This is a guide to some of the resources available within the British Library Business & IP Centre relevant to the pet industry.

Inside you will find sources of information such as market research (statistics, trends, developments), key companies, trade magazines, newsletters, and Internet sources.

This guide will be useful to anyone starting a business within the pet industry and also for those wanting to further their knowledge within this area.
Start-Up Information

The Cobra database contains practical fact-sheets on all aspects of starting, running and managing a small business – including information on writing business plans, marketing, company structures etc.

It also covers the practical aspects of how to start and run particular types of businesses – outlining necessary skills, regulations, licences and legislation etc. and highlights other sources of information and advice available.

Fact sheets for small business in PDF format – available online via electronic resources:

**Business Opportunity Profiles**
- Pet Dog Trainer 2018 BOP425
- Pet Shop 2018 BOP170
- Pet Grooming Service 2018 BOP037
- Pet Sitter/Home Boarding Service 2018 BOP382
- Dog Walker 2018 BOP308
- Aquatics Retailer 2018 BOP269
- Boarding Kennels 2018 BOP048
- Cattery 2018 BOP083
- Worm Farm 2018 BOP198
- Livery Yard 2018 BOP079
- Horse Riding School 2018 BOP131
- Tack Shop 2017 BOP302
- Veterinary Surgery 2016 BOP261

**Mini Business Opportunity Profiles**
- Pet Taxi Service 2018 MBP332
- Cat Café 2017 MBP449
- Pet Clothing Designer 2017 MBP227
- Pet Funeral Service 2017 MBP049
- Pet Portrait Artist 2017 MBP051
- Dog Day Care Centre 2017 MBP408
- Bed & Breakfast For Horses 2017 MBP132
- Farrier 2017 MBP098
- Animal Hydrotherapy Service 2015 MBP003
- Animal Physiotherapist 2015 MBP002
- Pet Hotel 2015 MBP050
- Rabbit Farmer 2015 MBP091
- Equine Sports Massage Therapist 2015 MBP018

**Market Synopses**
- Pets & Pet Care Sector Update 2018 SEC020
- Pet Care and Pet Services 2015 SYN018
Small Business Help Books

This is a collection of books with practical information aimed at those starting and running a business. Located by the entrance to the Centre.

**Start Your Pet-Sitting Business** by Tammy Gagne (Raintree, 2018) [SBH.BT.166]
Chiefly intended for younger readers, but contains much useful information.

**How to Profit From Pet Products** by Alison Jones (Elmsbury, 2012) [SBH.BT.58]
Chapters on: routes into the pet product business: understanding the market; choosing the right sales channels; branding and brands; sourcing products and suppliers; the art and science of pricing; attracting customers; improving your financial performance; thinking about the future.

**How to Start and Run a Petsitting Business: a step-by-step guide to setting up a successful enterprise in this rapidly expanding market** by Fiona Mackenzie (How To Books, 2008) [SBH.BT.64]
A step-by-step guide, including: researching your market; naming your business; the law relating to animals; pet care; marketing and advertising; sample pet-sitting contracts; insurance, licensing and other legal necessities.

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**Market Research & Statistics**

If you are planning on starting a business you will need to be aware of the latest trends, developments and opportunities within your industry which can all be found from market research.

Market research also covers market size and forecasts, consumer demographics and attitudes, the key players and products and will often include SWOT and PEST analysis showing areas of strength, weakness, opportunities etc.

Included here are reports covering the UK, Europe, and global markets. Reports covering other world regional markets are not included.
– **Pet Care In [country]. Country Report, 2018.** These industry overviews contain data on pet populations, sales of pet products by category, manufacturer, brand, category of retailer.

– **Pet Products in [country]. Country Report, 2018.** These category briefings contain data on cat litter, pet healthcare products, pet dietary supplements, and other pet products.

– **Other Pet Food in [country]. Country Report, 2018.** These category briefings contain data on the market for pet foods for birds, fish, “small mammals” (gerbils etc.), reptiles.

– **Dog Food In [country]. Country Report, 2018.**

– **Cat Food In [country]. Country Report, 2018.**

These titles have been produced for the following European countries in 2018:

– Ireland
– Netherlands
– Italy
– Denmark
– Sweden
– Ukraine
– Germany
– Bulgaria
– Slovakia
– Switzerland
– United Kingdom
– Czech Republic
– Greece
– Romania
– Finland
– Portugal
– Norway
– Spain
– Austria
– Belgium
– Hungary
– France
– Poland
– Turkey
– Russia

Other Passport Euromonitor titles published in 2016 – 2018 include:


– **The World Market For Pet Care. Briefing, July 2018**

– **Innovation in Pet Food: Premiumisation and Segmentation, Briefing, June 2018**

– **Eight Pet Care Trends for 2018**


– **Channel Overview in Pet Care. Briefing, October 2017**

– **Pet Care Quarterly Financials Underline Online Shift in Pet Care. Opinion, 21 March 2017**

– **Looking Ahead to 2017 in Pet Care. Opinion, January 2017**
These reports have sections on: industry performance; industry outlook; products and markets; competitive landscape; major companies; operating conditions; key statistics.

- **Garden Centres and Pet Shops in the UK**  June 2018
- **Veterinary Services in the UK**  September 2018

These reports have the following sections: overview; the market; the consumer; data.

- **Pet Food – UK**  August 2018  Also has a section on companies and brands. An updated version is to be published in August 2017
- **Britain’s Pet Owners**  July 2018  An updated version is to be published in July 2017
- **Pet Insurance – UK**  August 2018
- **Petcare – UK**  June 2017

**Business News & Journals**

In order to find the latest news on your topic it is always worth searching Factiva, Business Source Complete and EMIS.

You will find articles from specialist business and academic journals, as well as newspapers and magazines. You may also find market research reports and case studies. As well as profiles of leading industry figures.

You will also find articles covering recent developments, and predicting future trends in your industry.
Printed Sources

Trade Magazines and Newsletters

Useful for gaining inside knowledge, recent trends, industry news, company profiles, reviews of new products and services. Some contain annual reviews and company contact lists. Only included here are publications for which the latest edition held is dated 2014 or later.

None of these are held in the Business & IP Centre. Some are in the Science 2 Reading Room. Others are held in the General Reference and Document Supply collections, and must be ordered (using the Explore the British Library catalogue); delivery time is two working days.

Pet product marketing: PPM (Bauer Consumer Media Ltd., monthly) In Science 2 Reading Room. [(P) HQ 14 -E(4)]


The feed compounder (HGM Publications, monthly) In Science 2 Reading Room [(P) EB 68 -E(7)]

AllAboutFeed: international magazine on animal nutrition, processing and feed management (Reed Business, ten issues yearly) In Science 2 Reading Room [(P) 636.0855 -E(1)] Most recent issues held at Boston Spa, 48 hours delivery time [0788.615300]
**Directories**

**UK pet trade directory:** a guide to manufacturers, suppliers and services for specialist pet retailers. (Bauer Media, 2015) [(B) DIR 381.4563608870284]
Lists companies’ addresses under: birds; dogs; cats; small animals; reptiles; aquatic; retail support services; wholesalers. Also a Product Locator section.

**RCVS Register of Members 2017.** (Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, 2017) [(B) DIR 636.08902541]
Names and addresses of all qualified and practicing vets in the UK.

**Internet Sources**

Below are listed the websites of major UK associations and societies. These can provide useful information, such as: lists of members; calendars of forthcoming shows and events; details of training, professional qualifications and accreditation. Some also carry advertising.

_N.B._ This list is a selection only. There are many other societies and organisations whose websites may be useful sources of information.

**Pet Industry Federation**
Trade association for the entire pet industry. Website includes a Services Locator.
[http://www.petcare.org.uk](http://www.petcare.org.uk)
Pet Food Manufacturers Association Ltd.
Trade association. The Pet Food Facts page includes information on codes of practice, labelling, and legislation. https://www.pfma.org.uk

Pet Owners Association
Includes guides to caring for a wide variety of pets, product reviews, expert advice; and password-protected members’ pages. https://pet-owners.org/

Association of Pet Dog Trainers UK
Professional association’s website. http://www.apdt.co.uk/

The APBC: Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors
Includes a members’ list, and information on pet behaviour counselling as a career. https://www.apbc.org.uk/

Pet Product Retail Association
A specialist division of the British Independent Retailers’ Association (BIRA). https://www.bira.co.uk/sectors/ppra/

The Kennel Club
The UK’s largest organisation dedicated to the welfare of dogs. Website has a list of forthcoming dog shows. https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/

National Association of Pet Sitters & Dog Walkers
Professional association dedicated to maintaining standards. Offers courses in pet-sitting and dog-walking. https://www.narpsuk.co.uk/

Cats Protection
The UK’s leading feline welfare charity. https://www.cats.org.uk/

National Association of Veterinary Physiotherapists
Professional association. Includes information on training. https://www.navp.co.uk/

Dog Breeders Association
Professional association. http://www.dog-breeds.co.uk/

Governing Council of the Cat Fancy
The main organiser of cat shows in the UK. Website includes a calendar of forthcoming shows. https://www.gccfcats.org/

Association of Dogs and Cats Homes (ADCH)

Canine Hydrotherapy Association
Professional association and governing body. Website includes list of canine hydrotherapy centres in the UK. http://www.canine-hydrotherapy.org/

The Parrot Society UK
A good general information resource on pet parrots; also carries advertising. http://www.theparrotsocietyuk.org
Ornamental Aquatic Trade Association
A trade organization for pet stores, fish breeders, and importers. Website features information for both members and consumers. https://ornamentalfish.org/

British Horse Society
Professional association for riding schools, providing qualifications for instructors and grooms. http://www.bhs.org.uk/

British Equestrian Trade Association - BETA
Trade association for all businesses connected with equestrianism. Includes calendar of forthcoming horse shows. http://www.beta-uk.org/

National Cavy Club
Contact the National Cavy Club via Facebook. https://en-gb.facebook.com/Thenationalcavyclub/

National Hamster Council
Gives details of local hamster clubs, and a calendar of forthcoming shows and events. https://hamsters-uk.org/joomla30/

British Rabbit Council

The Business & IP Centre supports entrepreneurs and innovators from that first spark of inspiration to successfully launching and growing a business. With Centres in London as well as in 13 local libraries around the country, help and guidance is easy to access. The Business & IP Centre has a team on hand to help guide you through intellectual property through workshops, one-to-one sessions and webinars, as well as being on hand in the Centre itself. Visit the website to see how we can help you take the right steps to start up, protect and grow your business.

Please note that every effort has been taken to ensure the accuracy of the information contained in this document, however some recently acquired items may since have been added to the collection. Please ask for help at the enquiry desk or check the online catalogue “Explore the British Library” (http://explore.bl.uk) for more details.

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