

Mott Poll Questions



Pets

The following questions were answered by parents with children age 5-18 years old.

Q1. Does your family currently have a pet(s)?

1. Yes
2. No, we have never had a pet
3. No but we had a pet in the past

Q2. What kind of pet(s) do you currently have?

1. Cat
2. Dog
3. Fish/Bird/Reptile
4. Small mammal (rabbit, guinea pig, etc.)
5. Other

Q3. There can be positive and negative aspects of children having pets. For your family, how important are the following reasons for children having a pet?

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
a. Fun/companionship for child			
b. Will teach child responsibility			
c. Child wants a pet			
d. I had a pet growing up and enjoyed it			
e. Protection for the family			
f. Other			

Q4. How important are the following reasons for NOT having a pet?

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
a. Family member has pet allergies			
b. Cost of owning a pet			
c. Hassle of owning a pet			
d. Child will not be responsible			
e. Not safe for child			
f. Other			

Q5. Families may have different beliefs about who should take responsibility for different aspects of caring for a pet. For each of the following, at what age would it be appropriate for a child to be responsible:

	Age
a. Feeding	_____ years
b. Washing/brushing	_____ years
c. Cleaning up after the pet	_____ years
d. Walking/exercising	_____ years

Q6. In general, how often does your child do their assigned pet responsibility?

1. Always
2. Sometimes
3. Hardly ever
4. Never

Q7. Have you ever given your child a pet as a gift for a birthday or holiday?

1. Yes
2. No

Q8. Would you allow your child to receive a pet as a gift?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Maybe

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