

A child with Four Legs



Pathway to a Formal Consumer & Wellness Economy

Ecosystem

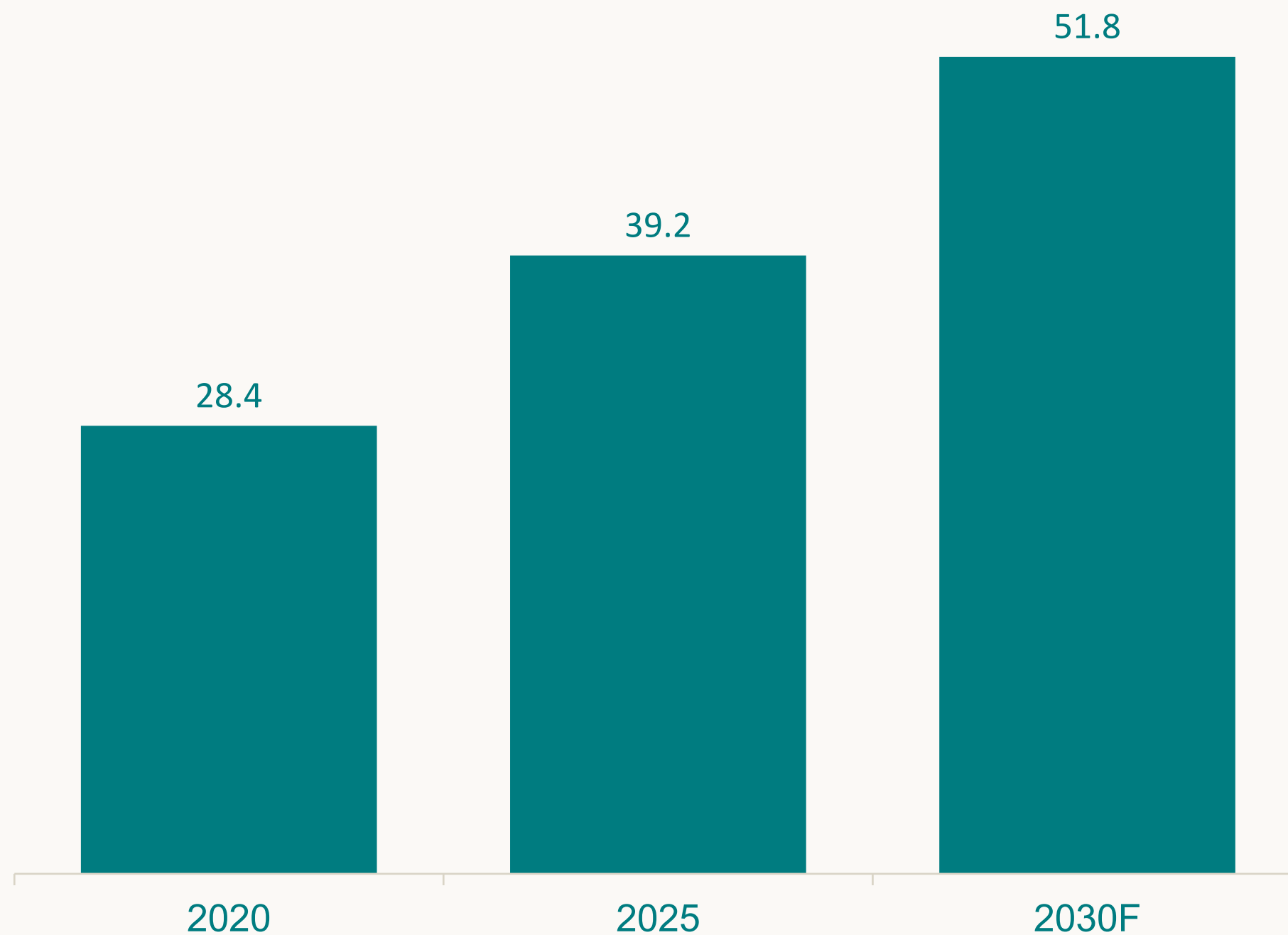


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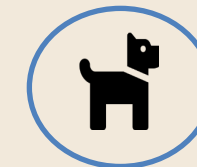
- A products-and-services ecosystem built around the life-cycle needs of a companion animal.
- Pet food is the largest and most visible product pool

Pet Population is Compounding

Total Pet Population, India (million)

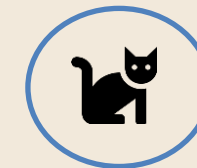


2025 SPECIES SPLIT



33.4m Dogs

~85% of the pet population



4.5m Cats

Smaller base, but the fastest-growing segment

+82%

Growth in pet population, 2020→2030 — with cats growing faster than dogs, signalling a widening and diversifying ownership base.

GROWTH FACTS

67% of Pet Parents are 1st Time Pet Parents

73% Millennials & 72% Gen-Z consider Pets as beloved family member

Pet Owner > Pet Parent

3 Structural drivers



Urbanisation

Rising urban density , apartment living ,stress factors bring pets closer into daily family routines .



Nuclear families

Increasingly treating companion animals as family members — raising willingness to spend.
Affluent class and high discretionary income .



Wellness mindset

Humanization of pets is extending to premium, science-backed pet nutrition and care.

Pet Food's Role Within Pet Care

Pet food is the entry point of the ecosystem — the first and most frequent purchase

Broader Pet-Care Economy (INR 25,000cr, FY25)

Products (Food, Accessories, Healthcare items)

Pet Food (INR 5,500cr retail value, FY25)

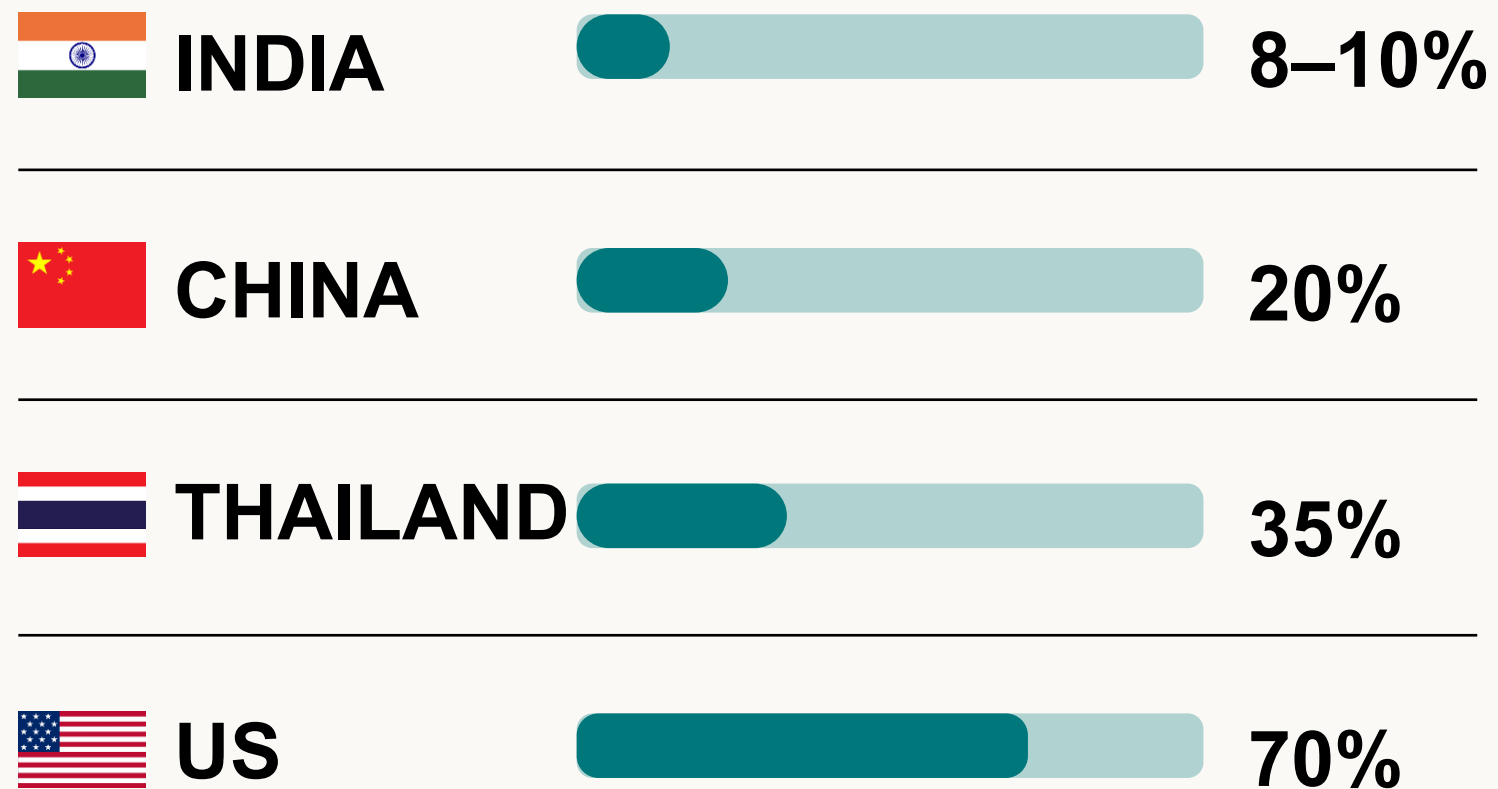
- Highest purchase frequency - Main recurring touchpoint between brand, retailer and pet parent.
- Most exposed to formal standards: BIS specification, Legal Metrology labelling, GST classification and import health rules.
- Sets the credibility bar (safety, science, sourcing) that extends to veterinary and retail trust in the wider category.



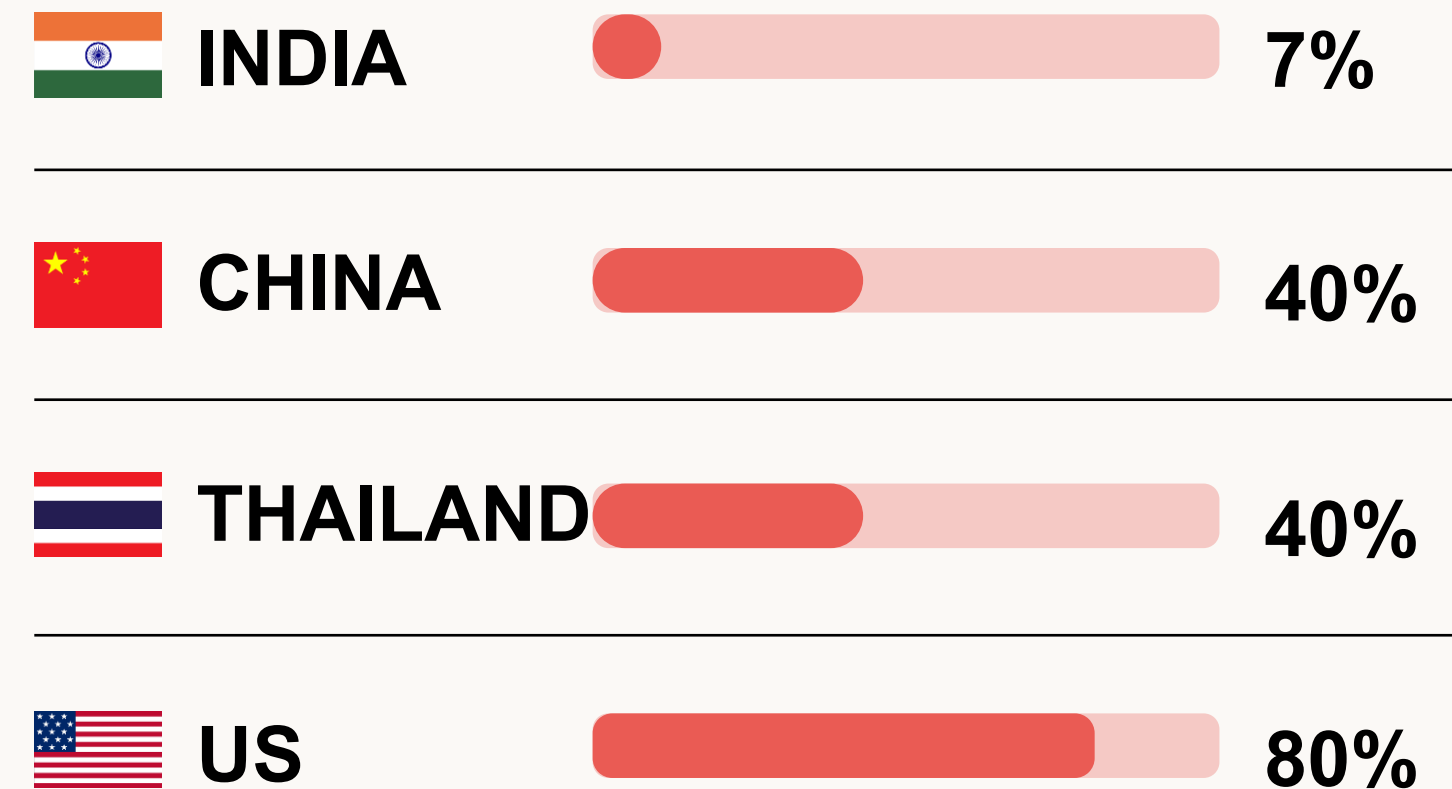
India is significantly underpenetrated vs. other markets



DOG OWNERSHIP PENETRATION



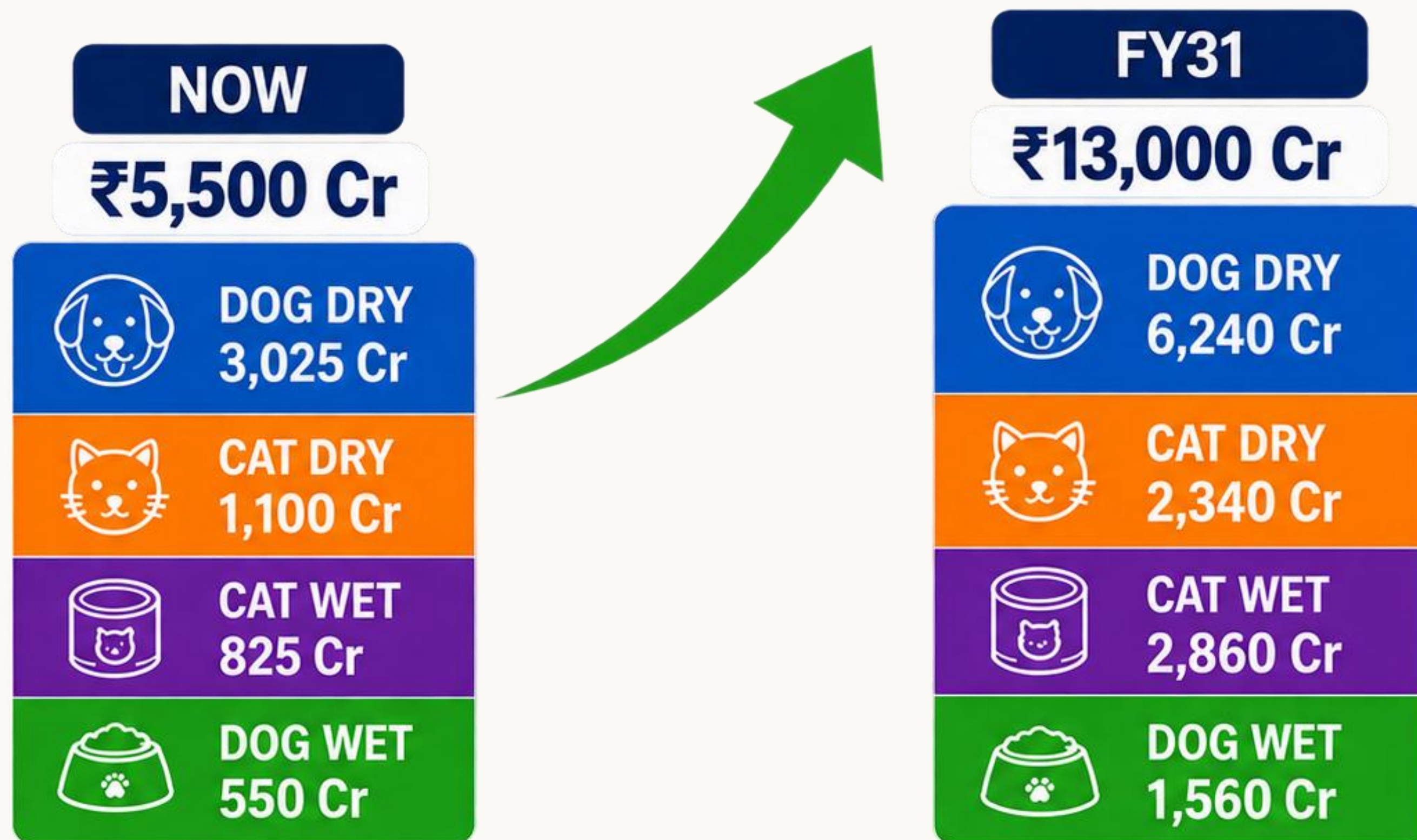
PACKAGED PET FOOD PENETRATION



For India, 7% makes it 600M USD(5500cr INR) market. If it was same as Thailand (40%), then the market becomes around 3.4 Bn USD

THIS SHOWS EXTREME GROWTH POTENTIAL IN COMING YEARS

A Large, Fast-Growing Market : Significant headroom



Pet-Food Segmentation

Species

- Dog food
- Cat food
- Other (small mammals, birds, fish)

Format

- Dry : Kibble
- Wet : Pouch /Can/Tray
- Treats & Snacks
- Fresh / Refrigerated

Price Tier

- Economy / Mass
- Mid-tier
- Premium & Super-Premium

Life-Stage

- Puppy / Kitten
- Adult
- Senior

Health Purpose

- Everyday nutrition
- Weight / skin / joint management
- Veterinary / therapeutic diets

Protein / Source

- Chicken, Lamb, fish
- Plant-based / novel protein
- Single-source / limited ingredient

Manufacturing Techniques

1 EXTRUSION TECHNOLOGY

High temperature & pressure cooking. Improves digestibility, kills pathogens and enhances shelf life.



2 BAKING TECHNOLOGY

Ingredients are baked at controlled temperatures to retain nutrients and create crunchy texture.



3 DEHYDRATED / AIR DRIED TECHNOLOGY

Slow drying at low temperatures helps retain natural nutrients and flavor.



4 COLD PRESSED TECHNOLOGY

Low temperature, high pressure process that preserves nutrients and natural taste.



5 FREEZE DRY TECHNOLOGY

Ingredients are frozen and dried under vacuum to lock in maximum nutrients and flavor.



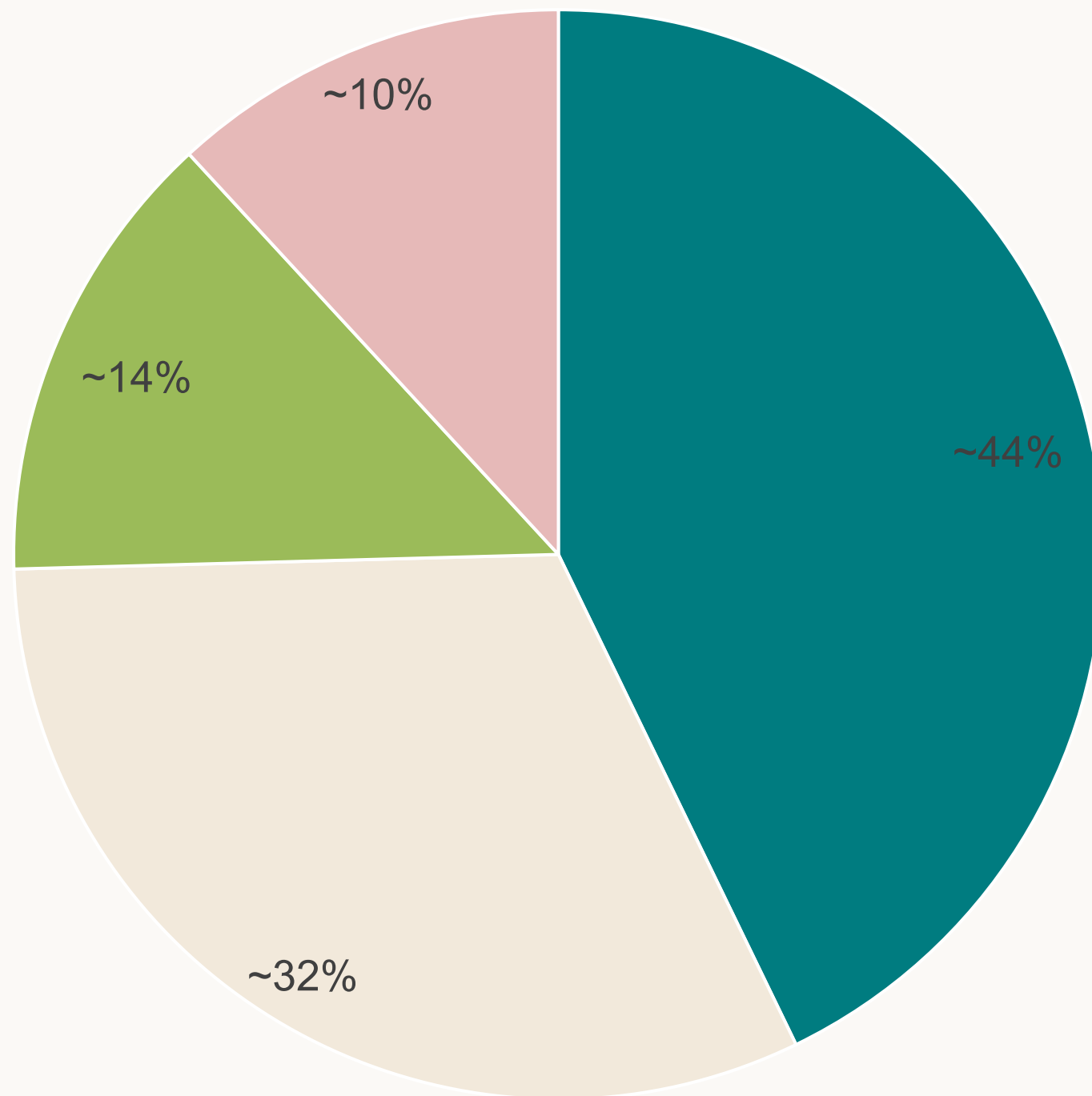
6 RETORT TECHNOLOGY

High heat and pressure processing in sealed pouches ensures food safety, extends shelf life and maintains nutritional value.



Distribution : Rewritten by Changing Channel Dynamics

2025 Pet-Food Retail Value Share by Channel



■ Pet shops / superstores ■ E-commerce ■ Veterinary clinics ■ Grocery retailers



Pet shops & superstores — ~44%

Still the largest channel; specialty format anchors trust and assortment depth.



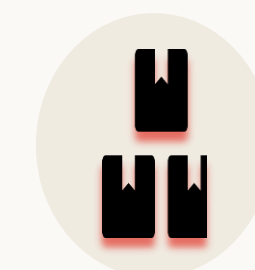
E-commerce — ~32%

Fastest-scaling route; quick commerce is compressing purchase-to-delivery time sharply.



Veterinary clinics — ~14%

Smaller share but disproportionately influences therapeutic and premium purchase decisions.



Grocery retailers — ~10%

Entry-level access point, particularly for economy-tier and mass-market products.

Public-Sector Stakeholder Map

DAHD (Ministry of Fisheries, AH&D)

Animal welfare policy, veterinary policy, import framework

Animal Welfare Board of India

PCA Act rules; Pet Shop Rules 2018; Dog Breeding & Marketing Rules 2017

AQCS / DAHD Trade

Sanitary import permits & veterinary health requirements

VCI / State Veterinary Councils

Veterinary profession and education standards

MoFPI

Food-processing infrastructure & sector development

Bureau of Indian Standards

IS 11968:2019 Pet Food Specification; under review/revision

Dept. of Consumer Affairs / Legal Metrology

Pre-packaged retail declarations

CBIC

HSN 2309 classification — 18% GST on dog/cat food

State / Municipal Bodies

Local licensing; ABC / public-health interface

Private & Professional Stakeholder Map

Manufacturers

Domestic & global —
food, treats, pharma

Retailers & Distributors

Specialty stores, grocery,
quick commerce

E-commerce Platforms

Marketplaces, quick
commerce, D2C

Veterinary Clinicians

Independent practices &
hospital chains

Breeders

Largely informal;
formalisation priority

Groomers, Boarders & Trainers

Fast-chaining urban
services segment

NGOs & Shelters

Welfare, sterilisation,
adoption networks

Insurers

Nascent pet health &
liability products

Academia & Research

Nutrition science, applied
veterinary training

Investors

PE/VC funding scale-up
across the value chain

Pet Food Regulatory Framework

Regulatory Pillar	Leading Global Frameworks (AAFCO, FEDIAF, DLD)	India Today
Legal Status & Enforcement	• Mandatory regulations enforced through dedicated regulatory authorities • Clear compliance requirements and penalties	• BIS standards provide guidance only • But compliance remains voluntary • No dedicated pet food regulatory authority
Nutrition & Product Standards	• Scientifically defined nutrient profiles • Different life stages and dietary needs • Formal adequacy frameworks	• No mandatory nutrient framework • No formal adequacy verification system
Labelling & Ingredient Transparency	• Standardised ingredient definitions • Clear rules governing product claims and naming conventions	• Limited pet-food-specific labelling requirements • No standardized definitions for many ingredients or claims
Manufacturing & Trade readiness	• GMP, HACCP, traceability systems • Accredited testing infrastructure for quality assurance • Export competitiveness	• General manufacturing oversight exists • But pet-food specific standards, testing systems and traceability infrastructure remain underdeveloped

Pets Are Now Part of the Family



Pet parents are seeking balanced and complete nutrition



Quality, safety and ingredients are under greater scrutiny



Growing demand for convenient alternatives to home-prepared food

**For a growing generation of pet parents, pets are no longer companions alone.
THEY ARE FAMILY**

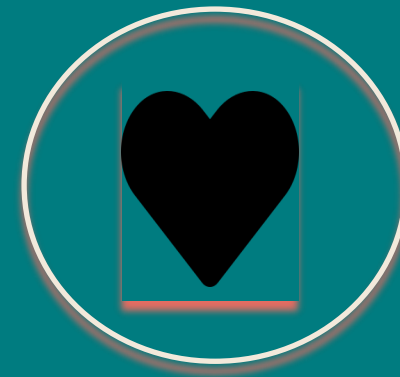
Entrusted Growth

India's Pet-care economy can Double by 2030 — if it is built on THREE Pillars.



Science

Standards, Testing,
Evidence-based nutrition and
Veterinary care



Welfare

Animal welfare rules, Breed
standards and shelter partnerships



Formalisation

Registration, Identity data and Tax
structures to bring the majorly
informal sector into a Transparent,
Accountable system.

Conclusion



Stronger bond. Changing mindset.

Pets are now family.



Pet parenting is becoming mainstream.

67% of pet parents in India are first-time pet parents.



A category with global tailwinds.

The global pet industry is expected to reach USD 500 billion by 2030.



Humanization of pets is accelerating.

In markets such as the US and Germany, pet care has already become a larger category than baby care.



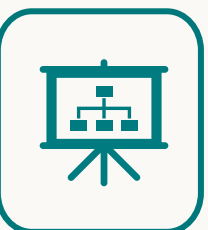
Urban lifestyles are reshaping companionship.

Urban loneliness is leading more consumers to adopt pets and care for them much like their own children.



One of India's most exciting emerging consumer categories.

Strong double-digit growth (10-12% CAGR).



Strong Frameworks required for sustained and fast growth.

Legal, Manufacturing, Ingredient and right regulations.

Thank You