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**What skills are being tested?**

You will be tested on:

* your comprehension of the written text (main ideas and supporting information).
* your ability to organise relevant information into logical, well-organised notes using appropriate note-taking conventions.
* your ability to write a coherent, relevant synthesis which includes reference to multiple sources and shows an awareness of relationships between sources.
* your ability to acknowledge source(s) (using in text citations, quotations).
* your ability to paraphrase using appropriate grammar, vocabulary and spelling.

Read the 2 articles about pet ownership. Write **notes** in the table providedand **write a synthesis** of **approximately 200 words.** Include **in-text citations** in your synthesis. **You must refer to the articles** in your response and **use relevant points** from both articles, **paraphrasing where possible.**

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# SOURCE 1: Pet owner fined after dogs attack woman in park

# Steve Butcher, The Age (theage.com.au) 3/3/15, Accessed 20/3/2015

[**http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/pet-owner-fined-after-dogs-maul-woman-in-park-20150303-13tou2.html**](http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/pet-owner-fined-after-dogs-maul-woman-in-park-20150303-13tou2.html%20,%20Accessed%203/3/2015)

A Staffordshire terrier cross and a Great Dane that attacked and seriously injured a woman in Yarra Bend Park in Kew may now be destroyed. Melbourne Magistrates Court heard that both animals bit the woman multiple times, inflicting wounds to her left arm, legs and feet.

Prosecutor Elisha Marriott told the court the woman ran screaming into a caged basketball court with her six-month-old Labrador to escape the attack. Lili Wu, 22, pleaded guilty this week to six charges from the incident that included owning a dog that attacked and seriously injured a person and owning a dog without an identification marker. Wu, a student, of Kew, also admitted a prior court appearance last September when she pleaded guilty to charges of failing to register a dog and owning a dog that attacked a person.

The victim received medical treatment for multiple bite wounds but also treatment to one deep wound to her left leg. Defence barrister John Pilkington said that after her previous court appearance, Wu had undertaken dog behavioral training but on the day of the incident one dog had opened the gate and her dogs escaped. Mr Pilkington said Wu, who arrived in 2010 from China on a student visa and was now undertaking a bachelor of business, accepted responsibility, was apologetic and was a "responsible citizen". Ms Marriott said council was presently considering whether to destroy the two dogs.

Mr Hardy accepted Wu's explanation but said ownership of a dog "carries with it obligations" that included "ultimate responsibility for their conduct".

In agreeing not to convict her, Mr Hardy said that convictions could make her possible application for permanent residency more difficult. Wu was fined a total of $3000 and was ordered to pay compensation of $1135 and $113 costs.

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| **SOURCE 2:** What are the advantages and disadvantages of having a pet? |
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| **Dane Barkley, Petowners (Petowners.org.au) 1/3/2014, Accessed on 26/4/2014**  [**http://www.petowners.org.au**](http://www.petowners.org.au)    Pets have become a common sight in many households. In fact, it would be difficult to find a household without pets such as fish, dogs, cats, rabbits, hamsters and even turtles. In many countries around the world, dogs and cats are the most common pets.  There are many advantages and disadvantages of owning a pet. Dogs and cats in particular are considered very close to humans and have been domesticated for thousands of years. Experts say that pets are very therapeutic and can even prolong the lives of human beings, especially elderly folk or those living alone. Even young children respond well to animals rather than their human companions.  However, the disadvantages of having pets relates mostly to the responsibility of caring for them. Pet owners must be responsible, feeding the animals under their care with proper food, exercising them and ensuring they get medical treatment as well as the required yearly vaccination. There are many irresponsible pet owners who do not feed their dogs and cats regularly and do not take these animals for walks, bathe them regularly or take them to the vet when they require medical treatment. We see, read and hear many sad stories of dogs and cats being abandoned as soon as the owner feels the animals have outlived their usefulness. Many are abused and ill treated.  Pet owners must ensure the surroundings are kept clean by collecting and disposing of animal waste properly. There are many complaints in the newspapers of how neighbors are exposed to the smell from animal waste as well as dogs being chained up for long hours barking incessantly creating nuisance in the neighborhood.  Hence, while there are advantages and disadvantages of owning a pet, keeping a pet at home can mean extra responsibilities, time and costs for the individual.  **Glossary**  Obligations – Things that you must do; responsibilities  Domesticated – Not wild after having lived with people for thousands of years  Vaccination – Injections to protect animals and people from future illness and disease  Barking – the loud sound that a dog makes |

**Write notes from both sources** below, ensuring your notes are relevant to the question below. **Write the in-text reference** for Source 1 and Source 2.

**What are the responsibilities of pet owners?**

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| **Key Points** | **Notes** |
|  | **Article 1** in-text citation:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Article 2** in-text citation:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **Summary** |  |

**Using your notes from Articles 1 & 2, select relevant information and answer the following question, paraphrasing where possible. Include in-text citation. You must write approximately 200 words.**

**Question: What are the responsibilities of pet owners?**

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