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Discuss both these views and give your own opinion?

Model Answer 1: [Opinion: Keeping pets is good for children]

Some individuals support keeping pets around young children as they think it is beneficial while others oppose the idea citing pet-related injuries and fatalities in recent times. In this essay, I shall discuss both these views and argue that dangers that stem from young children having pets are overemphasized, sometimes even exaggerated, and children receive substantive psychological benefits from having pets.

Those who believe that keeping pets could be unhealthful and hazardous for children say that many pets are wild in nature and can hurt children. So, they believe that such pets could be a physical danger to children. For instance, allowing a child to play with a raccoon, snake, fox or bobcat could be dangerous as those pets are wild and often behave unpredictably. Moreover, friendly cats and dogs can be infected with viruses and can spread dangerous diseases to children. So this group of people recommend not allowing pets to young children considering their health and safety.

On the contrary, others who support allowing pets to young children say that it has favorable effects on children's psychology and growth. Young pet owners frequently empathize with their pets and perform a diverse range of activities to maintain their well-being. The Cambridge Developmental Psychology Unit found that children who had grown up with pets were 30% less likely to bully others and show aggression. Pets are also conducive to young children's mental growth, and they get involved in interesting activities with their pets that help them realise empathy more deeply. So, my opinion on that matter is that a child's prosociality and mental health can be improved through exposure to pets.

In conclusion, letting young children possess and interact with friendly pets has important benefits. It is not a threat to children, but rather beneficial to nurture some important good qualities in them. So, it is expected that parents who wish to have pets for their children would consider those benefits and finally select one of the friendly pets for their children.

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Body part	Key idea	Key vocab
Introduction.	Children receive substantial psychological benefits	Pet-related injuries Stem from Overemphasized Exaggerated
Body 1. Negatives	Wild in nature	Unhealthful Hazardous Behave unpredictably Infected with viruses
Body 2. Positives	Favorable effects on children's psychology and growth	Empathize Perform a diverse range of activities Maintain their well-being Mental growth Exposure to pets
Conclusion	Important benefits	Possess Interact Nurture good qualities

Support – oppose

Citing – misol keltirib

Pet-related – hayvonlar bn bog'liq shikast

Fatality – o'lim

Stem from – kelib chiqmoq

Overemphasize – ortiqcha urg'u berish

Exaggerate – bo'rtirmoq

Injury – jarohat

Unhealthful – unhealthy

Hazardous – havfli

behave unpredictably – oldindan bilib bo'lmaydi

infected with viruses – virus yuqtirgan

favorable – beneficial

empathize – Hamdard bo'lish

maintain well-being – salomatlikni saqlash

bully – zo'ravonlik qilish

show aggression – agressiya ko'rsatish

conducive – foster – facilitate

mental growth – aqliy rivojlanish

prosociality – jamiyat tarafdori bo'lishi

exposure – duch kelish

possess – to have

interact – communicate

nurture – foster