

Case Study Reasoning

Some Simple Ideas

Intuitive Solution

1. Determine the ethical question you are trying to answer
2. Provide a tentative intuitive answer to the question.

Start to Form an Argument

1. List three or more reasons for this answer.
2. List three facts that support this answer. For example, headless cats do not feel pain.
3. List one or more moral principles that support this answer. For example, we ought not to cause pain to others.

Create a Formal Argument

1. Using the factual premises and moral principles listed, construct valid moral arguments that lead logically to the formal answers you provide.
 - Write the moral principles.
 - Write the factual premises.
 - Write the conclusions.
2. Provide a formal answer to the ethical question studied.

Objections

1. List potential objections to your arguments.
2. List responses to those objections.