## Potential in Pets

In 2018, the pet industry was a \$72-billion-dollar industry, according to the American Pet Products Association. Year-after-year this number continues to grow as more people are spending more money on their furry - or scaly or feathery - friends. We've seen pet departments at some of your garden centers and have heard from others that they're thinking of adding the category.

We surveyed our Lawn \& Garden Retailer readers and here are the responses from the garden retailer respondents who sell pet-related products.

2. Accessories
3. Food
4. Toys
5. Gifts

How were 2018 pet product sales compared to 2017?

same 23\%

What pets does your store cater to?


## What flies off your shelf fastest?

1. Locally Made Treats
2. Collars
3. Rawhide Chews
4. Chuck It! Dog Ball Launchers
5. Pet-Related Signs \& Picture Frames
6. Dog Bandanas

## 9 <br> 3\% <br> allow pets in their stores!



Reptiles
$10 \%$

The pet category is a rapidly growing category for garden centers:

50\%
have had a pet
department for 5 YEARS OR LESS!

