

Ask, List, Link, Choose

ASK

a question

LIST

pros and cons

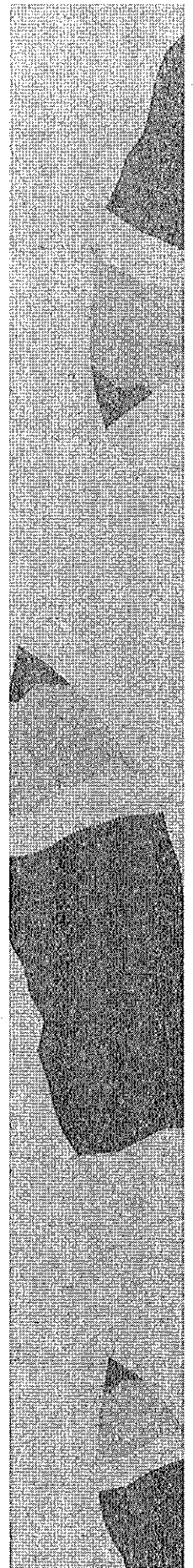


LINK

pros and cons with
“yes, buts...”

CHOOSE

your position and arguments



Name _____

Issue: Should you adopt a kitten?

List Pros (*P*) and Cons (*C*):

<i>P</i> cute	<i>P C</i> litter box	<i>P</i> affectionate
<i>C</i> aloof	<i>C</i> claw furniture	<i>P</i> playful
<i>P</i> good company	<i>C</i> vet bills	<i>P</i> save a stray's life
<i>C</i> cost of food/supplies	<i>C</i> constant responsibility	
<i>P C</i> lots of toys	<i>C</i> shedding	<i>P</i> easier care than a dog

Assuming you're "PRO-KITTEN,"

LINK cons with "yes, but...":

Litter box - yes, but you don't have to walk a cat like you do a dog

Aloof - yes, but they don't need your attention every minute

Claw furniture - yes, but not if you buy a scratching post

Vet bills - yes, but that's a small price to pay to keep your feline friend healthy and happy

\$\$\$Food/supplies - yes, but once you've fallen in love with your cute furry friend you won't bat an eyelash

Toys underfoot - yes, but you can get a cute basket for cat toys - and you'll enjoy watching your cat's playful antics

Shedding - yes, but if you have a cozy blanket for your cat she'll stay off your furniture

Constant responsibility - yes, but with all the affection you receive from your kitten, you'll enjoy it

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Assuming you're "CON-KITTEN,"

LINK pros with "yes, but...":

Cute - yes, but they require care and attention

Affectionate - yes, but they aren't usually as friendly as puppies

Playful - yes, but they climb on the tables and counters

Good company - yes, but some kittens grow into aloof cats

Save a stray - yes, but stray kittens often have illnesses and behavior problems

Easier than a dog - yes, but they don't provide the kind of companionship a dog does

Lots of toys - yes, but do you want cat toys all over the floor?

Read over your lists of pros and cons with the "yes, but...". **CHOOSE** your position and arguments from your list. Either:

PRO - Adopt a kitten because kittens are cute, good company, and easy care.

or

CON - Don't adopt a kitten because they are expensive to keep, they'll ruin the furniture, and they are a constant responsibility.