

# Where Consumers Shop for Pet Care

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Industry remains strong despite tumultuous performance

Holistic wellbeing and the growing popularity of cats fuels growth across categories

Growth opportunities stronger in emerging markets

#### **CHANNEL SHIFTS**

Pet care retail landscape continues to expand; e-commerce a clear winner

Retail offline retains dominance; APAC sees highest share of distribution from e-commerce

Shifts in retail infrastructure and shopper habits drive pet care retail e-commerce growth

## STORE-BASED CHANNELS

Pet specialists the single biggest retail offline channel

Grocery retail retains lead despite losing share to e-commerce

Case study: Target launches The Cuddle Collab – a limited-edition pet collection

Pet shops and superstores lead rapid growth in pet care retail offline

Leaders lag as they face headwinds on multiple fronts

Case study: Petbarn x Microsoft launch generative pet Al solution

Private label gains through pricing and portfolio expansion

Developed regions continue to dominate private label consumption

Continued availability and affordability enable private label growth

Case study: Zooplus launches new cat litter range with Febreze

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Pet care retail e-commerce snapshot in 2024

E-commerce leads the way in non-store retailing

Digitalisation democratises distribution

Route to consumer: What is driving digital?

Direct-to-consumer brands benefit from trust, and are embracing other distribution channels

Case study: Ollie expands from direct-to-consumer-only to offline, and gains share

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Channels of the future: Quick commerce

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