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Assignment #3: I-Search Paper

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It’s more beneficial to have pets with baby.

**Proposal :** I chose this topic for several reasons. First, I had a pet when I was young and I had her for pretty long time, until we put her down by euthanasia. When I grew up with my pet, I felt many benefits of having pets from childhood to adult. I had her about 16 years, I adapted her when I was really young because I am only child in my family and my mom and dad were both work, therefore they didn’t want me to stay home lonely. And actually that helped me a lot. When I talked with my friends who are also only kid but grew up without pets. They said they felt lonely when they were in home, alone. After I got a white Maltese for my first pet, I start to get interest in animals and that actually led me to think of being a veterinarian. My dog taught me the preciousness of other creature, how to approach to the animals, how to talk with them, and even gave me one more choice for the future job. Second, this topic is actually a big discussion issue in my country because we don’t have a good and stable concept of pet as a “member or part of family.” It’s changed a lot these days, because people start to have a time and money to raise pets and that lead to know more about pets, but still many people think that pets bring germs and disease from their fur and behavior as rolling on the ground. Therefore they think if they have their baby, especially newborn infants, with dogs and cats then that can lead to fur allergy or some kinds of other disease to baby. And that make them to abandon their pets that they had, and it’s actually one of the reason of raising percentage of abandoned pets on the street in South Korea. Third, I read articles and researches that prove when family with baby have pets, it brings good beneficial effect to the baby and the whole family. Therefore, I wanted to argue and provide information to people who think it’s not really healthy and brings more negative effect than beneficial effect to have pets with baby. For this research paper, I will find the informations through the websites that’s trustworthy or by the experts. And I will add my experiences and gather the evidences from the articles to persuade people to not throw their pets away and have no misunderstanding about the topic.

**Process:** I went to the New York Times website to find the articles that’s related with my topic. I found the article named “Can Fido and Whiskers Enrich Children’s Lives?” by Perri Klass, M.D. It was published at April 9, 2012. She’s a pediatrician therefore I thought this article has credibility. In this article, she says that dogs and cats gives many beneficial effect to kids.