

STRUCTURE OF ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY

INTRODUCTION

- General Information of the topic
- Hook to catch the readers' attention
 - Present two positions
- State **your** position on the topics with a **thesis statement**

The decision of bringing a pet to your home is one of the most important in your life so choosing the right companion is crucial. Most people often argue between adopting a dog or a cat. While some people argue that dogs are men's best friend, cats are also a great companion. In fact, cats are the best pet someone could have because they are empathetic and entertaining.

BODY PARAGRAPH 1

- What those in favor/against believe
 - Briefly explain counter argument
- However/Nevertheless + what you believe
- Explain your argument (why it is the better option)
 - Exemplify

Those against having cats may argue that they are not caring like dogs. This idea might come from the misconception that cats dislike humans. However, this is not entirely true because cats can be as empathetic as dogs, or even more. [explanation + example]

BODY PARAGRAPH 2

- What those in favor/against believe
 - Briefly explain counter argument
- However/Nevertheless + what you believe
- Explain your argument (why it is the better option)
 - Exemplify

People who believe that dogs are better than cats may argue that dogs are more entertaining. Usually, many people choose dogs as their pets because they can play games with them like fetch, tug of war or freesbe. Even though this argument may be valid, it fails to consider that natural curiosity provides endless entertainment for its owner. [explanation + example]

CONCLUSION

- Re-state ideas / arguments
 - Add a piece of advice
 - Add a question to reflect

The majority of people enjoy the company of a pet. Nevertheless, there are different opinions on which pet is the best and the fight is usually between dogs and cats. While some people prefer dogs because [reason 1 - reason 2], people should opt for adopting a cat because [reason 1 - reason 2]. [re-state briefly explanation] Next time someone passes next to a petshop, they should think of these arguments before making a final decision.

THESIS STATEMENT

A thesis statement clearly articulates the main point or argument of an essay, dissertation, or research paper.

DEFINITION

- **Position:** A thesis statement takes a clear stance on a topic, presenting an argument about it.
- **Placement:** Generally, the thesis statement is placed at the end of the introduction of an essay.
- **Evidence-based:** The thesis statement doesn't include evidence, but it needs to be supported by evidence in the essay.

EXAMPLES

- **School Uniforms Bad:** "School uniforms should be banned in all schools because they restrict individuality and free expression."
- **School Uniforms Good:** "School uniforms are good because they teach young people the importance of following rules and dressing appropriately."