



ANOTHER RECORD CHRISTMAS FOR PETS AT HOME

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Pets at Home, the UK's leading specialist retailer of pet foods and pet products, today reports on trading for the six weeks to 8 January 2009, and for the financial year to date.

Financial Highlights:

For the six weeks to 8 January 2009:

- Like for like sales were up 10.4% compared to the same period last year

For the financial year to date, representing the 41 weeks beginning 28 March 2008:

- Like for like sales are up 7.2%
- Total sales are up 13.4%

Matt Davies, Chief Executive of Pets at Home, commented:

"I am delighted with our performance over the Christmas period and our sales growth for the year to date. Our strategy of expanding and innovating within our own brand ranges has also delivered an improved margin.

"Our food sales have been particularly encouraging over the Christmas period and we continue to delight our customers with exciting products, like our new cat and dog deli range of natural treats. The cold winter has also attracted more and more customers to our extensive wildlife range, especially foods rich in fat and protein to help birds combat the big freeze.

"While the economic environment is challenging for all retailers, the continued strengthening of our offer coupled with our store opening programme and the exceptional talent and dedication of our people gives us confidence for the future."

Christmas trading highlights:

- We sold over 250,000 dog and cat Christmas toys
- We sold over 400,000 dog and cat Christmas treats
- We sold 300,000 Christmas stockings for dog, cats and small animals

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About Pets at Home:

Pets at Home is the UK's leading specialist retailer of pet food, pet related products and accessories; they also sell fish and small animals. The company was established in 1991 and currently operates from 227 stores, totalling 2.0m sq ft. with 4,100 employees. In the current financial year, 19 new stores will have been opened.

In addition to the retail outlets, Pets at Home currently operates 49 veterinary surgeries on a joint venture basis under the brand name Companion Care.

For the 52 weeks ended 27 March 2008, sales totalled £354.6m, generating EBITDA of £60.7m.