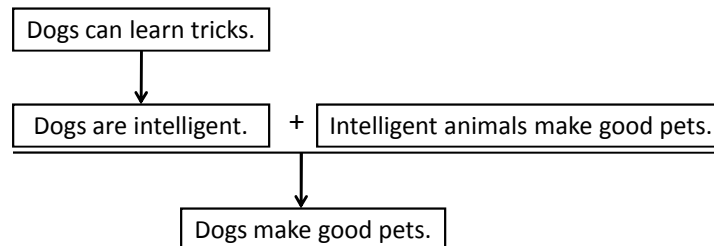## Argument Structure
IV) Lesson 3a: Inference Erasers: "and" (with Dependent Reasons)

At the end of this lesson, you will be able to

✓ Explain what dependent reasons are

✓ Use the "and" family of inference erasers to communicate and analyze arguments with dependent reasons

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IV) Lesson 3a – Slide 1

Two or more ideas are **dependent reasons** in support of a conclusion if each idea is incapable of supporting the conclusion on its own but the ideas taken together are capable of supporting the conclusion.

IV) Lesson 3a – Slide 2

Dogs can learn tricks.

Dogs are intelligent. + Intelligent animals make good pets.

Dogs make good pets.

Inference Eraser Expressions

'And' Family: "and," "moreover," "furthermore," "in addition"

"Dogs can learn tricks. This shows that they're intelligent, and intelligent animals make good pets, which is why dogs make good pets."

"Dogs make good pets. After all, intelligent animals make good pets and dogs are intelligent because they can learn tricks."

IV) Lesson 3a – Slide 3

"Cats are independent and independent animals are easy to care for. Consequently, cats are easy to care for so they make good pets."

Cats are independent. + Independent animals are easy to care for.

Cats are easy to care for.

Cats make good pets.

IV) Lesson 3a – Slide 4