

Pietermaritzburg home to KZN's 30th Petshop Science store

The 30th standalone [Petshop Science](#) store in KwaZulu-Natal recently opened for trading at the Hayfields Mall in Pietermaritzburg.

The Shoprite Group became the first local retailer to launch standalone pet shops in April 2021 in response to the country's booming pet economy.

“Our aim is 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,” commented Willem Hunlun, Chief Operating Officer at the Group, after the 100th PetShop Science store opened its doors last month.

According to Euromonitor, Mzansi is home to more than [22-million pets](#) with consumers spending an estimated R8-billion on pet food and accessories annually, a number which is expected to increase by 2.5% by 2026.

Catering to this market, Petshop Science offers premium food, treats and toys from renowned local and international brands such as Hills, Montego, Dog's Life, Eukanuba, Ultra Dog, Royal Canin, Rogz, Nandoe and Small Batches.

The new Hayfields Mall store is managed by Frances Ncobeni and trades Mondays to Sundays from 08:00 to 18:00.

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