

# Uncovering **Emerging Innovation** at Mars Petcare















### Hello!

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### The Role of Social Data in Innovation





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### We are **Black Swan Data**

We apply AI and predictive analytics to online data to:

...surface emerging consumer behavior

...determine how to action and execute consistently

...prioritize growth opportunities to target, and why

It helps our customers innovate at speed, with more precision and confidence.





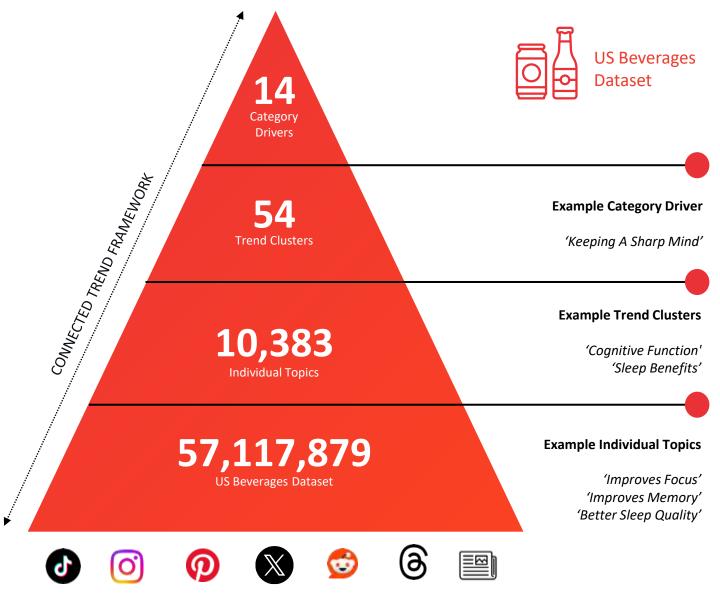




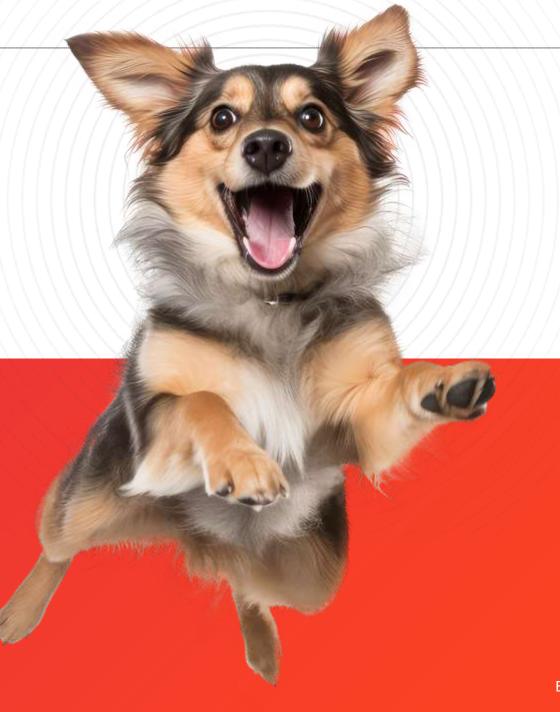


# Black Swan's approach to understanding consumer behaviour

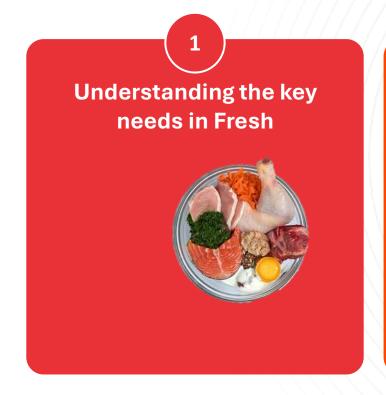
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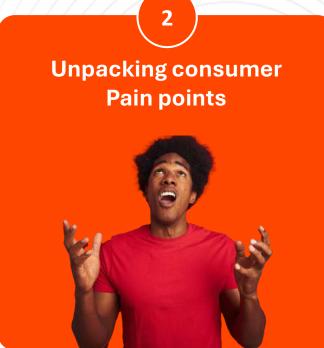


First Mover VS. Leap Frogging Fast Follower



Exploring Innovation Opportunities in the Fresh Category







# How are consumers talking about Fresh?

Consumers are drawn to Fresh foods because they believe the use of slow-cooked, high-quality ingredients enhances nutritional value.

However, due to the high cost of Fresh feeding, many consumers opt to use Fresh or raw food as toppers.

#### **Consumer Verbatim Around Fresh**



**Preservative-Free** 



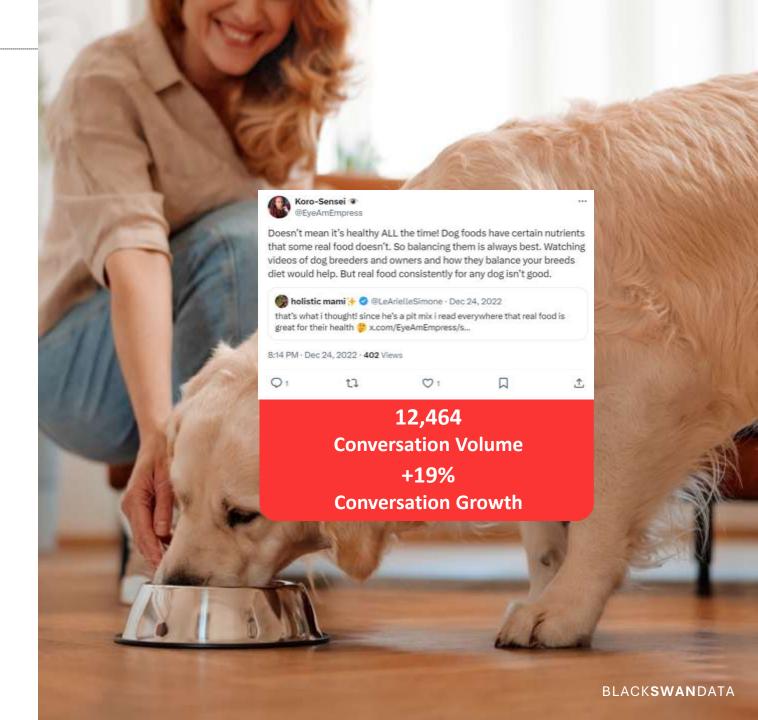
**Recognizable Ingredients** 



**Human-Grade** 



**Real and Natural** 



# Brand equity shows Fresh brands relative strengths & weaknesses

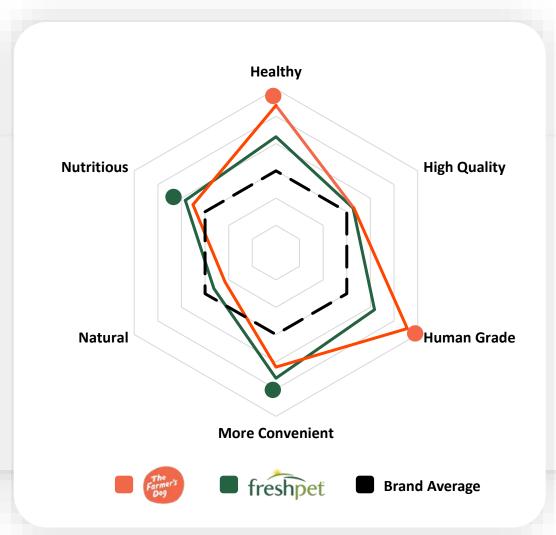


#### **POSITIVE BRAND EQUITY**

- Human grade ingredients
- High-quality standard
- **Healthier**

#### **NEGATIVE BRAND EQUITY**

- X High cost
- X High in fat
- X Delivery challenges





# Drivers and pain points of Fresh today to leverage in innovation



SIGNIFICANT BARRIERS AND PAIN POINTS
OF FRESH TODAY:



HIGH FAT AND MULTIPLE MEAT PROTEIN SOURCES



**NUTRITIONALLY INCOMPLETE** 



STORAGE OF REFRIGERATED & FROZEN FRESH OFFERINGS



HIGH COST WITH FEEDING FRESH



### Consumers language and articulation of the benefits that sit beneath the needs Fresh serves today



#### **FOOD SENSITIVITIES & INTOLERANCES**

26% SOV | +24% Conversation Growth

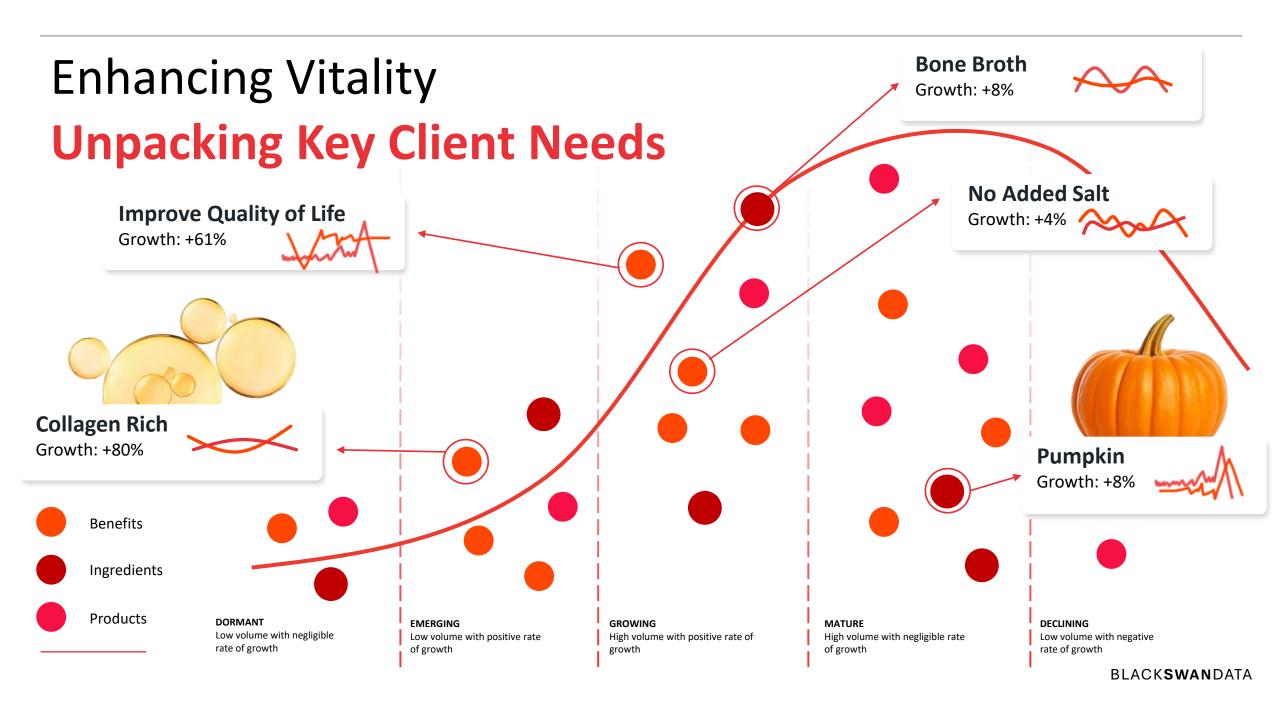
Food Allergies | Food Intolerances | Grain-Free



#### VITALITY

10% SOV | +82% Conversation Growth

General Well-Being | Live A Longer Life | Improves Quality of Life | Increases Energy Levels | Healthy Aging | Boosts Vitality



# Fresh as a convenient, foundational multi-benefit solution

#### PAIN POINTS SOLVED

- REDUCES THE AMOUNT OF FRIDGE SPACE REQUIRED
- NUTRITIONALLY COMPLETE
- **CONVENIENT FEEDING**
- REDUCES FOOD SPOILAGE
- SINGLE, HEALTHY-FAT PROTEIN SOURCE

#### **REASONS TO BELIEVE**

- COLLAGEN-RICH
- NO ADDED SALT
- SOURCE OF PROTEIN
- **✓** HYDRATING

### **6X Innovation Springboards:**



#### **POTENTIAL CONCEPT**

**Everyday Bone Broth** 



Bone broth with added vegetables is a nutrient-dense, Fresh liquid meal enhancer designed to support dog health. Made from slow-cooked bone broth and Fresh vegetables like carrots, spinach, and pumpkin, to provide a well-balanced and nourishing source of hydration, protein, and essential vitamins.

**Category Futures** 



Understand the landscape, the opportunities, their size and how to move on them

WHERE TO PLAY



**Demand Space or Opportunity Deep-Dive** 



Analyze the JTBD in your demand spaces, their trajectory, the relevant opportunities for your brand and how to activate them

Fuel your innovation programs with the power of Al-driven trend predictions

**Flavor & Ingredient Mapping** 



Pinpoint the flavor and ingredient trends to focus on for innovation



product ideas



HOW TO WIN



Data-driven confidence at every stage





# Driving Measurable Impact

#### **Reduce**

Wasted Research Spend



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#### **Increase**

Speed to Market





**Research Results** 





Consumer Centricity



### Thank you!

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