

The writer must always distinguish which parts of the essay are the ideas of others by including a citation of the source used in the text. The student must do this every time he or she *summarizes, paraphrases, or quotes* another individual's work. All internal citations correspond to an external citation on the "References" page. For example, if a particular internal citation contains the author's last name, then the reader can go to the References page and find that author's name with the other corresponding information to learn more about that source.

Internal Citation Examples for Books and Articles in Scholarly Journals:

If you use the author's name in the text:

Garza (2007) noted that although cats appear to be more intelligent than dogs, dogs actually use similar problem-solving strategies.

If you don't use the author's name in the text:

Self-proclaimed "cat ladies" often admit that they have never owned dogs, and their "cat lady" traits were inherited from either parent or both (Garza, 2007).

If using a quotation of fewer than forty words, the reference goes after the closing quotation mark.

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Garza (2007) went on to explain that the "preference of either dogs or cats is indicative of other personality traits" (p. 15).

It is okay to omit the author's name from citations after the first in a paragraph.

On the contrary, there have been documented cases in which cats protect infant children from perilous situations (Garza, 2007). Further, although these cases are rare, they do demonstrate that cats can be trustworthy companions (2007).

If the quote is more than forty words, it should be separated from the text, and quotation marks should be omitted; the reference goes one space after the ending punctuation.

Having been an owner of both cats and dogs for over 20 years, Garza (2007) explained:

Both dogs as well as cats can be great companions.

Dogs typically can be counted on to bring positive energy and happiness to the home, while cats, although very independent, can provide a similar level of comfort to their owners. (p. 43)

Other Internal Citation Examples:

If you are using a source that has two authors:

Despite common belief that all dogs and cats are completely domesticated, one should use caution when approaching stray dogs and cats (Garza & Cheatum, 2008).

If you are using a source that has three to five authors:

Some stray animals make an easy transition into their adopter's home, thus demonstrating that they were most likely someone's pet in the past (Garza, Cheatum, Johnston, Kerr, & Coffman, 2009).

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There have been many cases in which a previously stray animal will continue to exhibit aggressive tendencies after being adopted (Garza et al., 2009).

If you are using a source that has six or more authors, only list the first listed author followed by et al. and the year:

Pets can be extremely intuitive, demonstrating an ability to detect several different emotions in humans (Garza et al., 2012).

If you are using a book or longer work that has no author listed:

If you are bringing a new dog into a home where a dog already resides, introduce the new dog in a neutral setting, such as at a park or while on a walk around the neighborhood, to avoid conflict (*Adopting Your Newest Family Member*, 2014).

If you are using an article or shorter source that has no author listed:

When housetraining your dog, do not use your dog's crate as punishment, as accidents will happen during the training process ("Housetraining 101," 2014).

If you are using a source that has no author listed and no date listed:

During the housetraining process, put your puppy on a routine or schedule that is fixed and does not conflict with yours ("Housetraining: Creating a Routine," n.d.).

If you are using an indirect source:

Montalvo, although an avid animal lover, argued that "there is no place for pets within the home; they are meant to live outdoors only" (as cited in Garza, 2007, p. 11).