

## **Cat Food in Belgium**

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# CAT FOOD IN BELGIUM - CATEGORY ANALYSIS

#### **HEADLINES**

-	In 2020 cat food records retail volume growth of 1% and current value growth of 5% to reach sales of
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#### **PROSPECTS**

Urbanisation Boosts Cat Ownership, But Benefits Cat Products Such As Cat Litter and Toys, As Well As Supporting the Growing Interest in Small Dogs, Mammals and Reptiles

Over the review period, changes to legislation in Belgium around registering pet ownership and compulsory sterilisation did not cause a dramatic decline on the cat population...

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# Premium Dry Cat Food Records the Highest Growth, However Wet Cat Food Shows More Significant Innovation, Set To Perform Well Over the Forecast Period

Premium dry cat food registers the strongest current value growth, with dry cat food having traditionally been
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As Cat Owners Want To Pamper and Treat Their Felines, Cat Treats Remain One of the Fastest-growing Areas in All Belgium Pet Food Cat treats are seeing solid growth in cat food, as well as overall, on the Belgium pet food landscape
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### **COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE**

Mars and Nestlé Continue To Lead the Landscape, However, New Competition From Premium Wet Cat Food Players Is Set To Threaten Their Share Over the Forecast Period

Mars Belgium and Nestlé Purina PetCare continue to			
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Economy Cat Food Is Dominated by Private Label Players, With Little Innovation As Main Supermarket Chains Lead the Landscape  The landscape for economy cat food is stagnant			
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# Cat Owners Increasingly Demand Eco-friendly, Sustainable and Healthy Product Options, All of Which Are Set To Grow Over the Forecast Period

With cats reputed to be selective over their food, changes and innovations to food tend...

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#### **CATEGORY INDICATORS**

Table 1 Cat Owning Households: % Analysis 2015-2020

2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

% Households owning a cat (% households) Households owning a cat ('000 Households)

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Source: Euromonitor International from official statistics

Table 2 Cat Population 2015-2020

'000s of animals

2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

Cat Population Data removed from sample

Source: Euromonitor International from official statistics

Table 3 Consumption of Cat Food by Prepared vs Non-prepared: % Analysis 2015-2020

% total consumption

2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

Prepared cat food
Non-prepared cat food

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Source: Euromonitor International from trade associations, trade press, company research, trade interviews,

trade sources

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#### **CATEGORY DATA**

Summary 1 Cat Food by Price Band 2020

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Category	Price range per kg	EUR	Brand examples
Wet cat food	Premium	Above 5.00	Sheba, Purina Gourmet
	Mid-priced	Between 2.51 - 4.49	Whiskas, Purina Felix
	Economy	Below 2.50	Aldi, Maxi Zoo Fit and Fun
Dry cat food	Premium	Above 4.50	Purina One, Royal Canin
	Mid-priced	Between 2.01 - 4.49	Whiskas, Purina Friskies
	Economy	Below 2.00	Aldi, Carrefour

Source: Euromonitor International

Table 4 Sales of Cat Food by Category: Volume 2015-2020

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2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

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Cat Treats and Mixers

- Cat Mixers
- Cat Treats

Dry Cat Food

- Economy Dry Cat Food
- Mid-Priced Dry Cat Food
- Premium Dry Cat Food

Wet Cat Food

- Economy Wet Cat Food
- Mid-Priced Wet Cat Food
- Premium Wet Cat Food

Cat Food

Source: Euromonitor International from official statistics, trade associations, trade press, company research, store checks, trade interviews, trade sources

Table 5 Sales of Cat Food by Category: Value 2015-2020

EUR million

2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

Cat Treats and Mixers

- Cat Mixers
- Cat Treats

Dry Cat Food

- Economy Dry Cat Food
- Mid-Priced Dry Cat Food

- Premium Dry Cat Food Wet Cat Food
- Economy Wet Cat Food
- Mid-Priced Wet Cat Food
- Premium Wet Cat Food Cat Food

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#### Table 6 Sales of Cat Food by Category: % Volume Growth 2015-2020

% volume growth

2019/20 2015-20 CAGR 2015/20 Total

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Cat Treats and Mixers

- Cat Mixers
- Cat Treats

Dry Cat Food

- Economy Dry Cat Food
- Mid-Priced Dry Cat Food
- Premium Dry Cat Food

Wet Cat Food

- Economy Wet Cat Food
- Mid-Priced Wet Cat Food
- Premium Wet Cat Food

Cat Food

Source: Euromonitor International from official statistics, trade associations, trade press, company research, store checks, trade interviews, trade sources

#### Table 7 Sales of Cat Food by Category: % Value Growth 2015-2020

% current value growth

2019/20 2015-20 CAGR 2015/20 Total

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Cat Treats and Mixers

- Cat Mixers
- Cat Treats

Dry Cat Food

- Economy Dry Cat Food
- Mid-Priced Dry Cat Food
- Premium Dry Cat Food

Wet Cat Food

- Economy Wet Cat Food
- Mid-Priced Wet Cat Food
- Premium Wet Cat Food

Cat Food

#### Table 8 Sales of Dry Cat Food by Life-Cycle: % Value 2015-2020

% retail value rsp

2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

Adult Kitten/Pup Senior Other

Total

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Source: Euromonitor International from official statistics, trade associations, trade press, company research,

store checks, trade interviews, trade sources

#### Table 9 Sales of Wet Cat Food by Life-Cycle: % Value 2015-2020

% retail value rsp

2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

Adult Kitten/Pup Senior Other Total

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store checks, trade interviews, trade sources

#### Table 10 NBO Company Shares of Cat Food: % Value 2015-2019

% retail value rsp

Company 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019

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Table 11 LBN Brand Shares of Cat Food: % Value 2016-2019

% retail value rsp Brand (GBO) Company (NBO) 2016 2017 2018 2019

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Source: Euromonitor International from official statistics, trade associations, trade press, company research, store checks, trade interviews, trade sources

Table 12 LBN Brand Shares of Cat Treats: % Value 2016-2019

% retail value rsp
Brand (GBO) Company (NBO) 2016 2017 2018 2019

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2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

Table 13 Distribution of Cat Food by Format: % Value 2015-2020

2015

%	retail	value	rsp	

- Store-Based Retailing Grocery Retailers
- -- Modern Grocery Retailers
- --- Convenience Stores
- --- Discounters
- --- Forecourt Retailers
- --- Hypermarkets
- --- Supermarkets
- -- Traditional Grocery Retailers
- Mixed Retailers
- -- Department Stores
- -- Mass Merchandisers
- -- Variety Stores
- -- Warehouse Clubs
- Non-Grocery Specialists
- -- Pet superstores
- -- Pet shops
- -- Health and Beauty Specialist Retailers
- --- Beauty Specialist Retailers
- --- Chemists/Pharmacies
- --- Drugstores/ parapharmacies
- --- Other Health and Beauty Retailers
- -- Home and Garden Specialist Retailers
- --- Home Improvement and Gardening Stores
- --- Homewares and Home Furnishing Stores
- -- Other Non-Grocery Specialists

Non-Store Retailing

- Direct Selling
- Homeshopping
- E-Commerce

Non-retail channels

- Veterinary clinics

Total

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#### Table 14 Forecast Sales of Cat Food by Category: Volume 2020-2025

Tonnes 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 Cat Treats and Mixers - Cat Mixers - Cat Treats Dry Cat Food - Economy Dry Cat Food Data removed from sample - Mid-Priced Dry Cat Food - Premium Dry Cat Food Wet Cat Food - Economy Wet Cat Food - Mid-Priced Wet Cat Food - Premium Wet Cat Food

Source: Euromonitor International from trade associations, trade press, company research, trade interviews, trade sources

#### Table 15 Forecast Sales of Cat Food by Category: Value 2020-2025

EUR million 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 Cat Treats and Mixers - Cat Mixers - Cat Treats Dry Cat Food - Economy Dry Cat Food - Mid-Priced Dry Cat Food Data removed from sample - Premium Dry Cat Food Wet Cat Food - Economy Wet Cat Food - Mid-Priced Wet Cat Food - Premium Wet Cat Food Cat Food

Source: Euromonitor International from trade associations, trade press, company research, trade interviews, trade sources

#### Table 16 Forecast Sales of Cat Food by Category: % Volume Growth 2020-2025

% volume growth

2020/21 2020-25 CAGR 2020/25 Total

Cat Treats and Mixers
- Cat Mixers
- Cat Mixers
- Cat Treats
Dry Cat Food
- Economy Dry Cat Food
- Mid-Priced Dry Cat Food
- Premium Dry Cat Food
Wet Cat Food

Wet Cat Food

- Economy Wet Cat Food - Mid-Priced Wet Cat Food

Cat Food

#### - Premium Wet Cat Food Cat Food

Source: Euromonitor International from trade associations, trade press, company research, trade interviews,

#### Table 17 Forecast Sales of Cat Food by Category: % Value Growth 2020-2025

% constant value growth

2020/2021 2020-25 CAGR 2020/25 Total

Cat Treats and Mixers

- Cat Mixers
- Cat Treats

Dry Cat Food

- Économy Dry Cat Food
- Mid-Priced Dry Cat Food
- Premium Dry Cat Food

Wet Cat Food

- Economy Wet Cat Food
- Mid-Priced Wet Cat Food
- Premium Wet Cat Food

Cat Food

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Source: Euromonitor International from trade associations, trade press, company research, trade interviews, trade sources

# PET CARE IN BELGIUM - INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Premiumisation Boosts Value Sales in Pet Care, However, Growing Urbanisation and the Rise in Ownership of Smaller Pets, Impacts Volume Sales

Pet care in Belgium continues to record substantial current value growth, with particularly high levels of growth recorded by premium dry cat food
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Humanisation, Health and Wellness and Premiumisation Shape the Pet Care Landscape in 2020

Humanisation continues to rise in the Belgium pet care landscape, influencing the popularity of pet accessories...

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International Players Continue To Lead the Landscape, However, Mars Belgium and Nestlé Purina Petcare Struggle Against the Rise of Premiumisation

Mars Belgium NV SA leads the competitive landscape in pet care
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E-commerce Continues To Increase; However, Supermarkets and Pet Superstores Are Still the Most Popular Places To Purchase Pet Care
E-commerce continues to thrive in Belgian pet care and is one of the fastest-growing
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Increased Spending on Premium Food, Treats, Accessories, and Sustainable, Eco-friendly Pet Care Products, Will Boost Growth Over the Forecast Period
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Sustainable, Eco-friendly Pet Care Products, Will Boost Growth Over the Forecast Period  Pet care in Belgium is set to record increased growth compared to 2020
Sustainable, Eco-friendly Pet Care Products, Will Boost Growth Over the Forecast Period  Pet care in Belgium is set to record increased growth compared to 2020

#### **MARKET INDICATORS**

Table 18 Pet Populations 2015-2020

'000s of animals

2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

Bird Population
Cat Population
Dog Population
Fish Population
Reptile Population
Small Mammal Population
Pet Population

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Source: Euromonitor International from official statistics

#### **MARKET DATA**

Table 19 Sales of Pet Food by Category: Volume 2015-2020

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2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

Dog and Cat Food Other Pet Food Pet Food

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Source: Euromonitor International from official statistics, trade associations, trade press, company research, store checks, trade interviews, trade sources

Table 20 Sales of Pet Care by Category: Value 2015-2020

EUR million

Pet Care

2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

Dog and Cat Food Other Pet Food Pet Food Cat Litter Pet Healthcare Pet Dietary Supplements Other Pet Products Pet Products

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#### Table 21 Sales of Pet Food by Category: % Volume Growth 2015-2020

% volume growth

2019/20 2015-20 CAGR

2015/20 Total

Dog and Cat Food Other Pet Food Pet Food

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Source: Euromonitor International from official statistics, trade associations, trade press, company research, store checks, trade interviews, trade sources

#### Table 22 Sales of Pet Care by Category: % Value Growth 2015-2020

% current value growth

2019/20 2015-20 CAGR 20

2015/20 Total

Dog and Cat Food Other Pet Food Pet Food Cat Litter Pet Healthcare Pet Dietary Supplements Other Pet Products Pet Products Pet Care

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Source: Euromonitor International from official statistics, trade associations, trade press, company research, store checks, trade interviews, trade sources

#### Table 23 NBO Company Shares of Pet Food: % Value 2015-2019

% retail value rsp

Company 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019

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Table 24 LBN Brand Shares of Pet Food: % Value 2016-2019



Source: Euromonitor International from official statistics, trade associations, trade press, company research, store checks, trade interviews, trade sources

Table 25 NBO Company Shares of Dog and Cat Food: % Value 2015-2019



Table 26 LBN Brand Shares of Dog and Cat Food: % Value 2016-2019

% retail value rsp
Brand (GBO) Company (NBO) 2016 2017 2018 2019

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Source: Euromonitor International from official statistics, trade associations, trade press, company research, store checks, trade interviews, trade sources

#### Table 27 Penetration of Private Label in Pet Care by Category: % Value 2015-2020

% retail value rsp

2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

Pet Care Pet Food Pet Products

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Source: Euromonitor International from official statistics, trade associations, trade press, company research, store checks, trade interviews, trade sources

### Table 28 Distribution of Pet Care by Format: % Value 2015-2020

% retail value rsp

2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

Store-Based Retailing

- Grocery Retailers
- -- Modern Grocery Retailers
- --- Convenience Stores
- --- Discounters

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- --- Forecourt Retailers
- --- Hypermarkets
- --- Supermarkets
- -- Traditional Grocery Retailers
- Mixed Retailers
- -- Department Stores
- -- Mass Merchandisers
- -- Variety Stores
- -- Warehouse Clubs
- Non-Grocery Specialists
- -- Pet superstores
- -- Pet shops
- -- Health and Beauty Specialist Retailers
- --- Beauty Specialist Retailers
- --- Chemists/Pharmacies
- --- Drugstores/
  parapharmacies
- --- Other Health and Beauty Retailers
- -- Home and Garden Specialist Retailers
- --- Home Improvement and Gardening Stores
- --- Homewares and Home Furnishing Stores
- -- Other Non-Grocery Specialists

Non-Store Retailing

- Direct Selling
- Homeshopping
- E-Commerce

Non-retail channels

- Veterinary clinics

Total

Source: Euromonitor International from official statistics, trade associations, trade press, company research, store checks, trade interviews, trade sources

#### Table 29 Distribution of Pet Care by Format and Category: % Value 2020

% retail value rsp
PF PP

Store-Based Retailing

- Grocery Retailers
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- -- Other Non-Grocery Specialists

Non-Store Retailing

- Direct Selling
- Homeshopping
- E-Commerce

Non-retail channels

- Veterinary clinics

Total

Source: Euromonitor International from official statistics, trade associations, trade press, company research,

store checks, trade interviews, trade sources

Key: PF = pet food; PP = pet products

#### Table 30 Distribution of Dog and Cat Food by Format: % Value 2015-2020

% retail value rsp 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

#### Store-Based Retailing

- Grocery Retailers
- -- Modern Grocery Retailers
- --- Convenience Stores
- --- Discounters
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- --- Other Health and Beauty Retailers
- -- Home and Garden Specialist Retailers
- --- Home Improvement

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and Gardening Stores

- --- Homewares and Home Furnishing Stores
- -- Other Non-Grocery Specialists

Non-Store Retailing

- Direct Selling
- Homeshopping
- E-Commerce

Non-retail channels

- Veterinary clinics

Total

Source: Euromonitor International from official statistics, trade associations, trade press, company research, store checks, trade interviews, trade sources

#### Table 31 Distribution of Dog and Cat Food by Format and Category: % Value 2020

% retail value rsp

. CF DF

Store-Based Retailing

- Grocery Retailers
- -- Modern Grocery Retailers
- --- Convenience Stores
- --- Discounters
- --- Forecourt Retailers
- --- Hypermarkets
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Non-Store Retailing

- Direct Selling
- Homeshopping
- E-Commerce

Non-retail channels

- Veterinary clinics

Total

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store checks, trade interviews, trade sources

Key: CF = cat food; DF = dog food

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#### Table 32 Forecast Sales of Pet Food by Category: Volume 2020-2025

Tonnes

2020 2021 2024 2025 2022 2023

Dog and Cat Food Other Pet Food Pet Food

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Euromonitor International from trade associations, trade press, company research, trade interviews, Source:

trade sources

#### Table 33 Forecast Sales of Pet Care by Category: Value 2020-2025

**EUR** million

Pet Care

2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025

Dog and Cat Food Other Pet Food Pet Food Cat Litter Pet Healthcare Pet Dietary Supplements Other Pet Products Pet Products

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Euromonitor International from trade associations, trade press, company research, trade interviews, Source: trade sources

#### Table 34 Forecast Sales of Pet Food by Category: % Volume Growth 2020-2025

% volume growth

2020/21 2020-25 CAGR 2020/25 Total

Dog and Cat Food Other Pet Food Pet Food

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Euromonitor International from trade associations, trade press, company research, trade interviews,

#### Table 35 Forecast Sales of Pet Care by Category: % Value Growth 2020-2025

% constant value growth

2020/2021 2020-25 CAGR 2020/25 Total

Dog and Cat Food Other Pet Food Pet Food Cat Litter Pet Healthcare Pet Dietary Supplements Other Pet Products Pet Products4.6 Pet Care

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Source: Euromonitor International from trade associations, trade press, company research, trade interviews, trade sources

#### **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

The data and analysis in this report were compiled in early 2020, weeks before the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic on 11 March 2020. As such, projections for 2020 and beyond will not capture the full implications of this pandemic on the pet care industry. Historic data have been fully updated and can be leveraged to gauge historic developments through 2019.

The rapid evolution of COVID-19 has significant implications for pet care in the short, medium and long term. The pandemic threatens supply chains, impacting the workforce and availability of key inputs. The recessionary fallout will test pet humanisation trends, particularly in severe downturn scenarios. At retail level, COVID-19 is accelerating an online shift as social distancing changes habits. Pet ownership trends are also changing as adoptions surge in some markets, while abandonments increase in others.

For the latest insight on COVID-19, readers can access strategic analysis and updates on the Passport system and www.euromonitor.com. Please refer to The Impact of Coronavirus on Pet Care report as a starting point. Additional content will be added on a systematic basis as the situation develops.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

This report analyses the market for pet care in Belgium. For the purposes of the study, the market has been defined as follows:

- Dog food
- Cat food
- Other pet food
- Pet products

#### **SOURCES**

Sources used during the research included the following:

Summary 2	Research Sources	
Official Source	S	
Trade Associa	tions	
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Trade Press		

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