Sample Outline

**Introduction**

**Lead:** Story about dog that saved owner trapped in a truck by dragging her out and away right before truck exploded.

**Thesis:** Although many animals make good pets, dogs are best because they are **sociable**, **loyal**, and can be **trained to serve**.

**Body Paragraph 1**

**Topic sentence:** Dogs are sociable

**Explanation:**

• friendly

• greet owner at door

• sensitive to loneliness

• enjoy human company

• naturally affectionate

**Support:**

Dogs are pack animals and seek to bond with humans (<https://www.cesarsway.com/dog-psychology/five-laws/pack/dogs-are-social-pack-animals>)

**Importance:** wonderful pets because they become part of the family

**Body Paragraph 2**

**Topic sentence:** Dogs are loyal

**Explanation:**

• connection to owner

• protective

• bond well

• pack mentality

**Support:** “Naturally and unconditionally affectionate, …develop attachments to people, similar biological clocks—active during day, sleeping at night” (https://www.doghealth.com/behavior/how-and-why/1919-why-dogs-are-loyal)

**Importance:** Dogs’ loyalty is especially appealing to those who want a relationship with their pet.

**Body Paragraph 3**

**Topic sentence:** Many breeds can be trained to serve

**Explanation:**

• helpful for owners: service for disabled persons

• gentle behavior around children

• can aid humans in work: guarding/farm work

• help society: detection of lost humans/drugs/war/police

**Support:** “Dogs can be trained to perform many important tasks to assist people with disabilities…” (<https://www.ada.gov/regs2010/service_animal_qa.html>)

**Importance:** Dogs are useful to society and their training can aid owners with disabilities