

Read the text about whether it is right to keep pets. Some words are missing from the text. Use the words in brackets to form a word that fits in the gap (1-12). Write your answers in the spaces provided on the answer sheet. The first one (0) has been done for you.



## Pros and Cons of Keeping Pets

Because of pet overpopulation, just about all animal activists would (0) **(probable)** agree that we should spay and neuter our cats and dogs. But there would be some (1) **(agree)** if you were to ask whether we should breed cats and dogs if all the shelters (2) **(be)** empty and there were good, loving homes available.

Animal (3) **(industry)**, such as the fur industry and factory farms, try to discredit animal (4) **(protect)** groups by claiming that activists want to take people's pets away. While some animal rights activists do not (5) **(belief)** in keeping pets, I can assure you that no one wants to take your dog away from you.

### What are the arguments for keeping pets?

Many people consider their pets to be (6) **(member)** of the family, and treat them with love and respect. The feeling often appears to be mutual, as our dogs and cats seek us out to play, to be (7) **(pet)**, or to just simply sit in our laps. They provide (8) **(condition)** love and devotion. To deny them and us this (9) **(relate)** seems unthinkable to some.

Also, keeping pets does not "use" the animals in the same way that factory farms, animal testing labs or circuses use and (10) **(use)** the animals.

### The Humane Society of the US argues that we should keep pets.

So, should we have pets? Of course. Pets are (11) **(create)** with whom we share a world, and we rejoice in their companionship. You don't have to anthropomorphize to recognize that the feelings are (12) **(turn)**. If we are wise enough to see, they teach us about humility and empathy and loyalty. Their eyes hold the spark of life, the same as ours. Let us be close and cherish each other always.

The vast majority of animal activists advocate spaying and neutering. However, most will say that the reason is the millions of cats and dogs who are killed in shelters every year, as opposed to any basic opposition to the keeping of pets.

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