

One year in, our strategy remains clear...

Our purpose

To create a better world for pets and the people who love them

Planet

To make pet care environmentally sustainable

Pets

To improve the life of every pet in the UK

People

To be the best employer and developer of talent

Our vision

To build the world's best pet care platform

Integrated

a unified blend of products, services and advice

- Nutrition
- Accessories
- Preventative Care
- Curative Healthcare
- Grooming & Wellbeing
- Adjacencies

Omnichannel

seamlessly connected

- Physical petcare centres and practices
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an unrivalled experience

- Seamless and frictionless
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...driving differentiated economics over the long-term

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Driving economies of scale and higher productivity

Fuelling consumer and revenue growth

- Category authority and expertise
- Investment cost amortisation base
- Innovation speed and time to market
- Digital and data platform integration

- Scale economies (physical, virtual and digital)
- Supply chain, channel and distribution efficiencies
- Clinical and non-clinical productivity (right colleague, right task)
- Share of wallet through frequency, cross-sell, upsell and subscriptions
- Lifetime Value and retention
- National brand halo
- Effectively targeted CRM and discounting



FY24 was a pivotal year for the business...

- Launched new DC Stafford DC now supporting 100% of stores. Online fulfilment next.
- Built digital platform and launched new app and website to consumers as planned.
- Invested in our physical assets 5 new stores, 41 refits, 3 new vets, 26 vet extensions and 10 company managed practices converted to JV.
- Winning on vet talent improved attraction and retention, more vets driving growth in visits.
- Launched our new Pets brand, bringing together our products and services under one master brand.
- Accelerated innovation across food and accessories, driving growth into own brand and premium categories.
- Responded to the CMA review into the veterinary sector, highlighting the uniqueness of our Practice Owner model.
- Progressed our sustainability agenda raising over £9.2m for pet charities and feeding 2.7m pets for a day through our pet food bank partnership with Blue Cross.





...and we delivered a resilient performance

Financial KPIs						
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We have successfully delivered year one of our strategy; building the foundations for long-term growth

FY24

Building the foundations

FY25

Return to profit growth

FY26+

Long-term sustainable growth

Transitioned to new distribution centre

- Early year investments begin to drive benefits
- Long-term structural advantages evident

- New digital platform built and went live to consumers
- Volume growth delivers operational leverage
- Sustained market share gains

- Launched new Pets master brand
- Further productivity and efficiency gains
- Embedded cohort maturity supports growth



Our medium term framework is unchanged

A growing market

Consistently taking share

Driving highquality growth

Reward shareholders

c4%

Forecast market CAGR over the medium term

+7%

Sales CAGR, c300bps market out performance pa

+10%

PBT grows at 10%, FCF to trend towards 70% of PBT

£100m

£100m share buyback FY23-24, and progressive dividend







We have a leading position in a structurally growing market

Structural trends will drive further growth

Premiumisation

Pet owners
seeking
higher-end
products and
services for
their pets

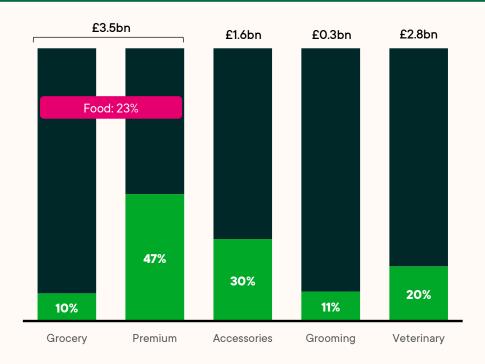
Humanisation

Human trends such as natural foods and complex healthcare

Penetration

in pet
ownership as
many of the
historic
barriers no
longer exist

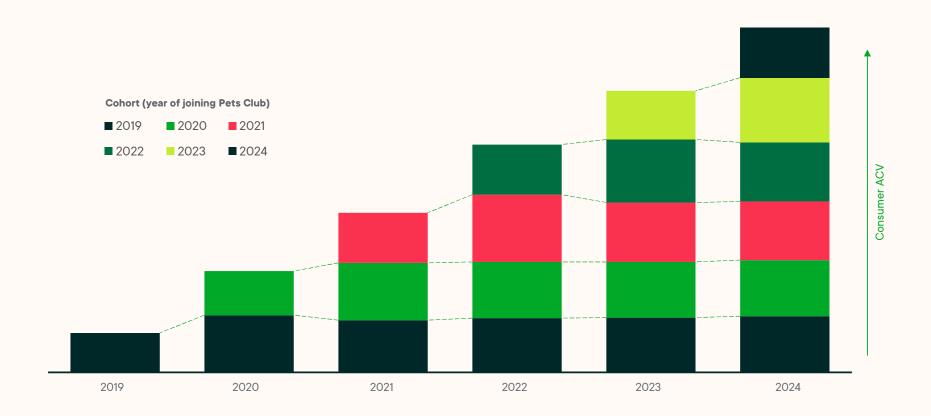
We are the only true complete pet care provider with a 23% share of the £8.2bn UK market



■ PAH market share

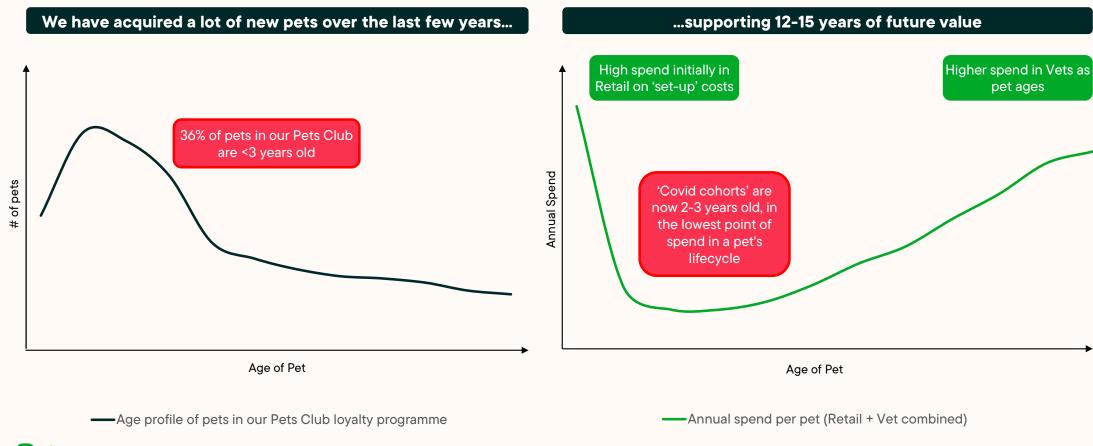


Our customers are sticky and behaviour is highly predictable



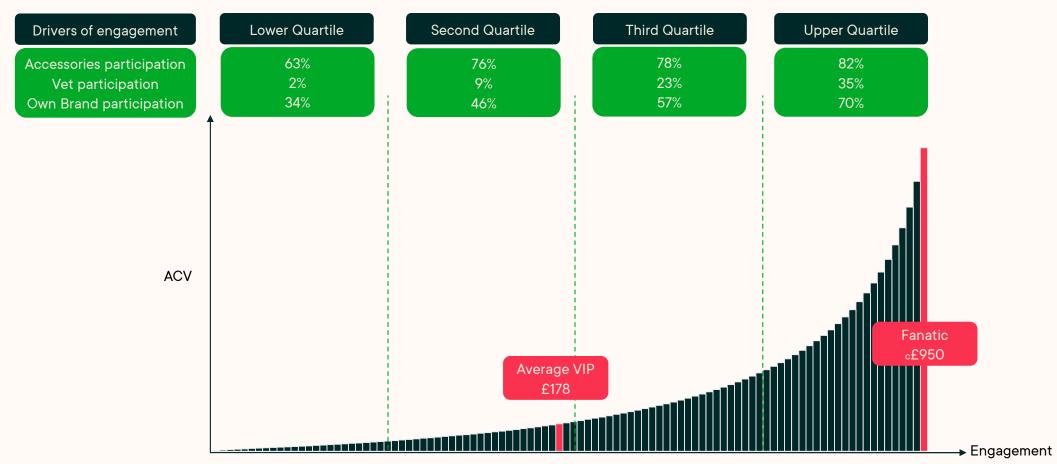


Strong customer acquisition supports attractive LTV opportunity



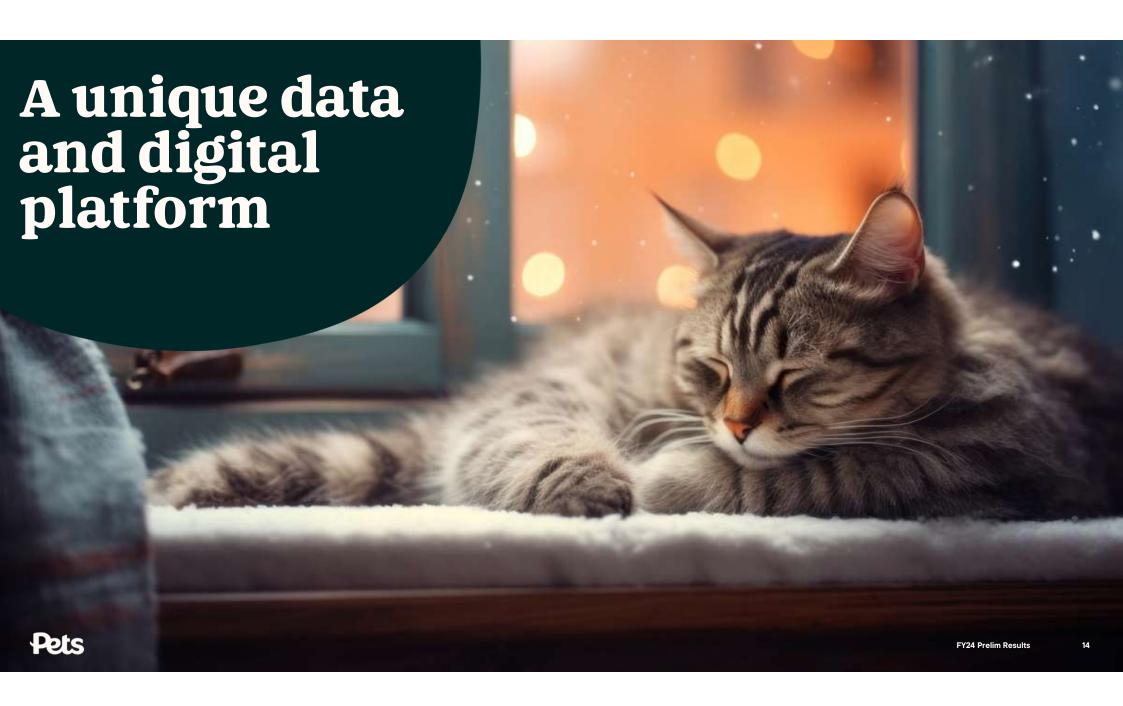


Growing share of wallet is our greatest opportunity

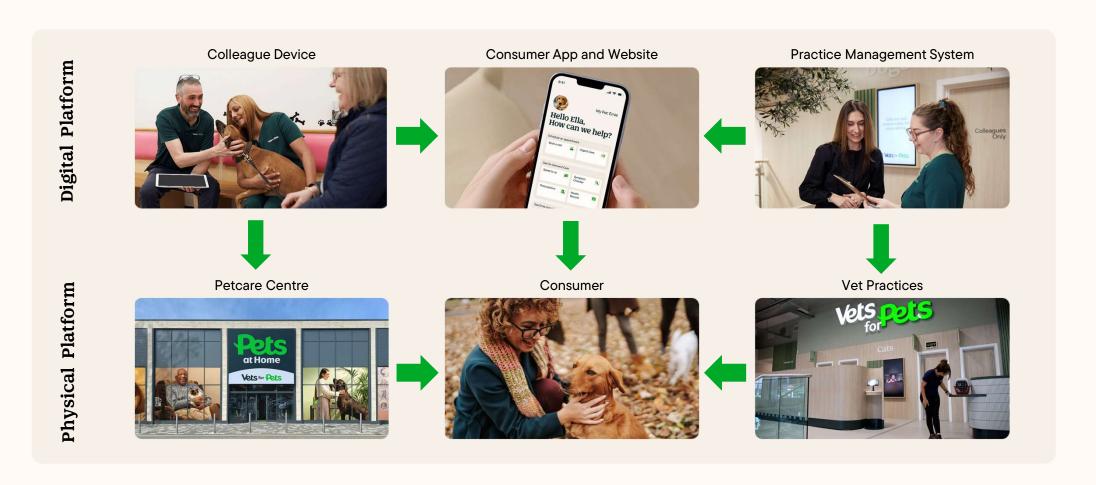


Increasing ACV by just £10 drives £78m of incremental consumer revenue





Our digital investments touch every part of our business





Strong progress in FY24, building the foundations for sustained improvements in consumer experience

Launched Spring 2024





New PMS Pilot

Delivering improved efficiency and clinical productivity



Joined-up Pet Care

One way to manage, subscribe, interact and shop across integrated Vets, Pets, and Grooming App



Integrated Pet Care experience

Personalised 121 experience, bringing together all your petcare needs digitally, physically and virtually, powered by data and Al



Significantly improved shopping experience, with integrated subscription journey, on our new digital platform



Single Booking Engine

One way to book across Vets, Pets, and Grooming with integrated Pet dashboard



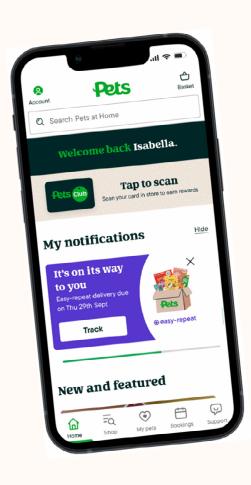
New PMS rollout

Real time data in a modern cloud-based practice system





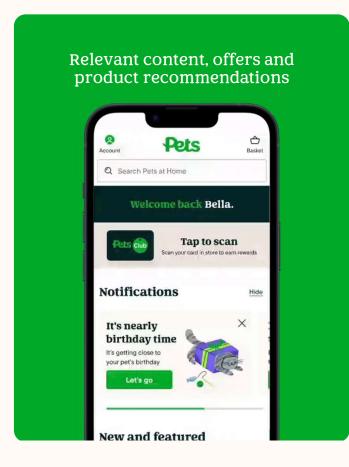
Our new consumer digital platform is here

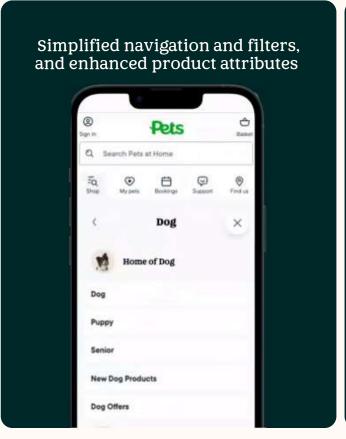


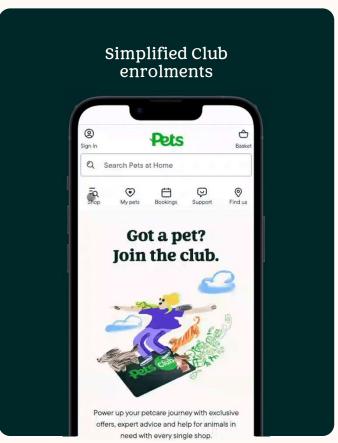
- Much improved user experience
- Highly intuitive user interface
- Vastly enhanced subscription capability
- Highly personalised experience
- Tailored offers and advice
- 25% uplift in average daily app sales



Our new digital platform

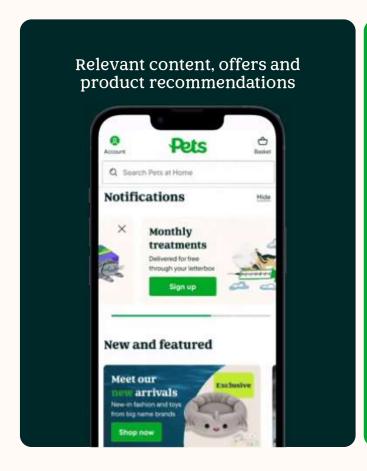


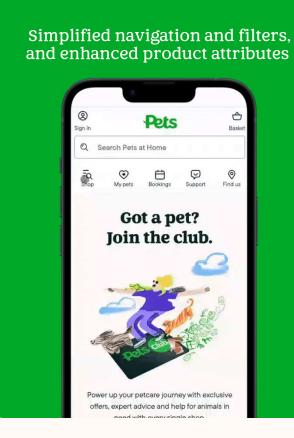


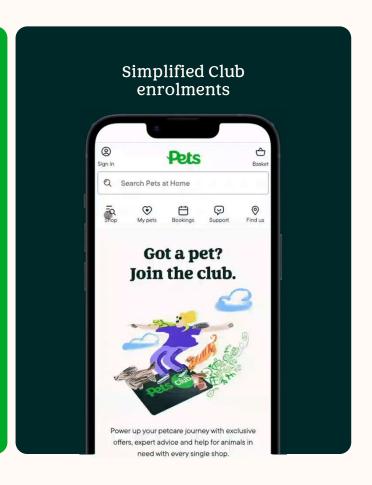




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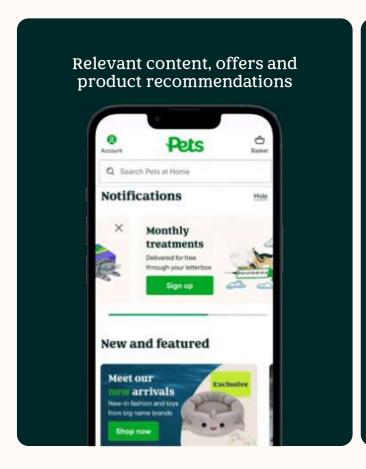


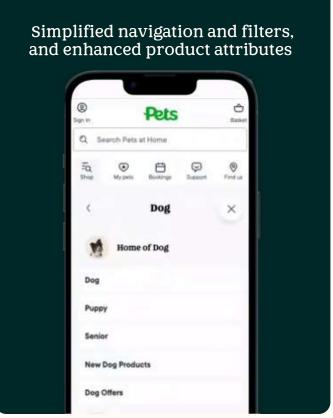


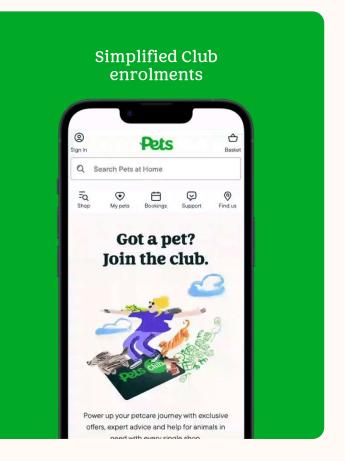




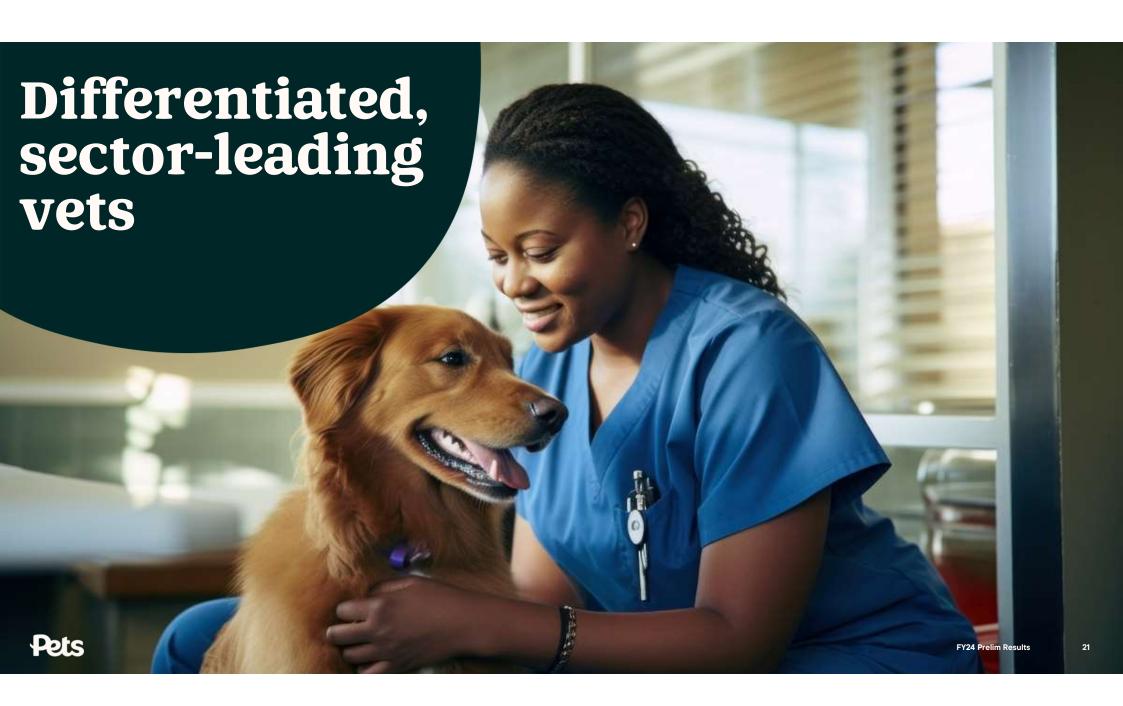
Our new digital platform











Our vets delivered an excellent performance in FY24

A strong year

for our partners and the group

A material business

a meaningful contribution to the group

+14%

+16%

£576m

£62m

Average Practice Revenue

Practice EBITDA

Consumer Revenue Profit Before Tax

+11%

Average Transaction Value

+30%

Free cash flow

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Vet Practices £58m

Free cash flow

Underpinned by increased vet capacity through improved attraction, retention, and productivity



Our unique JV model insulates us from many areas of CMA concern

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Consumers may not be given enough information to enable them to choose the best vet practice or the right treatment.

Concentrated local markets, in part driven by sector consolidation, may be leading to weak competition in some areas.

Large integrated groups may have incentives to act in ways which reduce choice and weaken competition.

Pet owners might be overpaying for medicines or prescriptions.

The regulatory framework is outdated and may no longer be fit for purpose.

Our view

Practices clearly branded as Vets for Pets.

Price set locally and standard price lists displayed in practice.

Most practices independently owned and operated. 2/3 of practices located in nationally spread PAH stores.

We operate in the first opinion market only.

Any impact likely to be manageable at practice level.

CMA can guide regulation but would be a Government decision. PAH would happily contribute to a review of the regulatory framework.

Potential Impact





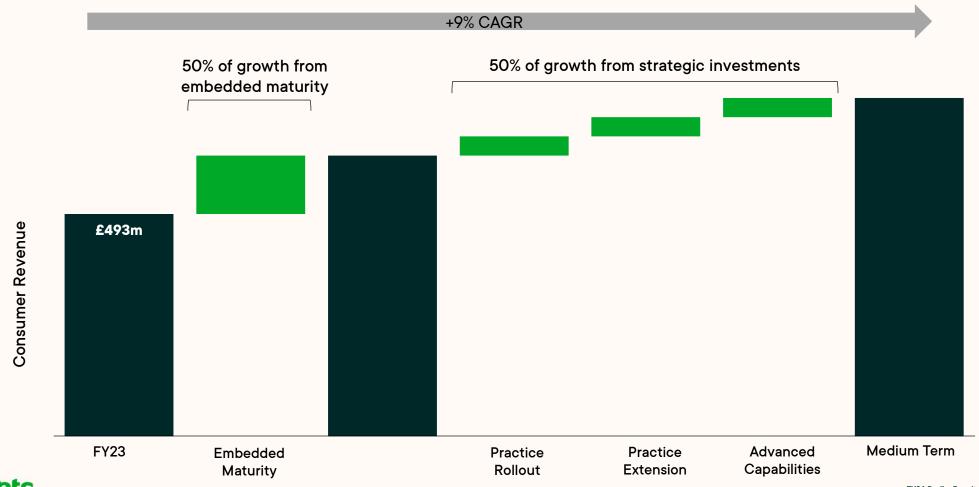




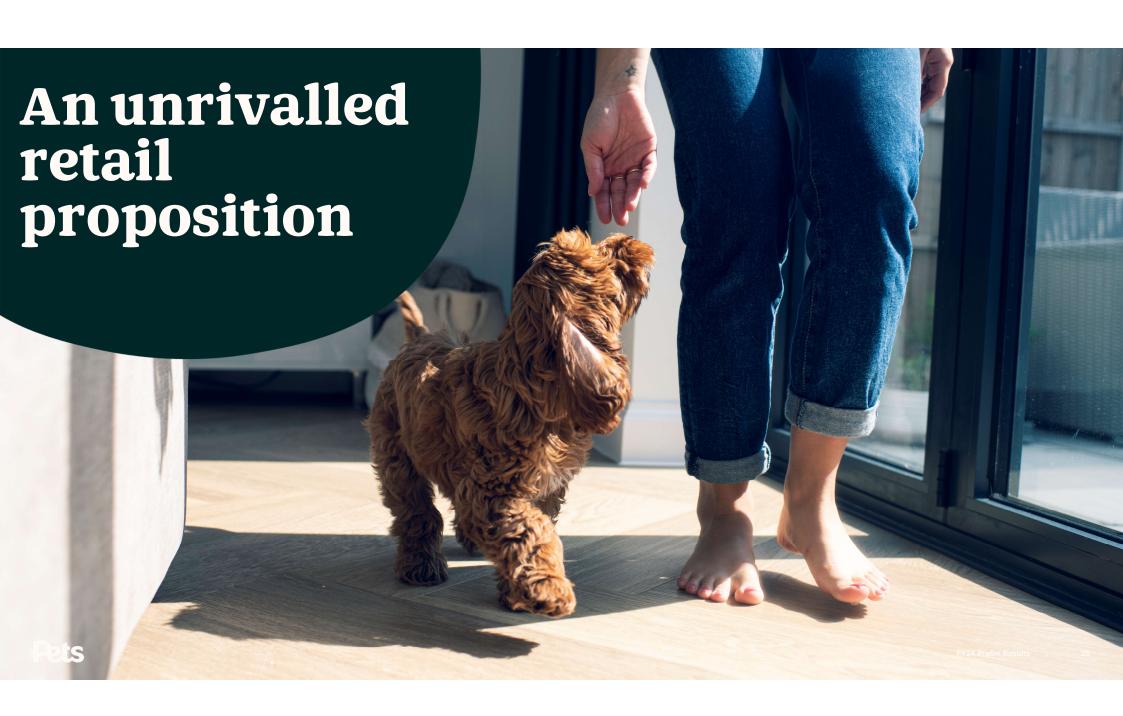




Our growth strategy is pro-competitive, and we will continue to execute on our plans







Food anchors our retail growth strategy...

Why food is SO important

+4xUplift in frequency¹

+60% Uplift in nonfood spend¹

Why we are best placed to win

Share of premium food market

Premium food market forecast CAGR

What we've delivered in **FY24**

>100 Stores with new freezer capacity

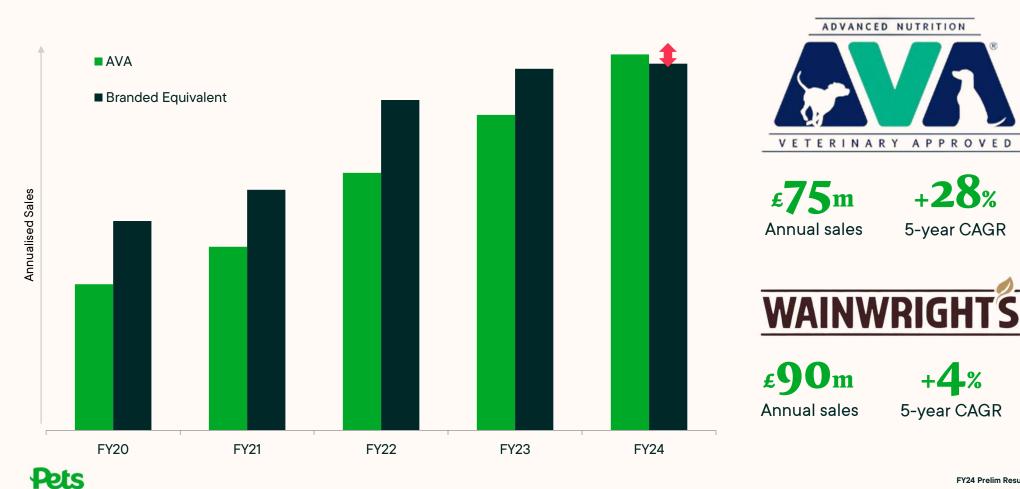
33% Freeze dried sales growth



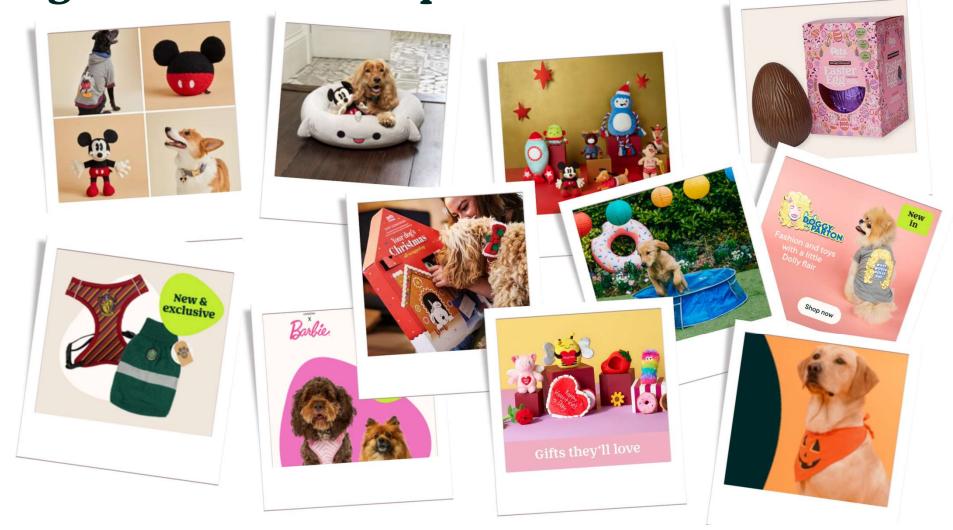


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...supported by our category-leading private labels



We have a strong plan to turnaround accessories, through innovation and premiumisation



We continue to invest in our stores to offer an engaging and rewarding experience for consumers

New pet care centres in FY24

5

Store refits in FY24

41

Rebrands in FY24

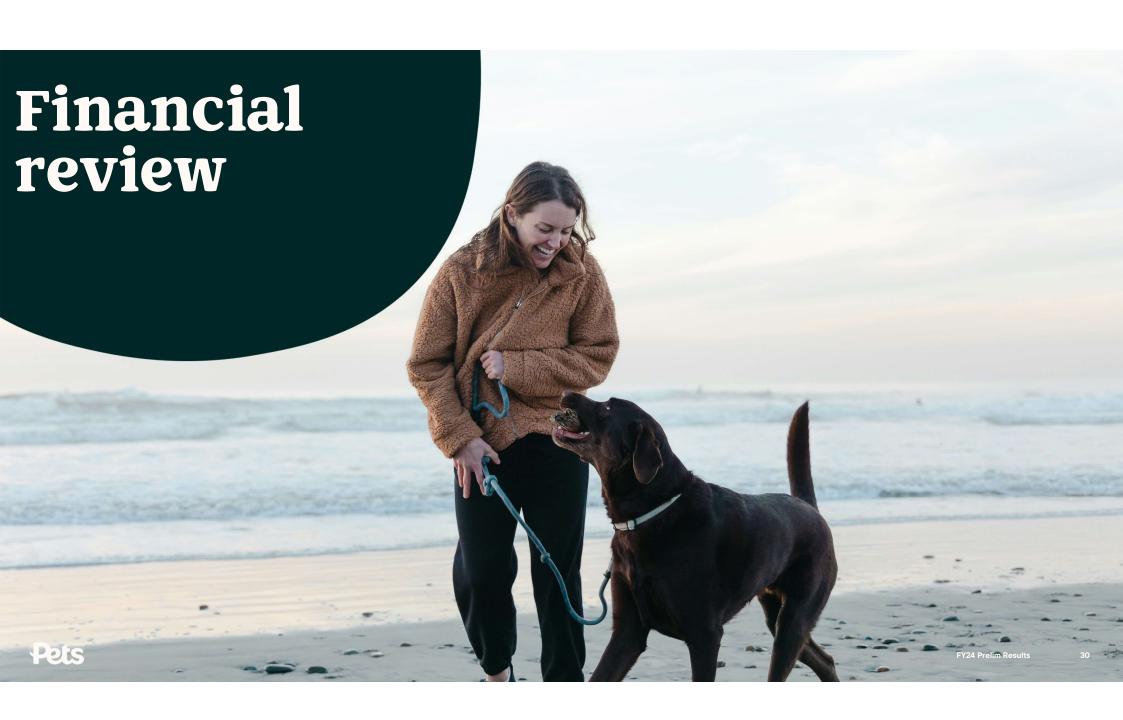
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We delivered a resilient performance whilst implementing our strategy...

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...with consumer revenue in line with our mediumterm ambition

Group Consumer Revenue (£m)	FY24	FY23	YoY
Total	1,906.3	1,782.4	6.9%
Group Revenue (£m)	FY24	FY23	YoY
Total	1,476.6	1,404.2	5.2%
Like-for-like	5.1%	7.9%	
Retail Revenue (£m)	FY24	FY23	YoY
Food	814.2	744.8	9.3%
Accessories	465.5	486.4	(4.3)%
Other ¹	50.4	47.5	6.1%
Total	1,330.1	1,278.7	4.0%
Like-for-like	4.1%	7.5%	
Vet Group Revenue (£m)	FY24	FY23	YoY
Fee income from JV vet practices	89.3	77.2	15.7%
Company managed practices ²	44.6	37.5	18.7%
Other veterinary income ³	9.4	8.1	17.3%
The Vet Connection	3.2	2.7	18.5%
Total	146.5	125.5	16.8%
Like-for-like	16.5%	13.4%	

- Includes revenue from grooming services, pet sales and insurance commissions
- Revenue from company managed practices, which is recognised in full from the point they become wholly owned
- Includes income generated from non-revenue based fees such as supplier income



FY24 Profit was in line with our expectations

£m	FY24	FY23	Change
Revenue	1,476.6	1,404.2	5.2%
Gross Profit	691.3	674.6	2.5%
Gross Margin	46.8%	48.0%	(123)bps
Operating Costs	(558.5)	(537.1)	4.0%
Other Income	12.7	12.2	3.8%
Interest	(13.5)	(13.3)	0.7%
Group Underlying PBT	132.0	136.4	(3.2)%
Non-underlying items ^{1,2}	(26.3)	(13.9)	
Statutory PBT	105.7	122.5	(13.7)%

Underlying PBT margin	8.9%	9.7%	(77)bps
Underlying basic EPS (pence)	20.7	22.8	(9.0)%
Underlying PBT by Segment			
Retail	87.4	98.8	(11.5)%
Vet Group	61.6	51.3	19.8%
Central	(17.0)	(13.7)	(23.1)%

- FY24 non-underlying items of £21.4m (FY23: £10.1m) relate to transition costs relating to our new distribution centre, £3.7m (FY23: £2.7m) relating to restructuring of certain support functions, and £1.1m (FY23: £nil) relating to the write down of investments. In addition, in FY23 we incurred £0.1m relating to aborted project costs. All allocated against non-underlying operating costs.
- FY24 non-underlying cost of £0.1m (FY23: £1.0m) relates to transition costs relating to our new distribution centre, recognised within non-underlying interest charge.`



Strong free cash flow and a robust balance sheet...

£m	FY24	FY23
Underlying net operating cash flow before working capital movement	232.9	243.3
Non-underlying items	(18.3)	(11.9)
Movement in working capital	(4.6)	19.8
Lease payments ¹	(68.4)	(68.9)
Cash receipts from lease incentives	-	22.0
Net cash capex ²	(48.5)	(77.2)
Net interest ³	(13.3)	(14.8)
Purchase of own shares for colleague share schemes	(10.8)	(14.1)
Free cash flow	69.0	98.2
Equity dividends paid	(60.7)	(58.7)
Share buyback	(50.3)	(50.3)
Investments, Acquisitions & Disposals ^{4,5}	(4.0)	(0.5)
Net loan drawdown/(repayment)	(75.0)	23.3
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(120.9)	12.0
Net cash	8.8	54.7
Lease liabilities	(380.9)	(421.4)
Total indebtedness	(372.0)	(366.7)
Pre IFRS 16 leverage	(0.1)x	(0.3)x
Lease adjusted leverage	1.5x	1.5x

Lease payments are cash payments for the principal portion of the right-of-use lease liability.

Net cash capex is proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment less costs to acquire right-of-use assets and acquisition of property, plant and equipment and other intangible assets.

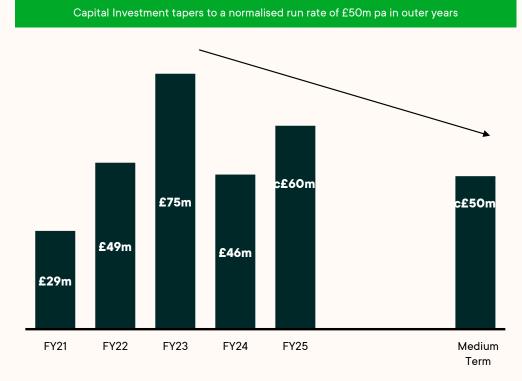
Net interest is interest received less interest paid, interest paid on lease obligations, and debt issue costs.

FY24 includes £1.0m investment in Good Dog Food, £2.5m investment in joint venture (JV) practices, £1.0m relating to the acquisition of JV practices, offset by £2.1m proceeds from repayment of initial loans from JV partners. FY24 disposals relates to the disposal of certain company managed practices as we converted them to joint venture partnerships.



...supported by disciplined investment, fully aligned to our strategy

£m	FY24	FY23	
Store Refit Programme	19.6	17.5	41 refits completed in FY24
Digitising the Business	9.5	7.9	Capex element of our digital platform, in addition to £27.9m in SaaS investment
Investing in our Supply Chain	6.4	43.7	Opened new DC in Stafford, now supporting 100% of stores
New Stores and Groomers	6.3	1.8	5 new stores & 2 new groomers
Vet Group	0.6	2.6	Investment in company managed practices
Other	0.7	1.5	
Capex Investment	42.9	74.9	
Investment in Vet Practices	2.7	0.4	Growth investment to support extensions, equipment, and branding
Total Capital Investment	45.6	75.3	





We have a clear plan to grow profits in FY25

One-off factors in FY24 (e.g. DC transition) will not repeat

Benefits from previous investments, particularly into digital, start to deliver

Careful management of cost base and disciplined approach to capital investment

A strong retail trading plan, having reenergised our stores and upweighted our marketing investment

Continued contribution from higher margin vet business fuelled by proven growth drivers



Our balanced capital allocation is closely aligned to our strategic priorities

Capital Allocation Priorities

1. Investment in the business

c£400m investment (c£280m capex, c£120m SaaS) over medium term, maintaining CROIC at c20%. Run rate of £50m capex pa in outer years.

2. Ordinary Dividend

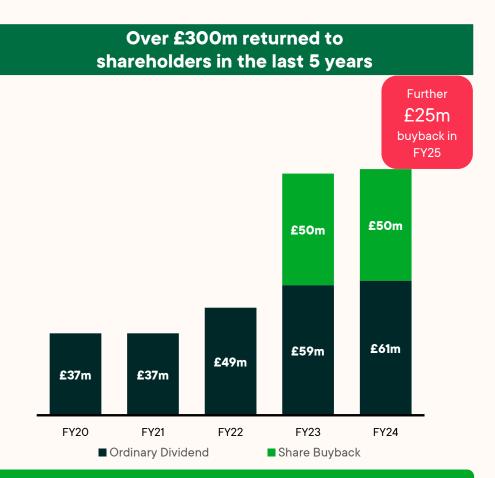
Progressive dividend which approximates to 50% of EPS. e.g. Full year dividend maintained at 12.8p in FY24.

3. M&A

Strategic investments and bolt-on M&A. e.g. Acquisition of The Vet Connection for £15m in FY21.

4. Surplus Cash Returns

Via share buy backs or special dividends. e.g. £100m share buy back across FY23 and FY24.



Further returns subject to maintaining a prudent balance sheet whilst not constraining the business

Our financial framework will reward shareholders with compounding growth and strong cash flow

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Grow sales ahead of the market

Grow profit ahead of sales

Drive strong, improving FCF

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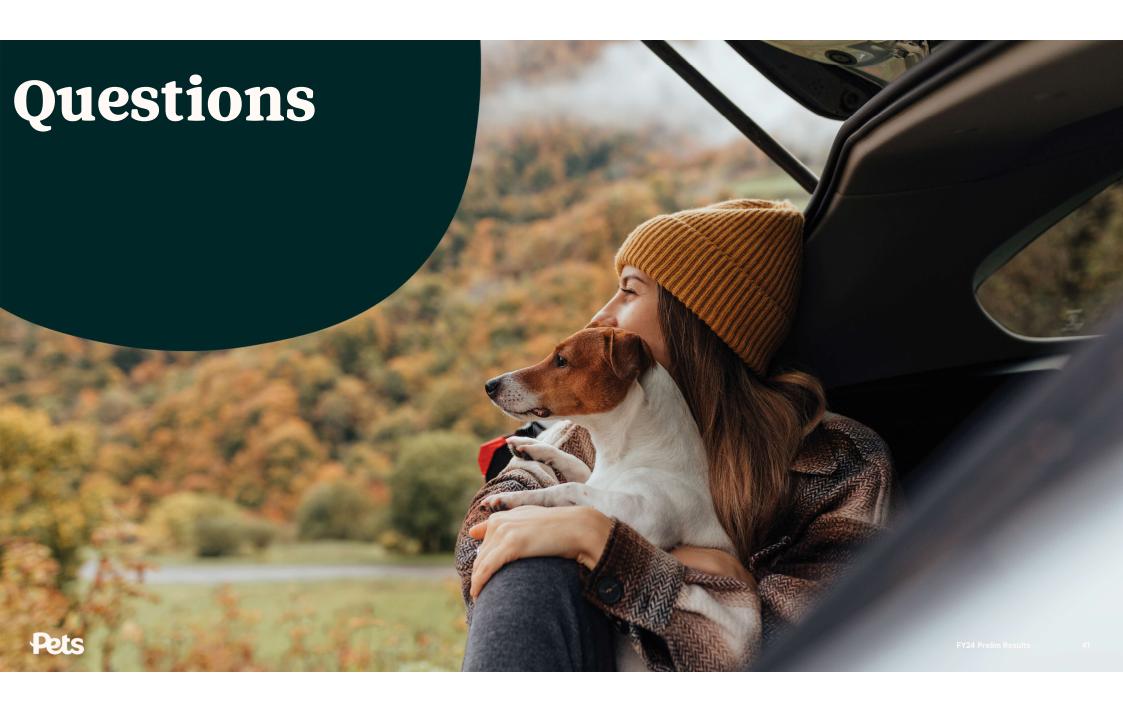
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FY25 Outlook

Underlying PBT

In line with current consensus (c£144m)

Non-underlying costs

c£7m

Effective Tax Rate

26%

Capital Investment

c£60m

Shareholder returns

£25m share buyback



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