

Independent & Neighborhood Pet Retail Association

# **Insights Report**

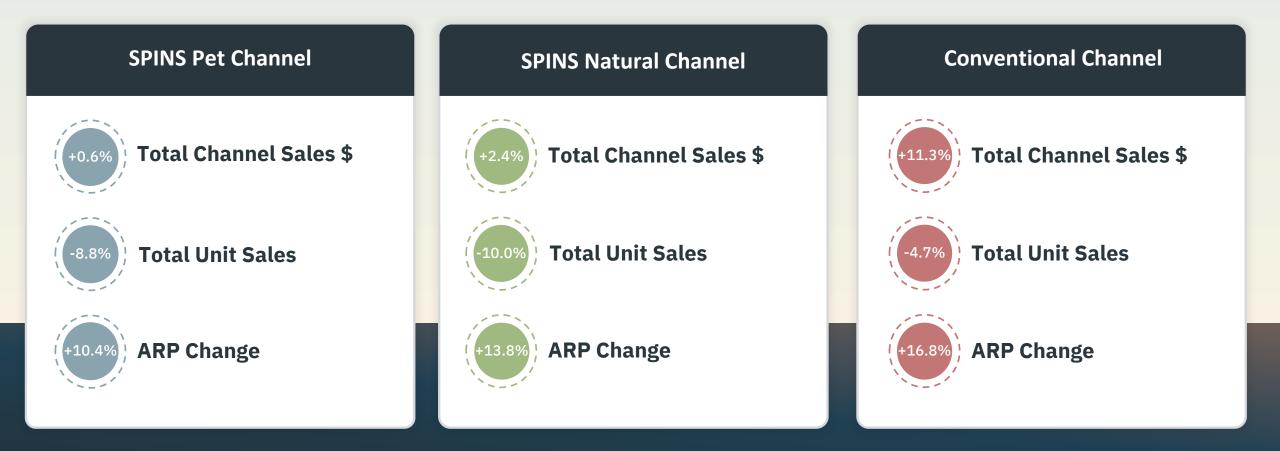
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# The Effects Of Inflation On The Pet Industry

Double digit increases in ARP due to inflation has impacted pet parent shopping behavior resulting in a decrease in YOY unit sales across all channels.

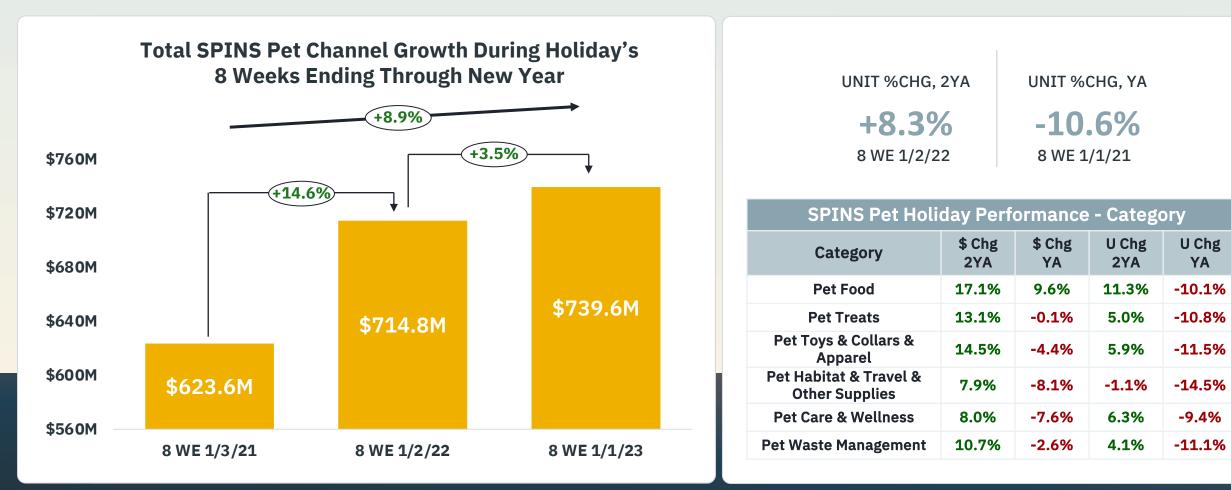


#### Channel Sales 52 Weeks Ending 10/08/23



#### Holiday 2021 Had The Largest Boom In Pet Shopping

Holiday purchasing hit its strongest peak during holiday 21, with inflation taking its toll on shopper spend last holiday.







#### **Holiday Statistics and Trends**

#### Inclusion

"**More than 80%** of pet owners said they were "*very likely*" to purchase a **gift for their pet**"

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"34% of respondents said they would <u>purchase a gift for their</u>
<u>dog</u> during the holidays, while
22% said they would <u>buy gifts for</u>
<u>their cat</u>"

#### **Humanization**

Millenials and Gen Z are either deciding that they don't want to have children or delaying having children. A pet is a great substitute for that.

"When holidays or special events come, you don't want to get gifts for your child and not for your pet."

Steven Cunix Associate Partner at Kearney

# Capitalizing on the Trend

Stocking holiday-related pet products could be a big opportunity for retailers

Per Cunix, brick-and-mortar retailers stand to gain through the in-store events they offer, <u>especially during the holiday</u> season



## **Holidays Just Aren't For Humans Anymore**

From fun stocking stuffers, to holiday themed treats, make your pets feel they are part of the festivities with flavors inspired by Thanksgiving and Christmas and with colorful toys and apparel.

#### **Colorful Toys & Apparel Fun Holiday Displays Flavors of the Holidays Holiday Advent** Calendars, Candy **Canes, and Cookies** Treats include holiday focused Holiday themed toys and apparel are Brands are becoming more creative with ingredients, including **pumpkin**, available in vibrant colors to include ingredients and packaging geared towards apples, ginger, peanut butter, carob, your pets in holiday spirit! the holidays for pets cranberry, & peppermint.

#### Seen In the Market

Brick-and-mortar retailers stand to gain through the in-store events they offer, especially during the holiday season whether that is curated holiday collections, pictures with Santa, stocking/ornament personalization events, or more.



### **Sustainability Takes Front Seat in 2024**

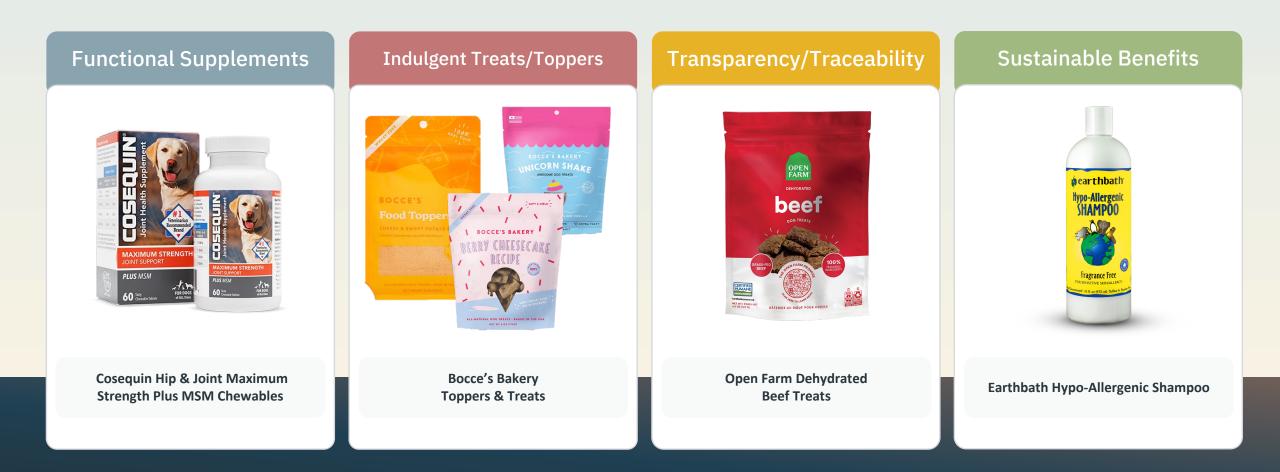
Pet parents are looking for pet food and treats that explore new and innovative ingredients, including alternatives to beef & chicken, sustainably sourced products, and no-waste.



#### **Upcycled Ingredients Alternative Proteins** Sustainable Sourcing IMMUNE SUPPORT WITH ANTIOXIDANT **ICELANDIC+** SWEET POTATO & PEAS RECIPE SWEET POTATO PEAS OATS CRICKETS GREAT FOR SMALL DOGS Jiminy's Icelandic+ **Shameless Pets Chewy Cricket Treats** Hand Wrapped Cod Skin Treats **Upcycled Treats & Dental Sticks** Cricket-Based treat as an alternative Single ingredient, sustainably **Uses Upcycled fruits and sunflower** fished. air-dried treats. meal as a base for treats for **0** waste to animal proteins • Sustainable, Humane, great for food Full of omega-3 fatty acids for • Free from grain, corn, and soy, contain sensitivities healthy skin + coat. no artificial flavors • Crickets are great source of fiber, iron, • 100% Natural, no preservatives. • 6 bags purchased = 1LB of food rescued protein, healthy omegas, and vitamins to reduce greenhouse gas emissions Copyright © 2023 SPINS LLC. All Rights Reserved.

# **Growing Opportunities in Pet Nutrition**

As pets transform from "companions" to valued family members, pet parents are increasingly interested in a variety of nutritional products to help support their health and wellbeing.



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