

INDUSTRY REPORT

Category IQ Pet Food

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On average, categories have grown by 3.4%, indicating a positive market trend



Takeaway

The category size for Cat Food grew 5.2% from \$356M to \$375M

Cat Food experienced growth indicating increased consumer demand

The Treat category grew 1.9% from \$486M to \$495M

Competitor Watch: Top Gainers and Losers

Top Gainers				Top Losers		
Category						
Cat Food	Friskies 9.8% (0.8%)	Purina Fancy Feast 17.5% (0.6%)	Blue Buffalo 7.9% (-0.4%)	Wellness 2.7% (-0.3%)		
Dog Food	Purina Pro Plan 14.3% (1.6%)	Purina One 6.5% (0.5%)	Blue Buffalo 10.7% (-0.9%)	Taste Of The Wild 0.5% (-0.4%)		
Treat	Inaba 3.5% (0.6%)	Temptations 4.0% (0.5%)	Smartbone 1.5% (-0.7%)	Better Belly 0.3% (-0.3%)		

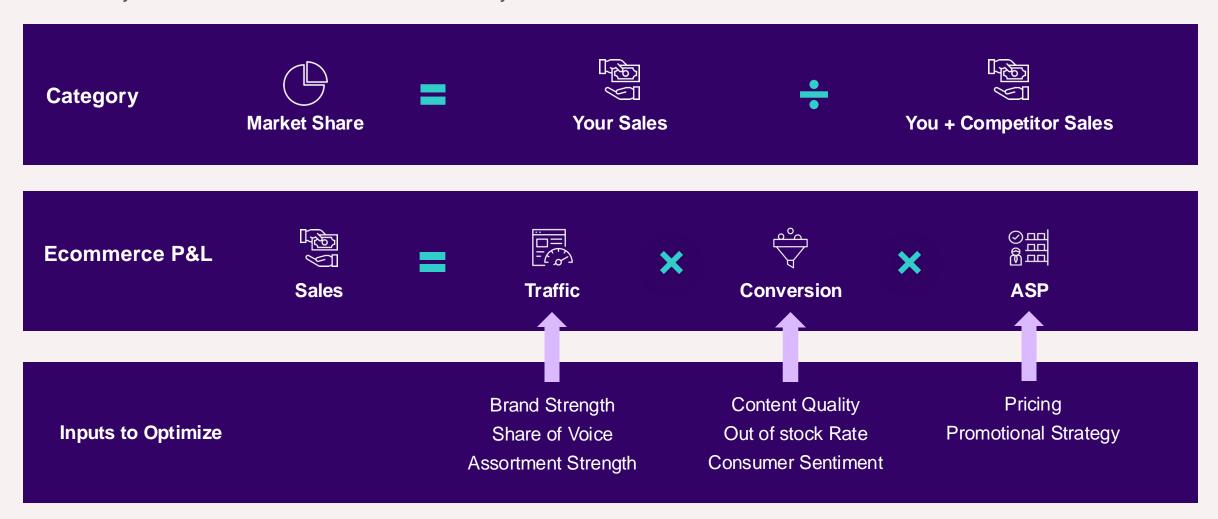
Category Deep Dive

Cat Food



The Commerce Playbook hasn't changed

But the key factors are more interconnected and dynamic



Competitive Benchmarking – Top Brands

Friskies and Purina Fancy Feast Gain Market Share While Hills Pet Nutrition Faces Challenges

			Traffic			Pricing		
Brand	Market share	Sales	Brand Strength	Organic SoV	Sponsored SoV*	ASP	Promo Rate	
Purina Fancy Feast	17.5% (0.6%)	\$65.6M (9.0%)	8.7% (0.1%)	19.4% 10.2% (0.0%) (2.5%)		\$20.3 (-1.8%)	1.7% (1.2%)	
Friskies	9.8% (0.8%)	\$36.5M (14.6%)	3.7% (-0.3%)	13.4% (-1.0%)			5.3% (4.6%)	
Hill's Pet Nutrition	9.7% (-0.2%)	\$36.3M (2.7%)	2.2% (-0.2%)	4.0% (0.9%)	10.1% (1.1%)	\$42.6 (-3.5%)	11.4% (10.4%)	
Blue Buffalo	7.9% (-0.4%)	\$29.5M (0.6%)	1.7% (-0.2%)	5.3% (-0.5%)	11.5% (0.0%)	\$29.3 (-1.9%)	4.1% (1.3%)	
Purina Pro Plan	6.8% (0.3%)	\$25.4M (9.3%)	0.9% (-0.1%)	3.3% 5.4% (-0.7%)		\$37.1 (-2.2%)	0.1% (-0.3%)	
Purina One	6.1% (0.0%)	\$22.7M (5.4%)	2.6% (-0.2%)	6.5% (0.0%)	1.1% (-1.5%)	\$24.4 (-0.9%)	1.9% (0.6%)	
lams	4.8% (-0.1%)	\$18.0M (3.9%)	3.9% (-0.9%)	4.4% (-0.9%)	4.5% (0.4%)	\$24.0 (0.3%)	3.9% (2.7%)	



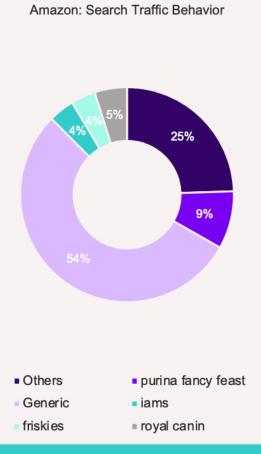
Friskies gained market share (from 9.8% to 10.6%) in category Cat Food

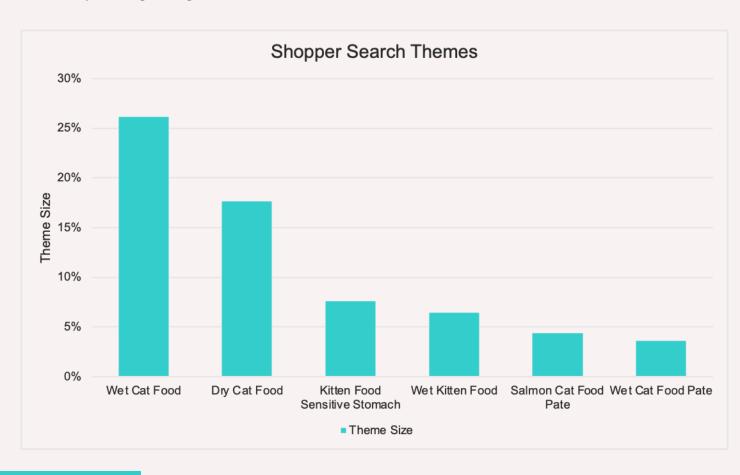
No major adjustments were noticed in ASPs, but top brands scaled up promotions

Purina Fancy Feast scaled up advertising, growing their Sponsored SoV to 10% from 7.5%

Traffic Drivers – Search Behavior

You lost ground in Dry Cat Food and Cat Gravy while growing share in Wet Cat Food





8 % of category search is directly for Purina Fancy Feast products

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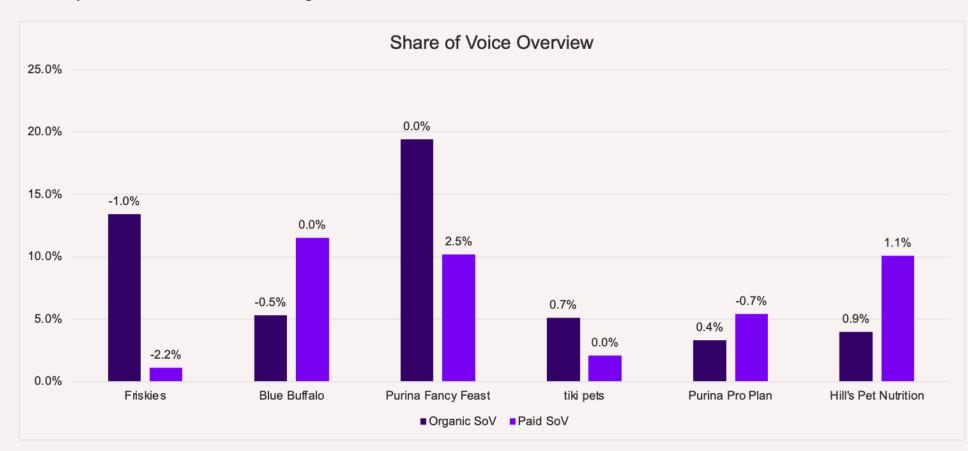
Purina Fancy Feast leads with 30.2% in the Cat Gravy theme

In Dry Cat Food theme 9lives have 4%

Blue Buffalo gained significant presence in Wet Kitten Food with a 20.79% share

Traffic Drivers – Share of Voice

Quarterly E-commerce Performance Insights



Takeaway

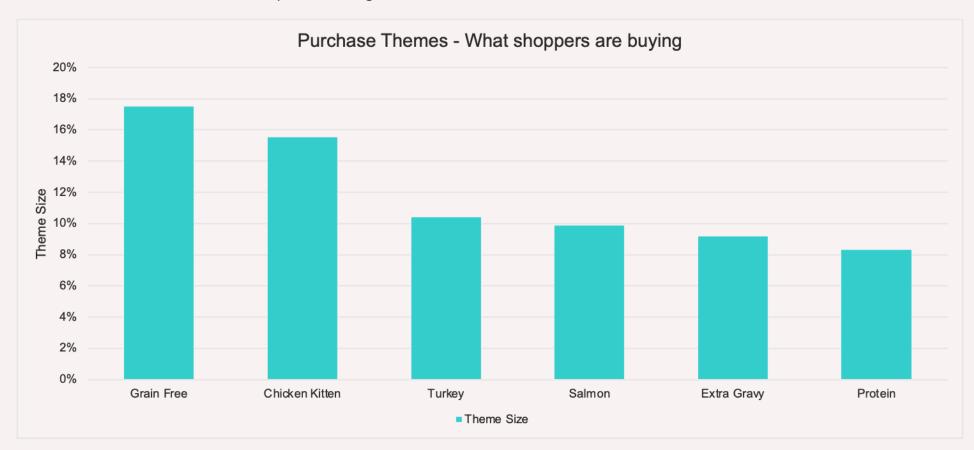
Purina Fancy Feast leads in paid presence growth, increasing to 10% from 7.5% - grew by 2.5%

Friskies experienced a decline in both organic and paid presence, with market share dropping from 10.75% to 9.75% - declined by 1%

Takeaway

What shoppers are buying

Grain Free and Chicken Kitten show potential for growth



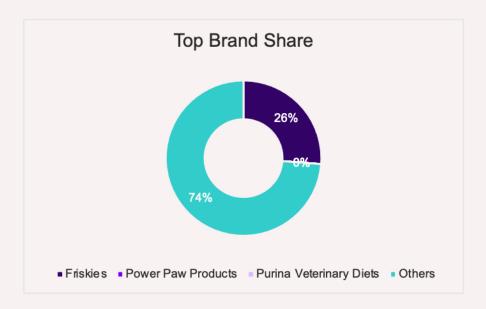
Grain Free has the highest theme share at 17.5%

In Chicken Kitten, indicating untapped potential, no brand holds dominance

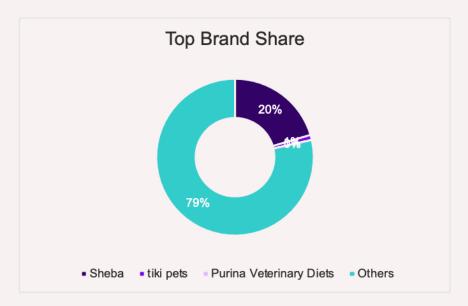
What shoppers are buying

Friskies dominates Extra Gravy, while Sheba leads in Salmon

Extra Gravy



Salmon



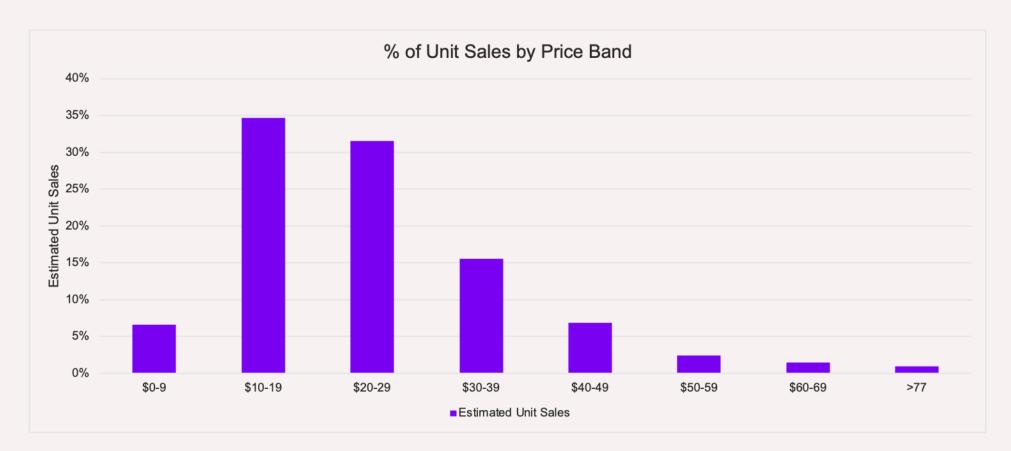
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In Extra Gravy, Friskies leads with 26.2% share; theme is highly contested with over 50% share by top brands

In Salmon, Sheba has the highest share at 20.4%

Pricing Architecture – Unit Sales by Price Band

Price Band Analysis



Takeaway

67% of overall units sold are in \$10-19 (35%) and \$20-29 (32%) price bands

Tail price bands (>\$40) contribute 12% of units sold

\$10-19 price band contributes 35% of units, Purina Fancy Feast dominates

Promotions Benchmarking

Promotion Rate Insights for E-commerce Brands



Takeaway

Friskies scaled up promotion by 4.6% from 0.6% to 5.3%

Hills Pet Nutrition scaled up promotion by 10.4% from 1% to 11.4%

tiki pets scaled up promotion by 6.8% from 0.1% to 6.9%

Majority of brands are scaling up promotions significantly

Tiki Pets should capitalize on increased promotions to enhance market presence

Category Deep Dive

Dog Food



Competitive Benchmarking – Top Brands

Purina Pro Plan gains market share while Blue Buffalo loses ground in Dog Food

				Traffic	Pricing		
Brand	Market share	Sales	Brand Strength	Organic SoV	Sponsored SoV*	ASP	Promo Rate
Hill's Pet Nutrition	14.8%	86.9M	2.5%	7.1%	8.5%	48.1	14.0%
	(0.1%)	(1.8%)	(-0.2%)	(-0.8%)	(-0.2%)	(-3.1%)	(13.2%)
Purina Pro Plan	14.3% (1.6%)	83.9M (13.8%)	4.3% (0.1%)	5.7% 11.3% (-2.6%) (1.1%)		53.8 (2.6%)	0.1% (-1.1%)
Blue Buffalo	10.7%	62.5M	4.3%	11.7%	11.9%	38.3	12.5%
	(-0.9%)	(-6.5%)	(-0.4%)	(-2.1%)	(-1.6%)	(-6.9%)	(6.3%)
Royal Canin	6.5%	37.8M	7.9%	3.7%	4.2%	52.0	0.1%
	(0.5%)	(9.6%)	(0.5%)	(0.3%)	(0.5%)	(-3.5%)	(-0.3%)
Purina One	6.5%	38.3M	1.8%	8.9%	4.7%	33.8	0.4%
	(0.5%)	(9.4%)	(0.0%)	(-0.1%)	(-1.3%)	(2.3%)	(-0.1%)
lams	3.5%	20.6M	2.2%	3.3%	4.1%	37.2	1.0%
	(0.2%)	(6.2%)	(-0.4%)	(0.0%)	(-2.4%)	(0.7%)	(0.5%)
Pedigree	3.0%	17.5M	2.7%	7.7%	1.9%	20.4	2.0%
	(-0.3%)	(-9.0%)	(-0.4%)	(-1.5%)	(0.0%)	(-6.4%)	(1.5%)

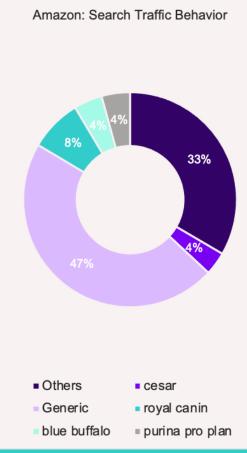
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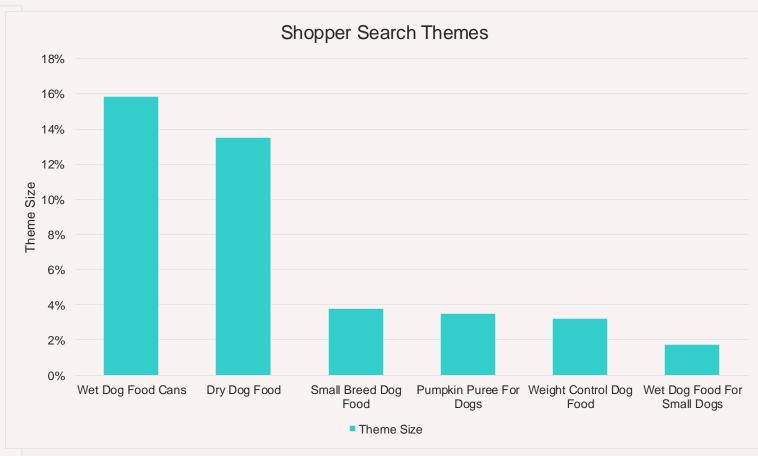
Purina Pro Plan gained market share (from 12.7% to 14.3%) in category Dog Food

lams scaled down advertising losing 2.4% of its Sponsored SoV

Traffic Drivers – Search Behavior

Significant presence in Wet Dog Food Cans, untapped potential with low competition





7 % of category search is directly for Royal Canin products

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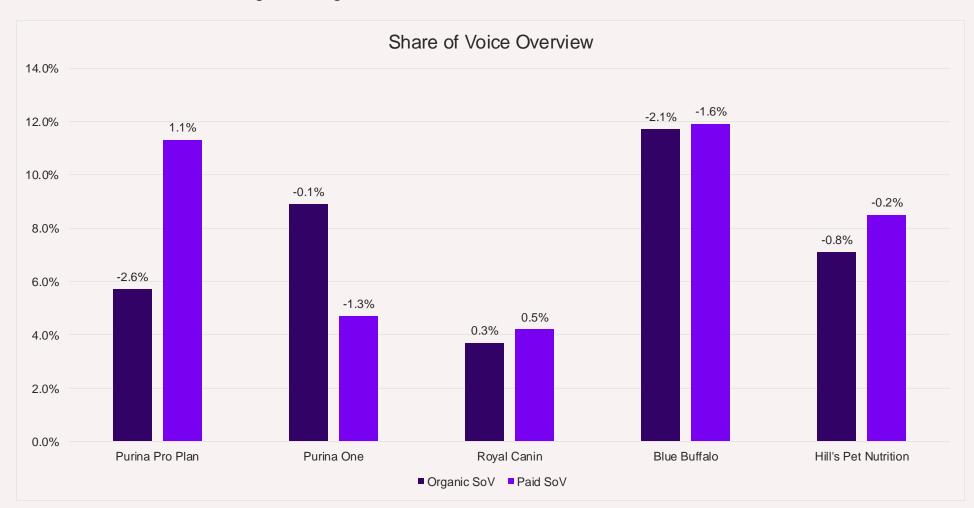
In Wet Dog Food Cans Blue Buffalo leads with 19.4% share

Shoppers searched for dog food based on their dog's size and for options that support weight control

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Traffic Drivers – Share of Voice

Q3 2024 E-commerce Market Insights for Dog Food Brands



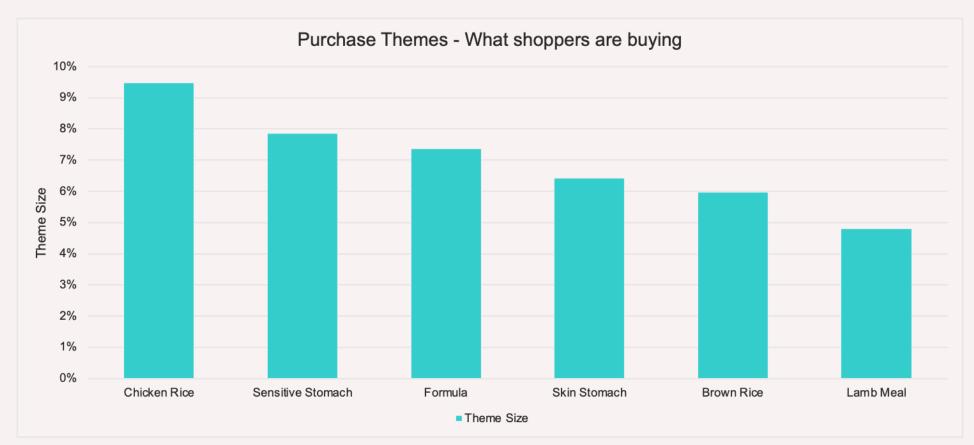
Purina Pro Plan experienced the highest growth in paid presence, increasing from 11.3% to 22.4% - grew by 11.1%

Blue Buffalo are scaling down advertising

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What shoppers are buying

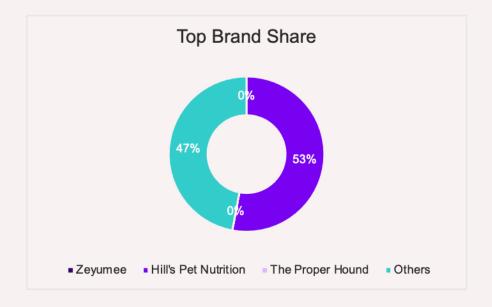
Flavor and Care are the top title themes



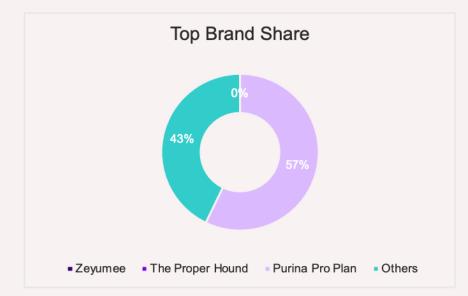
Chicken Rice has the highest theme share at 9.5%

What shoppers are buying

Chicken Rice



Sensitive Stomach



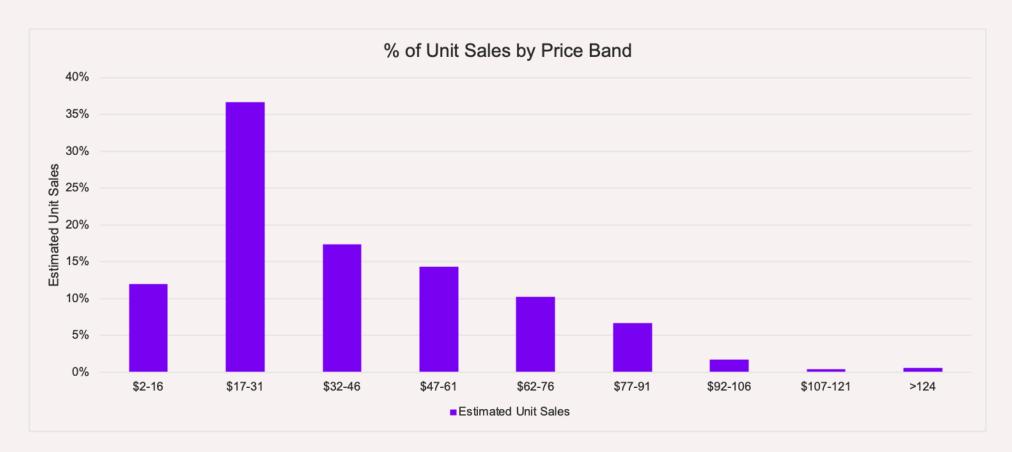
Takeaway

Chicken Rice: Hills Pet Nutrition leads with 52.94% share; theme highly contested with over 50% share

Sensitive Stomach: Purina Pro Plan leads with 57.17% share; theme highly contested with over 50% share

Pricing Architecture – Unit Sales by Price Band

Price Band Analysis



Takeaway

54% of overall units sold are in \$17-31(37%) and \$32-46(17%) price bands

Tail price bands \$107-121, \$92-106, and >\$124 contribute 3% units

\$62-76 price band contributes 20% units and 25% revenue; Purina Pro Plan dominates

Promotions Benchmarking

Majority of brands are scaling up promotions



Takeaway

Hills Pet Nutrition scaled up promotion by 13.2% from 0.9% to 14%

Purina Pro Plan scaled down promotion by 1.1% from 1.1% to 0.1%

Blue Buffalo scaled up promotion by 6.3% from 6.2% to 12.5%

Trending New Product Launches

Amazon Brand gains traction in pet food with significant launches post-April 2024.

ASIN Name	SKU	Brand	Release Date	Price	Revenue	Category Rank
Amazon Brand – Wag Dry Dog Food, Salmon and Brown Rice, 30 lb Bag (Pack of 1)	B0862YK1SS	Wag	2024-05-16	56.1	1.8M	211.0
Amazon Brand – Wag Dry Dog Food, Chicken and Brown Rice, 30 lb Bag	B0862YK1SJ	Wag	2024-05-16	55.8	491.5K	1.3K
Amazon Brand – Wag Dry Dog Food, Beef and Brown Rice, 30 lb Bag (Pack of 1)	B08QF38MCB	Wag	2024-05-16	55.4	459.3K	1.4K

Time period: Jul 28 24 to Nov 02 24 vs Apr 21 24 to Jul 27 24

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