

## **Shoprite Group opens 100<sup>th</sup> Petshop Science store in just over three years**

Today the Shoprite Group opened its 100th Petshop Science store, with the opening of its newest location in Glen Marais, Kempton Park. It became the first local retailer to launch standalone pet shops in April 2021 in response to the country's booming pet economy.

With [over 22 million](#) pets in South Africa, consumers spend an estimated R8 billion on pet food and accessories annually, a number which is expected to increase by 2.5% by 2026.

"Petshop Science's rapid expansion accentuates the increased demand for specialised pet care, complemented by expert advice from knowledgeable employees," comments Willem Hunlun, Chief Operating Officer at the Shoprite Group.

"Our aim has always been to offer customers everything their four-legged companions could want and need at supermarket prices, and in doing so, we are going to become the biggest pet business in South Africa."

With a presence in all nine provinces, Petshop Science stores offer premium pet food, treats, toys, and veterinary-approved essentials from renowned local and international brands such as Hills, Montego, Dog's Life, Eukanuba, Ultra Dog, Royal Canin, Rogz, Nandoe and Small Batches.

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