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| Animal Science II- Small Animal | Honors Newspaper Article | Objectives: 4.00- Explore social issues related to working with small animals. |

The purpose of this assignment is for you to be able to discuss and share the current issues and public perception of the field of Companion Animals:

You are to type a newspaper article for submission on selecting the perfect pet for your family. This article should be 2 typed pages in length. You should develop a title for your article and include the following items in your newspaper article:

* How to select the “perfect pet” for a family. It may be any of the species of animals that we have covered during the school year.
* Discuss at least 5 breeds of the “perfect pet” with the benefits and disadvantages of each breed for a family.
* How to choose a reputable breeder/pet store for purchasing your animal.
* Basic veterinarian care for the “perfect pet”. For example if you choose a puppy, then list the vaccinations and tests that should be run and how many months of age these tests are typically performed.

*Make sure that the assignment is typed in a newspaper article format!*

The newspaper article is due on: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Grading Rubric:

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| Category | 20-16 Points | 15-11 Points | 10-6 Points | 5-0 Points |
| Article: Animal & Breed Selection Information | The article includes exceptional information regarding selection of the “Perfect Pet” and discusses in great detail all of the benefits and disadvantages of the selected breeds for a family to choose. | The article includes the needed information regarding selection of the “Perfect Pet” and some detail of the benefits and disadvantages of the selected breeds for a family to choose. | The article includes minimal information regarding selection of the “Perfect Pet” and little about the benefits and disadvantages of the selected breeds. | The article includes little to no information regarding selection of the “Perfect Pet” and little to no benefits and disadvantages of the selected breeds. |
| Article: Purchasing Information | The article includes specific information for families to follow when purchasing a pet of their choice. | The article includes information for families to follow when purchasing a pet of their choice. | The article includes minimal information for families to follow when purchasing a pet of their choice. | The article includes little or no information for families to follow when purchasing a pet of their choice. |
| Article: Veterinary Care | Article includes specific info. on veterinary care, a list of vaccines needed and a detailed timeline for tests to be performed on a new pet. | Article includes clear information on veterinary care, a list of vaccines needed and included a timeline for tests to be performed on a new pet. | Article includes minimal info. on veterinary care, a list of vaccines needed and a mentions a timeline for tests to be performed on a new pet. | Article includes little or no info. on veterinary care, a list of vaccines needed and a detailed timeline for tests to be performed on a new pet. |
| Article: Overall Content | A clear purpose is established throughout entire article. Article blends well and is exceptionally interesting to readers. | A clear purpose is established throughout most of the article. Parts of the article are interesting to readers. | A purpose is established. The article is marginally interesting to read. | A purpose is not clearly established. The article is not very interesting to the reader. |
| Layout | Columns are neatly typed in the newspaper type style. Spacing and formatting are consistent throughout. Layout has a professional look. | Columns are neatly typed. Spacing and format are reasonably consistent. Layout is acceptable. | Layout is in columns, but spacing and format is inconsistent. | Layout guidelines were not followed throughout. |
| Grammar & Spelling | There are no evident errors in grammar or spelling. | There are 1-2 errors in grammar or spelling. | There are 3-4 errors in grammar or spelling. | More than 4 errors were made in grammar or spelling. |

Total: \_\_\_**/120**\_\_

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