

Full Write SBAC Practice

A student is writing an argumentative letter to the editor of his local paper about adopting puppies from shelters. He needs to include more evidence and address counterarguments. Read the paragraph, the student's notes, and the directions that follow.

If you and your family are thinking of adopting a puppy, you should go to a shelter. While there are other ways to get a puppy, such as purchasing a puppy from a breeder, adopting from a shelter is a choice you can be proud of. People may be concerned that the dogs are not healthy, but many shelters will give all dogs their shots before they are adopted. Most importantly, shelters have the best dogs. We got our dog from a shelter, and she is the greatest dog in the world.

Student's Notes:

- *Shelters have many different types of dogs.
- *When you adopt a puppy from a shelter, you give it a second chance.
- *You can buy a puppy from a responsible dog breeder.
- *Responsible breeders keep their puppies in clean homes.
- *More than 25% of shelter dogs are purebred.
- *The average cost to own a dog for one year is between \$600 and \$900.
- *About 62% of all households in the United States have a pet.
- *A recent poll done by a shelter in Ohio showed 70% of people want dogs under one year old.
- *Shelters have older, mature dogs and also have puppies.
- *Breeders usually sell only puppies.
- *In the U.S. there are 164 million pets and 1 in every 20 will end up in a shelter by the end of the year.

Using information from the notes, rewrite the paragraph, adding relevant evidence and responding to counterarguments.

Write your response in the space provided.

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