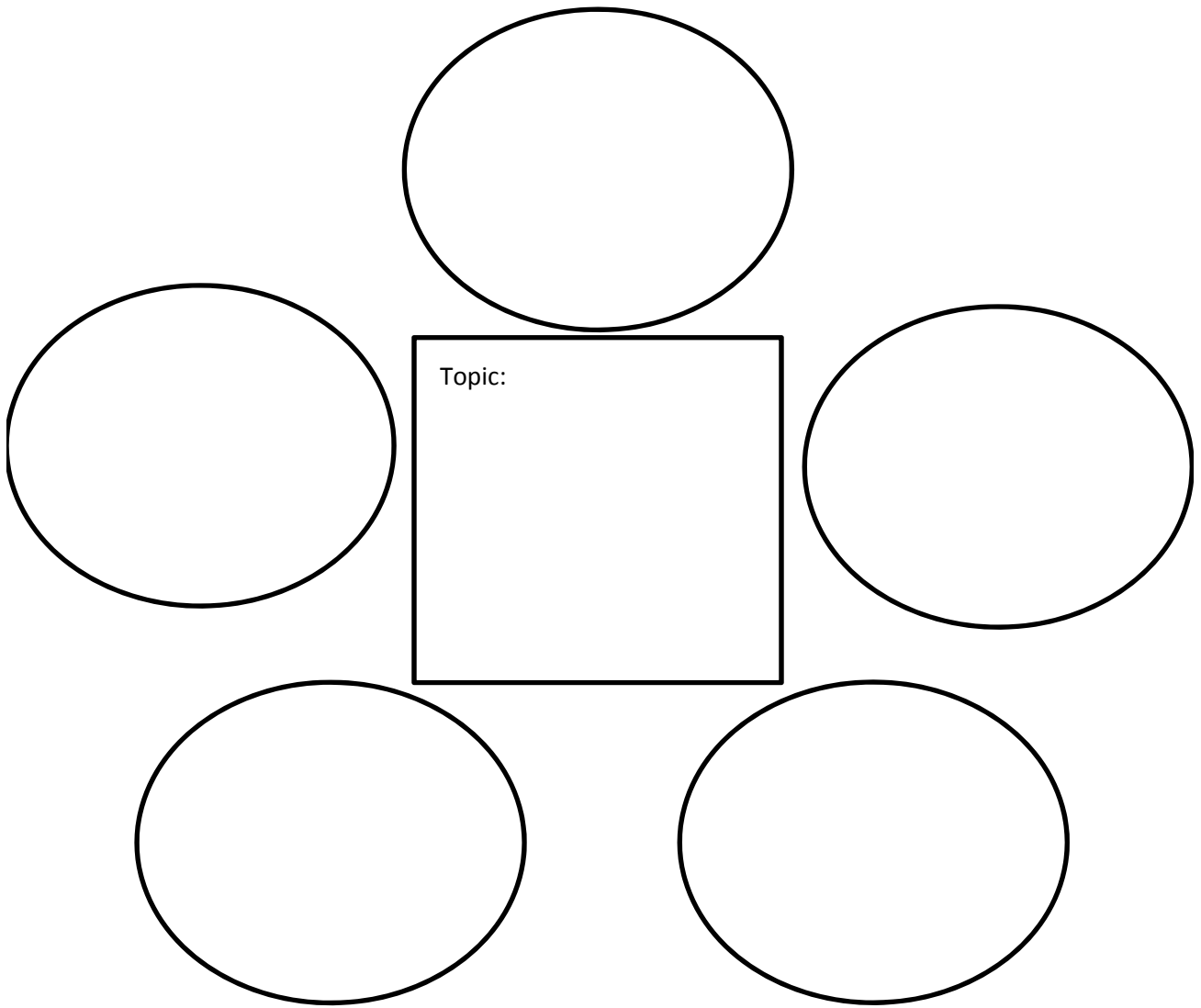
<sup>5</sup> **Veterinarians**, or animal doctors, will check your pet's general health. Vets can answer questions. They also keep your pet's **vaccinations** up-to-date.

**Taking care of pets is hard work.**

## Love & affection

<sup>6</sup> Pets **thrive** on attention! The more love you give, the more you'll get back. Give your pet plenty of hugs, kisses, **gentle** pats, and love. Okay, so you can't pet a fish. But you can talk to it, watch it, and feed it special treats.

Topic Graphic Organizer



Main Idea: \_\_\_\_\_

\*use with steps 13-19

Graph #1 – 10 Most Popular Pets in America

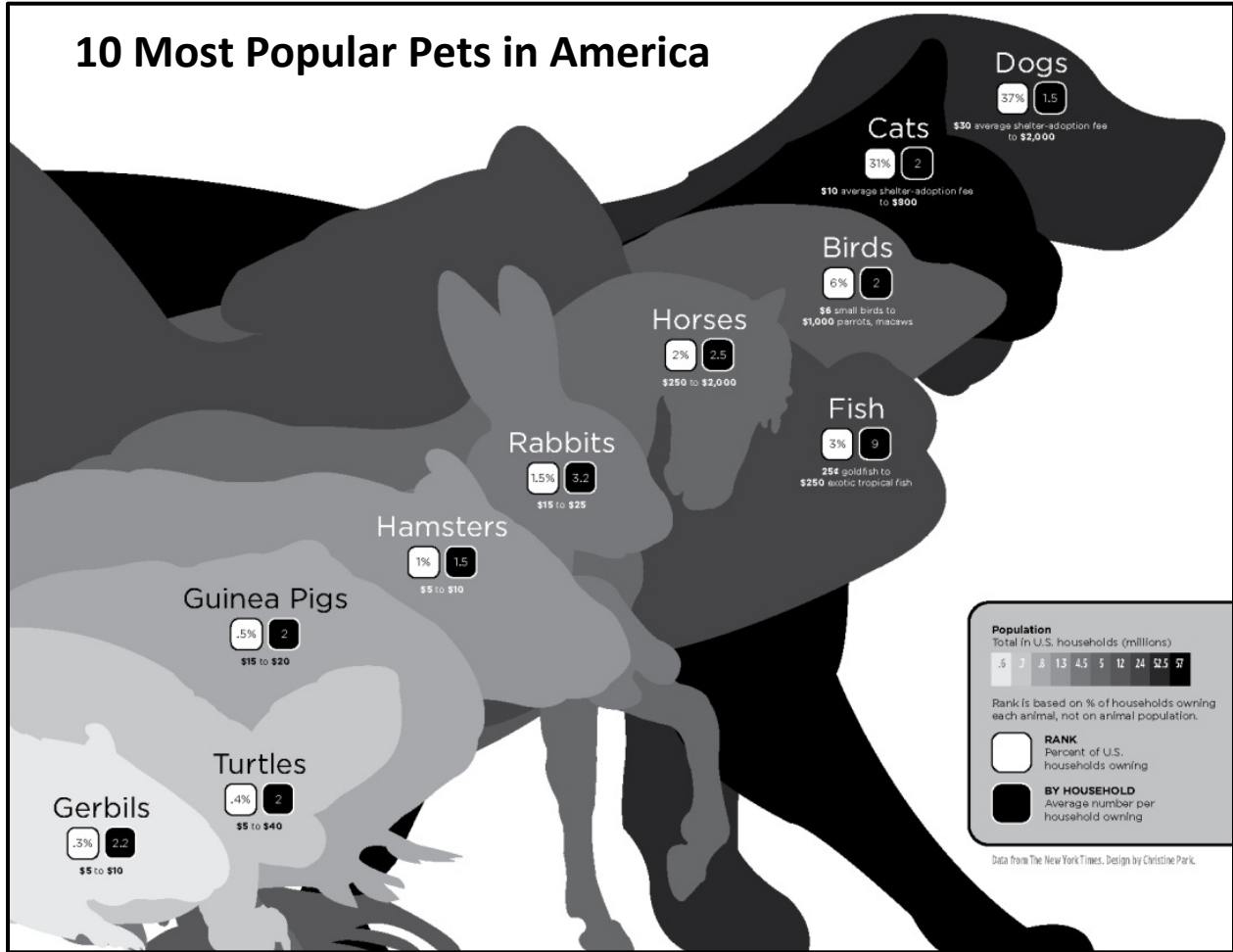


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## Article #2 - *Most Popular Pet in America*

The most popular pet in America is a dog. While there are more cats as pets, many homes have more than one cat. That means there are more households with a dog than there are households with cats--even if the total number of cats outnumbers dogs.

### TOP 10 MOST POPULAR PUPPY NAMES



#### FEMALE

1. Bella
2. Daisy
3. Lucy
4. Molly
5. Lola
6. Sophie
7. Sadie
8. Chloe
9. Coco
10. Maggie

#### MALE

1. Max
2. Buddy
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*Image obtained from [www.vetstreet.com](http://www.vetstreet.com)*

## Article #3 - *Better the Second Time Around*



Vocabulary: obedience, housebreaking

<sup>1</sup> Are you thinking about getting a new pet? You may be thinking about getting a cat or a dog. A young puppy or a kitten can be a lot of work. Instead of getting a young pet, why not get an adult animal? There are many advantages to getting an older pet.

Older pets are great!

<sup>2</sup> With older pets, what you see is what you get. Their personalities are developed. They know who they are. This really helps if you want a certain type of animal. A kitten or puppy's personality is still a mystery. You don't know what type of adult they will become.

<sup>3</sup> Older pets have been through the baby stage. This means they will not chew up your slippers or climb the curtains. Plus, you don't have to worry about **housebreaking** a dog. Many grown-up dogs have had **obedience** training.

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<sup>4</sup> With older pets, you know how big they will get. You also know what they will look like. With puppies, you will not know how big they will get until they are grown. This might be a problem if your small puppy grows into a big dog.

<sup>5</sup> Finally, older pets know they've found a great new home with you. They will be super grateful for it!

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## Article #4 - *Fun Pet Facts*



Are you a pet expert? Here are some fun facts to share:

1. The first fun fact: People with pets live longer.
2. The second fun fact: People with pets have fewer health problems.
3. The third fun fact: Pets make their owners smile more than once a day.
4. The fourth fun fact: Most cat owners talk to their cats.
5. The fifth fun fact: Cats were once "hired" to carry bundles of letters to villages.
6. The sixth fun fact: A cat almost never meows at another cat. Cats only meow to get *our* attention.
7. The seventh fun fact: In 1957, a dog named Laikia became the world's first astronaut.
8. The eighth fun fact: Abraham Lincoln loved cats! His favorite was named Tabby.
9. The ninth fun fact: Cats have better memories than dogs.



## Snickerpoodles

- ½ cup vegetable oil
- ½ cup shortening
- 1 cup honey
- 2 eggs
- 3 ¾ cups white flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- ½ cup cornmeal
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon



<sup>1</sup> Mix vegetable oil, shortening, and honey with eggs. Beat well. Add flour and baking soda. Knead dough until well mixed.

<sup>2</sup> Shape dough with rounded teaspoons into balls. Mix the cornmeal and cinnamon together in a bowl and roll balls in mixture.

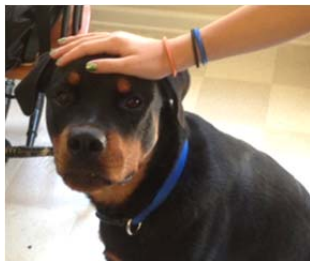
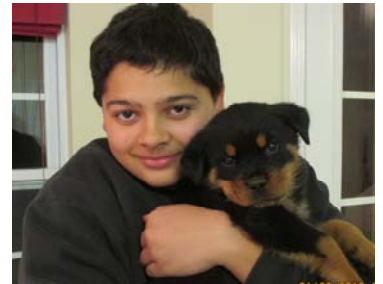
<sup>3</sup> Place 2 inches apart on a greased cookie sheet. Press the balls down with a fork. Bake for 8-10 minutes at 400F. Cool on a rack. Store in an airtight container.

## Vocabulary

Identify/Match (steps #1-10 of LASSI)

<b>depend</b>	<b>obedience</b>	<b>housebreaking</b>
<b>scraps</b>	<b>shelter</b>	<b>veterinarian</b>
<b>vaccination</b>	<b>thrive</b>	<b>affection</b>
<b>gentle</b>		

# Vocabulary Response Board (steps #1-10 of LASSI)

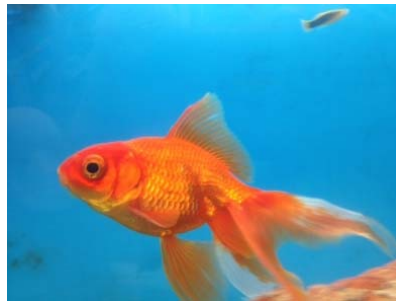


## Article #1: *Taking Care of Pets* Response Boards

Step 13: What is the topic of this article?



**chocolate**



**fish**



**pets**

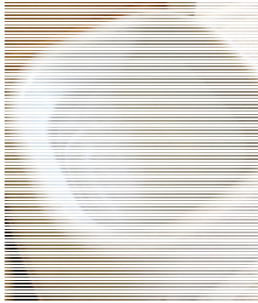


**dogs**

**Graphic Organizer Response Board (use with steps 14-20 & 32)**



**food**



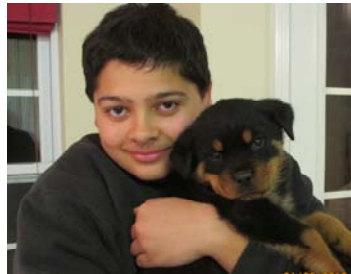
**water**



**shelter**



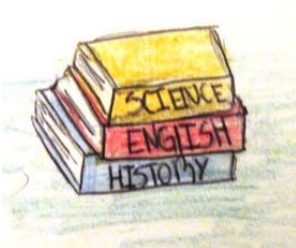
**health care**



**love and affection**



**pets**



**inform  
(give us facts)**



**persuade  
(convince us)**



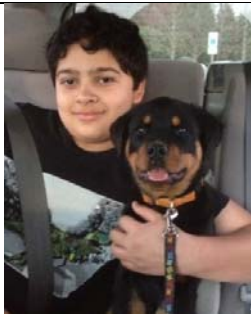
**entertain  
(just for fun)**



Step 19: What is the main idea of this article?



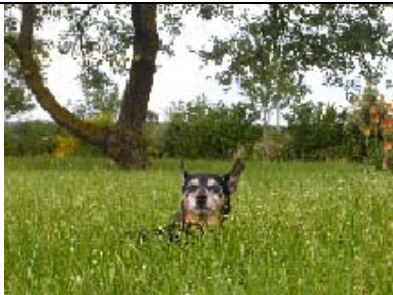
**chocolate is bad for you**



**dogs make the best friends**



**taking care of pets**



**all pets should be outside**





**“Wh” Questions Response Board (use with steps 21-25)**

 <p><b>most</b></p>	 <p><b>popular</b></p>	 <p><b>pets</b></p>
 <p><b>dog</b></p>	 <p><b>gerbil</b></p>	 <p><b>yes</b></p>
 <p><b>no</b></p>		

Step 26: What does the table tell us that is not in the article?

 <p><b>popular breeds</b></p>	 <p><b>the cost of raising a pet</b></p>																						
 <p><b>the number of dog walkers</b></p>	 <table data-bbox="1006 840 1299 1102"><thead><tr><th>FEMALE</th><th>MALE</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1. Bella</td><td>1. Max</td></tr><tr><td>2. Daisy</td><td>2. Buddy</td></tr><tr><td>3. Lucy</td><td>3. Charlie</td></tr><tr><td>4. Molly</td><td>4. Rocky</td></tr><tr><td>5. Lola</td><td>5. Cooper</td></tr><tr><td>6. Sophie</td><td>6. Bear</td></tr><tr><td>7. Sadie</td><td>7. Bentley</td></tr><tr><td>8. Chloe</td><td>8. Duke</td></tr><tr><td>9. Coco</td><td>9. Jack</td></tr><tr><td>10. Maggie</td><td>10. Toby</td></tr></tbody></table> <p><i>Image obtained from <a href="http://www.vetstreet.com">www.vetstreet.com</a></i></p> <p><b>popular puppy names</b></p>	FEMALE	MALE	1. Bella	1. Max	2. Daisy	2. Buddy	3. Lucy	3. Charlie	4. Molly	4. Rocky	5. Lola	5. Cooper	6. Sophie	6. Bear	7. Sadie	7. Bentley	8. Chloe	8. Duke	9. Coco	9. Jack	10. Maggie	10. Toby
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**Article #3: *Better the Second Time Around* Response Board**

Step 28: **What is the topic of the article?**



**choosing a pet**



**my favorite shoes**



**choosing new  
curtains**



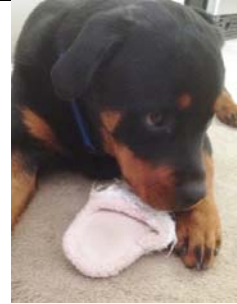
**babies**

Step 29: What is the problem stated in the article?



**young pets are a lot of work**

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**dogs chew up slippers**



**cats climb curtains**



**pets are expensive**

Step 30: What is the solution?



**get an adult pet**



**get your shoes cleaned**

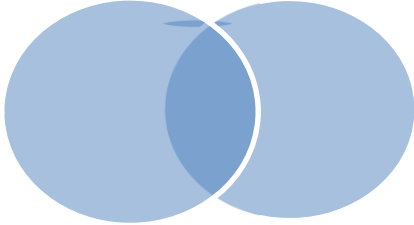
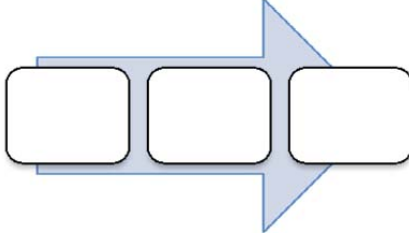
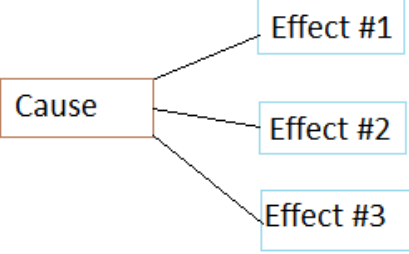




**give your pets healthy treats**



**keep your pet's vaccinations up-to-date**

Step 31: What kind of text structure does this article have?

 <p><b>compare/contrast</b></p>	 <p><b>sequence/process</b></p>
 <p><b>cause/effect</b></p>	



 <p><b>no</b></p>	 <p><b>yes</b></p>
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## Level 1 Text Response Board

Phonics

<b>pet</b>	<b>puppy</b>	<b>kitten</b>
<b>chew</b>	<b>big</b>	

## Level 4 Article Comprehension Questions Response Board

 <p>getting a new puppy</p>	 <p>puppy</p>	 <p>kitten</p>
 <p>no</p>	 <p>yes</p>	 <p>love me</p>



## Snickerpoodles Recipe Response Board

 <p><b>dog treats</b></p>	 <p><b>1 cup</b></p>	 <p><b>shape into balls</b></p>
 <p><b>8-10 minutes</b></p>	 <p><b>Don't burn mouth</b></p>	 <p><b>1/2 cup</b></p>