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How to Get a Classroom Pet

As long as I can remember, I have wanted a pet! Every year, I asked Santa to bring me some kind of pet. Maybe the reason I stopped believing in Santa was because he never seemed to listen to my deepest desire to have an animal in my life.

My mom and dad were not listening either. I have done research on many different kinds of pets, but my mom always had a reason why each pet would not work for our family. Lots of reasons and excuses, but still no pets for me.

This year, I decided I would try a different approach. I would see if my class could get a classroom pet. I was not sure how I would get this project started, but my teacher provided the perfect way. She asked each of us to select a topic to research. I did not need to be asked twice what I was going to research. I knew my topic would be choosing the best classroom pet.

After I researched how to choose the best pet for a classroom, I designed a poll with eight questions. I took the data I gathered and analyzed it to find out that a majority of students want a class pet and are willing to take care of it and help raise money for it. However, four students have allergies so a class pet may not work for our room.

I see now that our apartment is too small for most of the pets I researched and I do not have the time necessary to care for a pet. I have a better understanding why my parents are so unwilling to give me a pet. I'm glad that I learned all this and I can always walk over to my cousin's when I want to play with his dog!