

Workshop 7: Taming Wild Beasts**Quick Project****Lions, Tigers, and Bears, Oh My!**

Not all pets are found in a pet store!

Project: Write about a pet you want.

Procedure**1. Brainstorm.**

If you could have any pet in the world, what would you choose? Use your imagination. Your choice doesn't have to be realistic. First, answer these questions on a piece of paper:

- Do you like animals that are cute and furry? (pandas, koalas, kittens)
- Maybe you prefer scary looking animals? (iguanas, bats, snakes)
- Do you like animals that you've only read about in books or seen in movies? (dinosaurs, unicorns, monsters)

2. Find reasons.

Write some notes telling why you would like this animal as a pet. For example, maybe you'd like this animal because you could ride it to school, or because it could protect you.

3. Write.

Write a short paragraph about your animal. Start with a position statement. For example:

"I would like a _____ as a pet because . . ."

List at least two reasons from your notes.

4. Present your work.

Type your final draft on the computer. Share your paragraph with your class or group. Did other students choose the same animal as you?