

Animal Specialty Drugs Market Rising Demand and Innovation Drive Companion Toward USD 64.3 Billion by 2035

Manufacturers gain growth momentum through high-efficacy treatments, expanding digital distribution, and breakthrough veterinary innovations.

NEW YORK, DE, UNITED STATES, August 14, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The global companion animal specialty drugs market is on a robust growth trajectory, projected to rise from USD 42.6 billion in 2025 to USD 64.3 billion by 2035, achieving a CAGR of 4.2%. This expansion reflects a deeper cultural and economic shift—pet ownership is at record levels, veterinary care is increasingly sophisticated, and the humanization of pets has reshaped expectations for treatment quality.

For manufacturers, these trends present an extraordinary opportunity.

COMPANION ANIMAL SPECIALTY DRUGS MARKET

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IN 2025

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As companion animals face a rise in chronic conditions such as parasitic infections, arthritis, and dermatological disorders, demand for targeted specialty drugs is accelerating. Advances in pharmaceutical research, improved diagnostic technologies, and regulatory support for faster drug approvals have created a fertile ground for product innovation and market expansion.

Parasiticides Set the Pace for Product Innovation

In 2025, parasiticides will account for 28.7% of total market revenue, solidifying their position as the top-selling product category. This dominance stems from their critical role in preventing internal and external parasites—factors that directly impact animal health, zoonotic risk, and consumer confidence in pet hygiene.

Manufacturers are increasingly exploring combination therapies and single-application monthly treatments, offering higher convenience and compliance rates for pet owners. Long-acting



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dosages, broad-spectrum formulations, and novel delivery formats such as collars, sprays, and dips are enhancing market reach.

This category's growth also reflects its significance in improving livestock quality, further broadening its economic relevance for both companion and production animal sectors.

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Digital Transformation in Veterinary Drug Distribution

Online distribution is expected to capture 33.4% of the companion animal specialty drugs market in 2025, driven by a shift in consumer purchasing behavior and increased adoption of regulated veterinary e-commerce platforms. Subscription-based delivery, competitive pricing, and the convenience of home delivery are compelling advantages for pet owners with busy lifestyles.

For manufacturers, digital distribution channels create a direct line to consumers, enabling product education, improved compliance through refill reminders, and targeted marketing. Regulatory clarity and the integration of licensed veterinary services into digital sales platforms are further legitimizing and expanding this channel.

As digital health tools—such as mobile apps for tracking animal health—gain traction, online pharmacies are positioned to play an even greater role in the veterinary ecosystem.

Regional Growth Hotspots

North America remains the largest revenue generator, led by the United States, where over 44% of households own dogs and nearly 33% own cats. This region benefits from high veterinary care standards, strong pet ownership culture, and rapid digital adoption.

Brazil's market, valued at USD 426 million in the base year, is growing quickly due to regulatory improvements, stronger animal healthcare infrastructure, and higher spending on R&D. Meanwhile, Germany's market is projected to grow at a CAGR of 2.4% through 2035, supported by obesity-reduction initiatives for companion animals and a rising number of animal hospitals and NGOs.

Start-Ups Bring Disruption and Agility

Emerging companies are injecting agility into the market, focusing on fast recovery times, customized treatments, and integration with digital health ecosystems. Examples include:

- Wiggles, delivering veterinary products alongside on-call vet and grooming services.
- FidoCure, providing genomic testing to guide targeted cancer therapies.
- Itch, offering personalized flea and tick prevention programs.
- PetMedix, developing monoclonal antibody therapeutics for pets.
- Nexvet, advancing chronic pain and inflammation treatments through its PETization platform.

These start-ups are not only addressing unmet needs but also introducing delivery formats and services that enhance owner engagement and treatment adherence.

Established Players Accelerate Through Strategic Moves

Global leaders such as Zoetis, Merck Animal Health, Elanco, and Boehringer Ingelheim are strengthening market positions via acquisitions, partnerships, and pipeline expansions. Recent examples include:

- Vetoquinol's acquisition of Canadian rights for Profender, expanding product reach.
- Elanco's USD 6.89 billion acquisition of Bayer Animal Health, broadening its portfolio.
- Merck Animal Health's collaboration with the Street Dog Coalition to expand care access for underserved pets.
- ALR Technologies' launch of the world's first CGM system for diabetic companion animals.

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These moves highlight the competitive advantage of diversification, expanded distribution, and innovative treatment modalities.

The Manufacturer's Roadmap for the Next Decade

Manufacturers aiming to capture market share will need to balance product innovation with distribution agility. The next phase of growth will likely be driven by:

- Advanced drug delivery systems for improved compliance.
- Digital integration to streamline prescriptions, track adherence, and connect owners with veterinary professionals.
- Regulatory partnerships to fast-track approvals while ensuring safety and efficacy.
- Sustainability initiatives to align with consumer values in packaging and production processes.

With pet humanization trends showing no signs of slowing, the industry's ability to meet higher standards for efficacy, safety, and convenience will determine its winners.

Editor's Note:

This release is intended for industry stakeholders seeking insight into the evolving landscape of the companion animal specialty drugs sector. It highlights current market trends, emerging opportunities, and strategic considerations for future growth.

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