



# Breeding dogs should be ended or curtailed

Many dog owners feel their dog is so cute that they need to fill the world with dogs just like her, and some want to sell litters for the money. However grand your reason is for wanting to breed your dog, it is important to realise that breeding can have serious medical effects generating unexpected expenses. Responsible and professional dog breeding may be thought to be admirable but letting puppies multiply in a backyard is not. Because of the pet over-population problem on our planet, and the needless deaths of abandoned and unwanted dogs, perhaps a moratorium should be called on dog breeding.

Points For	Points Against
It is a great opportunity for our children to witness birth and the life cycle of an animal.	Don't breed just because you think it would be good "education" for your children. If something goes wrong, it can traumatize a child. Children can get good education from watching Animal Planet. There's no need to put their own beloved pet at risk.
Dog breeding is a great business to start. You can make a lot of money. People are keen to have specific dog breeds to show their status.	Dog breeding is not a large moneymaking proposition when done correctly. Health care, vaccinations, proof of quality, extra food, facilities, stud fees, and advertising are all costly and must be paid before the pups can be sold. An unexpected Caesarean or emergency intensive care for a sick pup will make a break-even litter become a major problem. And this is if you are lucky enough to sell all the pups.
A dog will have a better temperament if we breed her - First, if the dog has a bad temperament, never breed the animal in the hopes of improving it. Usually, hereditary	First, if the dog has a bad temperament, never breed the animal in the hopes of improving it. Usually, hereditary issues affect an animal's temperament and breeding a dog

issues affect an animal's temperament and breeding a dog with issues will only pass them to its offspring.  
It would be fulfilling to the dog to produce a litter of puppies.

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Perhaps the dumbest reason of all. All animals have a reproductive instinct, but they have no idea what is missing from their life nor, do they feel regret or guilt.



# Useful language to use in formal debates

In general, you would need to come up with 4-5 main arguments to support your team's debating position. It's also important to remember to also anticipate the opposition's arguments to help you defend your team's point of view.

## **Building your Argument**

Introducing your point: To begin with... First of all...

Connecting your points: Also... Furthermore... What's more...

Showing importance: More importantly... What's worse... Above all else...

Giving examples: For instance... For example...

## **Opinions, Preferences:**

In my opinion..., The way I see it..., As far as I'm concerned..., If it were up to me..., I suppose..., I suspect that..., I'm pretty sure that..., I honestly feel that, Without a doubt...,

## **Disagreeing:**

Don't you think it would be better..., Shouldn't we consider..., But what about..., I'm afraid I don't agree..., Frankly, I doubt if..., The truth of the matter is..., The problem with your point of view is that..., It's a fact that..., According to ..., The reality of the situation is..., The numbers show that..., The fact is this:...,

## **Partially agreeing:**

I agree with you to a point however..., I see where you are coming from but..., I see what you are saying but ...,

## **Delaying Strategies**

I can't answer that directly..., I'll need time to think about that..., That's a very interesting question, because..., That's a difficult question to answer,

## **Asking someone to repeat**

Pardon me? Pardon? Excuse me? Sorry? I'm sorry? I beg your pardon?

## **Holding the floor**

Hold on..., Hold on a second..., Yes, I was about to mention that..., Well, I was about to come to that..., Sorry, I haven't finished yet, I haven't made my point yet ...

## **Expressing solutions and alternatives**

The solution is to..., Then you will..., The best way to ... is ...,  
To ..., you really have to ..., There are many choices...,

# Supplementary materials



If needed, each member can be given a card indicating their position in the debate.

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