

A student is writing a report for her English teacher about beneficial relationships between people and animals. Read the draft of the introduction to the report and the directions that follow.

The bond between people and animals has remained strong throughout history. In the past, tamed animals have helped humans with work such as hunting, farming, and transportation. More recently, animals have served people who are blind or have other disabilities. Today, people depend upon animals more for companionship than for work. One important benefit of such companionship for humans with pets is improved health.

The student took these notes from reliable sources:

- Taking dog to park = chance to be with others
- Engaging with others = healthy mind
- Researchers studied people, pets more than 25 years
- Strong relationship with pet = less stress
- Lowering stress = lower blood pressure
- Children with pets = fewer allergies to furry animals
- Dog owners who walk dogs are healthier = walking is good exercise
- Taking care of a pet - walking, grooming, playing - helps a person think of others

Using information from the student's notes, write **one** paragraph developing the idea in the last sentence of the introduction.