

Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report



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To be the most trusted and
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 10-K

(Mark One)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the fiscal year ended January 28, 2024

or

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the transition period from _____ to _____
Commission File Number: 001-38936



CHEWY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)
7700 West Sunrise Boulevard, Plantation, Florida
(Address of principal executive offices)

90-1020167
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
33322
(Zip Code)

(786) 320-7111
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	CHWY	New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act:

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Emerging growth company
Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed a report on and attestation to its management's assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)) by the registered public accounting firm that prepared or issued its audit report.

If securities are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act, indicate by check mark whether the financial statements of the registrant included in the filing reflect the correction of an error to previously issued financial statements.

Indicate by check mark whether any of those error corrections are restatements that required a recovery analysis of incentive-based compensation received by any of the registrant's executive officers during the relevant recovery period pursuant to §240.10D-1(b).

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates as of July 28, 2023, the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, computed by reference to the closing price of \$33.61 per share as reported on the New York Stock Exchange on July 28, 2023 was approximately \$3.9 billion.

Class	Outstanding as of March 13, 2024
Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	136,052,148
Class B Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	298,863,356

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement relating to the 2024 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K where indicated. The registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the end of the registrant's fiscal year ended January 28, 2024.

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FORM 10-K
For the Fiscal Year Ended January 28, 2024

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PART I

CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report on Form 10-K and the documents incorporated herein by reference contain forward-looking statements about us and our industry that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. All statements other than statements of historical facts contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, including statements regarding our future results of operations or financial condition, business strategy and plans and objectives of management for future operations, are forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements because they contain words such as “anticipate,” “believe,” “contemplate,” “continue,” “could,” “estimate,” “expect,” “forecast,” “intend,” “may,” “plan,” “potential,” “predict,” “project,” “seek,” “should,” “target,” “will” or “would” or the negative of these words or other similar terms or expressions.

Although we believe that the forward-looking statements contained in this Annual Report are based on reasonable assumptions, you should be aware that many factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those in such forward-looking statements, including but not limited to, our ability to:

- sustain our recent growth rates and successfully manage challenges to our future growth, including introducing new products or services, improving existing products and services, and expanding into new jurisdictions and offerings;*
- successfully respond to business disruptions;*
- successfully manage risks related to the macroeconomic environment, including any adverse impacts on our business operations, financial performance, supply chain, workforce, facilities, customer services and operations;*
- acquire and retain new customers in a cost-effective manner and increase our net sales, improve margins, and maintain profitability;*
- manage our growth effectively;*
- maintain positive perceptions of the Company and preserve, grow, and leverage the value of our reputation and our brand;*
- limit operating losses as we continue to expand our business;*
- forecast net sales and appropriately plan our expenses in the future;*
- estimate the size of our addressable markets;*
- strengthen our current supplier relationships, retain key suppliers and source additional suppliers;*
- negotiate acceptable pricing and other terms with third-party service providers, suppliers and outsourcing partners, and maintain our relationships with such parties;*
- mitigate changes in, or disruptions to, our shipping arrangements and operations;*
- optimize, operate, and manage the expansion of the capacity of our fulfillment centers;*
- provide our customers with a cost-effective platform that is able to respond and adapt to rapid changes in technology;*
- limit our losses related to online payment methods;*
- maintain and scale our technology, including the reliability of our websites, mobile applications, and network infrastructure;*
- maintain adequate cybersecurity with respect to our systems and ensure that our third-party service providers do the same with respect to their systems;*
- maintain consumer confidence in the safety, quality, and health of our products;*
- limit risks associated with our suppliers and our outsourcing partners;*
- comply with existing or future laws and regulations in a cost-efficient manner;*
- utilize net operating loss and tax credit carryforwards, and other tax attributes, and limit fluctuations in our tax obligations and effective tax rate;*
- adequately protect our intellectual property rights;*
- successfully defend ourselves against any allegations or claims that we may be subject to;*
- attract, develop, motivate and retain highly-qualified and skilled employees;*
- predict and respond to economic conditions, industry trends, and market conditions, and their impact on the pet products market;*
- reduce merchandise returns or refunds;*
- respond to severe weather and limit disruption to normal business operations;*
- manage new acquisitions, investments or alliances, and integrate them into our existing business;*
- successfully compete in new offerings;*
- manage challenges presented by international markets;*
- successfully compete in the pet products and services health and retail industry, especially in the e-commerce sector;*
- comply with the terms of our credit facility;*
- raise capital as needed; and*
- maintain effective internal control over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures.*

You should not rely on forward-looking statements as predictions of future events, and you should understand that these statements are not guarantees of performance or results, and our actual results could differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements due to a variety of factors. We have based the forward-looking statements contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K primarily on our current assumptions, expectations, and projections about future events and trends that we believe may affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations. The outcome of the events described in these forward-looking statements is subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors described in the section titled “Risk Factors” included under Part I, Item 1A below and elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Moreover, we operate in a very competitive and rapidly changing environment. New risks and uncertainties emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict all risks and uncertainties that could have an impact on the forward-looking statements contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The results, events and circumstances reflected in the forward-looking statements may not be achieved or occur, and actual results, events or circumstances could differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements.

In addition, statements that “we believe” and similar statements reflect our beliefs and opinions on the relevant subject. These statements are based on information available to us as of the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. While we believe that such information provides a reasonable basis for these statements, this information may be limited or incomplete. Our statements should not be read to indicate that we have conducted an exhaustive inquiry into, or review of, all relevant information. These statements are inherently uncertain, and investors are cautioned not to unduly rely on these statements.

The forward-looking statements made in this Annual Report on Form 10-K relate only to events as of the date on which the statements are made. We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements made in this Annual Report on Form 10-K to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K or to reflect new information or the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as required by law. We may not actually achieve the plans, intentions or expectations disclosed in our forward-looking statements, and you should not place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements. Our forward-looking statements do not reflect the potential impact of any future acquisitions, mergers, dispositions, joint ventures or investments.

Investors and others should note that we may announce material information to our investors using our investor relations website (<https://investor.chewy.com/>), filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), press releases, public conference calls and webcasts. We use these channels, as well as social media, to communicate with our investors and the public about our company, our business and other issues. It is possible that the information that we post on these channels could be deemed to be material information. We therefore encourage investors to visit these websites from time to time. The information contained on such websites and social media posts is not incorporated by reference into this filing. Further, our references to website URLs in this filing are intended to be inactive textual references only.

Market, Ranking and Other Industry Data

In this Annual Report on Form 10-K, we refer to information regarding market data obtained from internal sources, market research, publicly available information, and industry publications. Estimates are inherently uncertain, involve risks and uncertainties, and are subject to change based on various factors, including those discussed in the section titled “Risk Factors” included under Part I, Item 1A below and elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. We believe that these sources and estimates are reliable as of the date of this report but have not independently verified them and cannot guarantee their accuracy or completeness.

Item 1. Business

Overview

Chewy, Inc. began operating as Chewy.com in 2011 and Chewy.com, LLC was formed as a Delaware limited liability company in October 2013. On March 16, 2016, Chewy.com, LLC converted from a Delaware limited liability company to a Delaware corporation and changed its name to Chewy, Inc. Chewy, Inc. completed the initial public offering of its Class A common stock on June 18, 2019. Unless the context requires otherwise, references in this Annual Report on Form 10-K to “Chewy,” the “Company,” “we,” “our,” or “us” refer to Chewy, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries.

Our mission is to be the most trusted and convenient destination for pet parents and partners everywhere. We believe that we are the preeminent online source for pet products, supplies and prescriptions as a result of our broad selection of high-quality products and services, which we offer at competitive prices and deliver with an exceptional level of care and a personal touch to build brand loyalty and drive repeat purchasing. We seek to continually develop innovative ways for our customers to engage with us, as our websites and mobile applications allow our pet parents to manage their pets’ health, wellness, and merchandise needs, while enabling them to conveniently shop for our products. We partner with approximately 3,500 of the best and most trusted brands in the pet industry, and we create and offer our own private brands. Through our websites and mobile applications, we offer our customers approximately 115,000 products and services offerings, to bring what we believe is a high-bar, customer-centric experience to our customers. By leveraging our extensive infrastructure of our supply chain consisting of sixteen fulfillment centers, we are typically able to offer our products in a localized manner with the capability to serve over 80% of the U.S. population overnight and almost 100% in two days.

Our Industry

We operate in the large and growing pet industry, which consists of pet food and treats, pet supplies and pet medications, other pet-health products, and pet services.

“Pet humanization” and premiumization driving higher spending per pet

Pet parents increasingly view pets as part of the family and are willing to spend more on higher-quality goods and services for those family members. According to research conducted by Packaged Facts, 96% of pet owners in the U.S. consider their pets to be a part of their family. Amongst dog owners, 93% agree that pets are central to their home life, with 90% of cat owners and 85% of other pet owners agreeing with that statement. Furthermore, according to Packaged Facts, pet parents look for products that improve their pet’s health and wellness, with 74% of pet parents willing to pay more for foods with extra health and wellness benefits.

Historical and projected growth in pet spending

According to Packaged Facts, spending on the U.S. pet market has grown from \$87 billion in 2017 to an estimated \$144 billion in 2023, or at an 8.9% compounded annual growth rate (“CAGR”) over that time. Packaged Facts projects the U.S. pet market to grow at an estimated CAGR of approximately 7% from 2023 through 2027.

Consistency of spending and resilience during economic downturns

Spending on pets is a necessity and most customers purchase frequently and at regular intervals. The pet industry is one of the most resilient categories during economic downturns because of the nature of the pet parent/pet relationship. For example, during the recession from 2008 to 2010, overall consumer spending in the U.S. declined while pet spending in the U.S. increased by 12%, according to the American Pet Products Association (the “APPA”). In 2010 alone, spending in the U.S. on entertainment decreased by 7.0%, food decreased by 3.8%, housing decreased by 2.0% and apparel and services decreased by 1.4%, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, while spending on pets increased by 6.2%, according to the APPA.

Similar to the resiliency shown during the 2008 to 2010 recession, the pet industry experienced a significant increase in demand as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic despite the overall economic downturn, particularly within the e-commerce channel. Pet adoptions and fostering surged with “stay-at-home” orders due to the COVID-19 pandemic, further increasing demand and the continued humanization of pets. Further, pet owners are increasingly focused on the health and wellness of their pet with 21% of dog owners and 22% of cat owners paying closer attention to their pet’s health and wellness because of COVID-19, according to Packaged Facts.

While the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent economic downturn have impacted consumer spending broadly, the pet industry continues to demonstrate resiliency and the stickiness of pet care spending. According to Packaged Facts, as of October 2023, only 7% of pet owners agreed that they were spending less on pet food compared to the preceding 12 months. Further, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, between 2013 and 2021, growth in pet-related spending outpaced spending in other consumer categories.

Rapid shift to online shopping, with significant remaining opportunity

The pet industry, like many other industries in the U.S., is experiencing a continued shift from in-store to online purchases and it appears that this migration has been accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic, with tailwinds expected to continue for several years. In 2019, e-commerce claimed the top spot of pet food sales by channel and online shopping continues to take market share from brick-and-mortar retail. Packaged Facts reports that online shopping grew from 16% of U.S. retail pet product sales in 2017 to an estimated 36% in 2023 with over \$23 billion of pet food and treats sold online. This represents a 28% CAGR for online pet retail over that time frame. This shift to e-commerce well exceeds pre-COVID estimates as of 2019 of 25% channel share by 2023.

According to Packaged Facts, 55% of pet product shoppers surveyed in February 2023 had purchased pet products online in the last 12 months. We believe that the secular trend toward online shopping will continue for a significant period as consumers look to benefit from the convenience of home delivery and subscription-based purchasing, and the heightened safety of a “contactless” shopping experience.

Growing trend of subscription-based purchasing

Additionally, according to a Packaged Facts survey conducted in February 2023, 39% of pet product shoppers had a current pet-related subscription for products including pet food, pet treats, litter and grooming products. Subscription-based purchasing has become significantly more popular among consumers born between 1965 and 2020, who are increasingly becoming pet parents. Packaged Facts found that usage rates for pet-related products including pet food, pet treats, litter and grooming products are dramatically higher for Millennials/Gen Zers (53%) or Gen Xers (24%) than for Boomers (14%). We believe that the trend of increased subscription-based purchasing behavior within the broader secular trend toward online shopping supports higher levels of customer retention and revenue visibility.

Our Strengths

- **Our commitment to customer service is the core of our brand.**
 - *Customer centricity.* Everything about our company is organized around our commitment to provide an exceptional customer experience. We make the shopping experience easy and enjoyable, and that makes finding and buying the right product an amazing start to the customer journey. We provide competitive prices, customizable and convenient automatic reordering, fast and reliable order delivery, and innovative technology-driven services.
 - *Customer service expertise that is knowledgeable and empowered.* Our customer service representatives (“CSRs”) share a common bond - they love pets. This shared passion is evident in every interaction they have with our customers, whether via phone, email, or interactive live-chat. In addition, contacting us is easy, with virtually all customer calls being answered in less than ten seconds. From the moment they join Chewy, our CSRs receive extensive training from our knowledgeable team, learning the ins and outs of the world of pets and our product offering. Thereafter, they continue learning about brands and pets of all types via recurring training. This allows them to further hone their ability to deliver highly specialized, informed, and authentic advice to our customers.
 - *Engaging with customers on a personalized level.* We empower our CSRs to go above and beyond for our customers, and they do so with the knowledge that our commitment to our customers is our number one priority. We engage with pet parents thousands of times per day, and we embrace the opportunity to “WOW” our customers each time, from surprising them with a hand-painted pet portrait to sending flowers to a family who has recently lost their pet. In addition, we have developed integrated technology that enables us to capture personalized profiles for each of our customers as well as their pets so that we may provide them with personalized recommendations. The expertise of our CSRs, combined with the powerful tools that we provide them, allows us to deliver a high-touch and high-quality experience to our customers, which we believe results in higher retention rates.

- **We offer a wide assortment of pet products and services across health and retail categories—and we continue to grow that assortment—which we offer at competitive prices.** We carry approximately 3,500 carefully selected brands and approximately 115,000 products, representing many of the best and most popular products, and we regularly add new products as we strive to offer everything that pet parents may need or want for their pets. In addition, we offer a wide range of free educational media (such as blogs, videos, and tutorials on our website, Be.Chewy.com) to enhance our product offerings and the buying experience, helping pet parents choose the right product for their pet or find answers to commonly asked questions specific to their type of pet. Additionally, we offer a wide range of pet health related products and services and operate the #1 pet pharmacy in America. In 2020, we launched medication compounding capabilities within our Chewy Pharmacy business and launched our telehealth service called “Connect with a Vet.” In 2021, we expanded access to “Connect with a Vet” to all Chewy customers, with access remaining free of charge for our Autoship customers and in 2022, we further expanded this access to all registered Chewy customers. In 2022, we also launched Careplus, our product suite of Insurance and Wellness plans offering comprehensive coverage options across varying price points. In 2023, we expanded our CarePlus suite of offerings, allowing us to meet the needs of a broader range of pet parents and increase access to affordable and high-quality pet healthcare offerings. In 2023, we announced the forthcoming launch of our own veterinary clinics under the brand name “Chewy Vet Care,” offering pet health services including routine appointments, urgent care and surgery. Chewy Vet Care practices will be powered by our own custom-built technology platform offering a seamless and efficient experience for pet parents and vet care providers alike.
- **Our highly efficient and effective distribution network provides exceptional delivery with ongoing cost advantages and superior customer service.** The strategic placement of our fulfillment centers across the U.S. provides us with the capability to cost-efficiently ship to over 80% of the U.S. population overnight and almost 100% in two days. The high volume of our sales, high participation rate in our Autoship subscription program, and relatively low seasonality of our business allow us to optimize asset utilization across our network and lower our fixed and variable cost per unit and our inventory levels. Additionally, our investments in automation and artificial intelligence within our fulfillment centers drive efficiency across our distribution network.
- **We deploy capital efficiently.** We invest cash flow generated from our existing customer base to attract new customers and scale our platforms. Given the fast and consistent payback levels from our customers, we invest our free cash flow in marketing to attract new customers. Additionally, we expect to continue to invest in new growth areas across our business, including Chewy Health and international expansion following our 2023 launch in Canada. We also expect to continue to invest in technology and product innovation to continue scaling our platform, customer support, marketing efforts, and supply chain in order to drive growth and profitability.
- **Our technology platform is scalable.** Our advanced technology platform was developed to enable us to grow our sales volume and increase the number of active customers while reducing marginal transaction and operational costs. Given the significant fixed-cost component of our technology platform, we expect that our cost per transaction will continue to decrease as our sales volume grows. The scalability and integrated nature of our technology platform also allow us to run our operations in a cost-efficient manner by decreasing the number of our operational personnel and automating many of our planning and fulfillment processes. For example, we have significantly improved our processes for picking and packing orders through better forecasting, inventory placement, and optimal labor planning, as well as investing in automated fulfillment processes. Our customer service model, while “high touch,” provides our CSRs with up-to-date customer data and cutting-edge tools to optimize their productivity. As we continue to grow, we expect that we will be able to further scale our fixed costs. Examples of our scalable technology include our rollout of PracticeHub in 2021, an e-commerce solution for veterinarians that allows them to integrate their existing practice management software with our fulfillment and customer service capabilities, and our sponsored ads business which has evolved from a beta version in 2022 to increasing our sponsored product and sponsored brand offerings in 2023, which provide dedicated, premium placements on Chewy.com that promote specific products or brands from select vendors. We believe sponsored ads will enable us to scale contextual advertisements, which in turn should deliver highly relevant products to customers and high-margin revenue to our business.

Our Strategy

- **Continue to grow sales from our existing customer base.** We seek to expand our share of our customers’ wallets by broadening the selection of products and services that we offer as well as improving customer engagement. Customers have historically spent more per purchase on our websites and mobile applications after their first year as they discover the wide range of our product and service offerings, and the value proposition we provide. Our exceptional customer service and “WOW” programs help us retain customers and increase their level of engagement and spending.

- **Acquire new customers.** We intend to increase brand awareness and reach new customers by investing free cash flow from our existing customer base in advertising and marketing to acquire new customers from existing and new channels. Given the high levels of customer satisfaction that we see from our customers, we believe that there is significant opportunity to grow our business as consumers become more aware of our brand and our strong value proposition.
- **Leverage our technological and operational efficiencies.** We believe that we can further improve our margins as we grow net sales, and we remain committed to achieving this. We expect to invest in technology, automation, and product innovation over time to continue scaling our platform, customer support, marketing efforts and supply chain. Our management team is committed to a disciplined use of capital designed to drive measurable improvements in unit economics and further improve our profitability.
- **Continue to grow our private brands.** In 2016, we launched our first hardgoods private brand, Frisco, followed by the launch of two consumables private brands, American Journey and Tylee’s. Millions of customers have tried and reordered at least one of our private brands over the years. Our goal is to provide value to our customers by offering private brands with compelling quality and pricing. In 2022, we launched Vibeful, our first private brand in the pet wellness category, featuring products ranging from multivitamins to hip and joint supplements. We believe there is significant room to grow our private brands through continued growth of our current brands and the launch of new ones.
- **Expand further into pet healthcare.** We provide customers with what we believe is a one-stop shop for their prescription and special diet needs with our over-the-counter and veterinarian diet offerings and Chewy Pharmacy products. In recent years, we have expanded our products and services to advance our mission to be the most trusted resource for pet parents and veterinarians alike, and to make pet healthcare more affordable and accessible to pet parents. We believe that we share a common goal of pet health and wellness with the veterinarian community, and we will continue to utilize our strengths to enhance partnerships with customers and veterinarians alike. In 2020, we launched “Connect with a Vet,” an industry-leading telehealth service that allows pet parents to connect directly with licensed veterinarians for pet care, and in 2021, we expanded paid access to all customers with continued complimentary access for our Autoship customers, and in 2022 we expanded complimentary access to all registered customers. In 2020, we also offered customers the ability to order compounding medications in the form of customized, pharmaceutical grade, prescription medications that meet their pets’ unique needs through our own Chewy Pharmacy. Today, Chewy operates the #1 pet pharmacy in America. In 2021, we launched PracticeHub, a complete e-commerce solution for veterinarians that can integrate with their existing management software, manage preapproved prescriptions, and enable practices to earn revenue with Chewy while we handle inventory, fulfillment, shipping, and customer service. As of January 28, 2024, we have approximately 15,000 veterinary practices enrolled in the platform, representing an estimated 50% of all U.S. vet clinics. In 2022, we launched and expanded the CarePlus product suite of Insurance and Wellness plans to provide diversified offerings across price points and coverage options. In 2023, we expanded our CarePlus offering, allowing us to meet the needs of a broader range of pet parents. In 2022, we also completed our acquisition of Petabyte Technology Inc. (“Petabyte”), a provider of cloud-based technology solutions to the veterinary sector. In 2023, we announced the forthcoming launch of our own veterinary clinics under the brand name “Chewy Vet Care,” offering pet health services including routine appointments, urgent care, and surgery. Chewy Vet Care practices will be powered by our own custom-built technology platform offering a seamless and efficient experience for pet parents and vet care providers alike.
- **Expand into new markets.** In 2023, we launched Chewy Canada, bringing Chewy’s compelling value proposition to millions of pet parents in Canada. Canada has a large and growing pet market with over 9 million pet owning households. Our goal is to provide all pet parents with the same convenient delivery experience, broad assortment, and high-quality service that our U.S. customers enjoy. We believe Chewy’s value proposition and business model can extend beyond North America and believe there is an opportunity to expand into additional international markets in the future. We expect to remain highly thoughtful, deliberate and ROI-focused as we evaluate expansion into additional international markets.
- **Explore broader platform opportunities.** We believe that there are additional pet offerings that can drive future growth and that our platform extends strong complementarities to other categories, such as pet services, should we choose to do so. The strengths of our platform may enable us to sell directly to businesses in addition to consumers.

Customers and Markets

We serve customers through our websites and mobile applications and focus on delivering the best products with the best service at competitive prices. We operate customer service centers 24/7 to serve our customers every single day of the year. We serve pet parents across the U.S. and expanded into Canada in September 2023.

Competition

The pet products and services industry is highly competitive and can be organized into the following categories: internet (including online sales by omnichannel players); pet specialty stores; mass merchandisers/discount stores/supercenters; food stores; wholesale clubs; farm/feed stores; independent pet channel; dollar stores; drug stores; natural food; and veterinary.

Competition in the pet products and services industry is strong, particularly within the e-commerce channel as the industry continues to experience a secular shift from in-store to online shopping. We face competition from the websites of our competitors such as other online retailers, online sales for omnichannel retailers, our suppliers' own websites, and traditional brick and mortar retailers as well as those in the veterinary channel. Some of the principal competitive factors influencing our business are price, product selection and availability, fast and reliable delivery, and customer service. We believe our ability to provide a seamless shopping experience, fast and reliable delivery options, including our convenient Autoship subscription program, and our knowledgeable customer service sets us apart from our competitors.

Trademarks and Intellectual Property

Our rights in our intellectual property, including trademarks, patents, trade secrets, copyrights and domain names, as well as contractual provisions and restrictions on use of our intellectual property, are important to our business. For example, our trademark rights assist in our marketing efforts to develop brand recognition and differentiate our brands from our competitors. We own a number of trademark registrations and applications in the U.S. and in foreign jurisdictions. These trademarks include, among others, "American Journey," "Blue Box Event," "Careplus," "Chewy," "Chewy.com," "Chewy Vet Care," "Dr. Lyon's," "Frisco," "Goody Box," "Onguard," "PetMD," "PracticeHub," "Tiny Tiger," "True Acre Farms," "Tylee's," "Vibeful," and "The Zoo." The current registrations of these trademarks are effective for varying periods of time and may be renewed periodically, provided that we, as the registered owner, or our licensees where applicable, comply with all applicable renewal requirements including, where necessary, the continued use of the trademarks in connection with similar goods and services. We expect to pursue additional trademark registrations to the extent we believe they would be beneficial to protecting our rights.

We also own numerous domain names in connection with our business, including www.chewy.com. We also enter into, and rely on, confidentiality, proprietary rights, and other agreements with our employees, consultants, contractors, agents, and business partners to secure our ownership and protect our intellectual property, trade secrets, proprietary technology and other confidential information. We further control the use of our proprietary technology and ownership of our intellectual property through provisions in both our customer terms of use and in our vendor terms and conditions. Further, we enter into agreements that include provisions that protect our intellectual property with manufacturers to develop and market pet products in connection with our private brands.

We believe that our intellectual property has substantial value and has significantly contributed to our success to date.

Seasonality

Seasonality in our business does not follow that of traditional retailers, such as typically high concentration of revenue in the holiday quarter. Our net sales weight between quarters reflects the consistent nature of customer purchasing of our product assortment. We recognized 25% of our annual net sales during each of the four quarters of fiscal year 2023.

Human Capital

Our employees are critical to us fulfilling our mission of being the most trusted and convenient destination for pet parents and partners everywhere. We accomplish this, in part, by recruiting, hiring, training, and motivating employees who share our core values of delivering superior customer service and caring about the needs of pets and their parents. We strive to further our mission by offering competitive compensation and benefits, focusing on employee safety, sharing opportunities for positive societal impact through participation in philanthropic endeavors, and fostering a workplace in which everyone feels empowered to do their best work.

We employed approximately 18,100 full-time and part-time employees as of January 28, 2024 and occasionally engage staffing agencies to supplement our workforce. As of March 13, 2024, none of our employees were represented by a labor union or covered by a collective bargaining agreement. We provide our employees with support resources and programs that advance employee engagement, communication, and feedback, such as an annual engagement survey and quarterly pulse surveys, which we use to assess and improve our practices and policies. We also invest in the education, training, and development of employees by providing learning opportunities through various courses and programs and our internal custom learning platform, Chewy University.

Compensation and Benefits Program. Our compensation and benefits are designed to enable us to attract, motivate, and retain highly-qualified talent. We offer market-competitive compensation and benefits including life and health (medical, dental, and vision) insurance, health savings accounts, a 401(k) plan, voluntary supplemental benefits, paid time off, paid parental leave, family support services (including child adoption and surrogacy benefits and pet adoption reimbursement), and a discount for purchases made on Chewy.com. We offer our employees opportunities to advance their careers and are passionate about providing employees with skills and development opportunities to meet the needs of our customers and the development of our business. We also offer our corporate employees “Paw-ternity” leave, allowing them to work from home for the first two weeks after a new dog is brought into their home.

Team Member Safety. We continue to take proactive and precautionary steps to protect the health and safety of our employees. We provide several channels for all employees to speak up, ask for guidance, and report concerns related to ethics or safety violations, and offer certain webinars and subscriptions to support our employees’ health and well-being.

Community Involvement. Our Chewy Gives Back team works tirelessly at continuing our philanthropic mission of supporting animal shelters and rescues everywhere. During fiscal year 2023, we donated \$55 million in products and supplies to animal shelters and rescues.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. We recognize the importance of a diverse and inclusive workforce and fostering safe working environments in which our employees can be their authentic and best selves. Our diversity, equity, and inclusion (“DEI”) mission is to hire, retain, and promote exceptional talent that values and is inclusive of diverse backgrounds and perspectives. We are focused on this mission through a variety of initiatives and programs, including assessments of current processes and policies. During fiscal year 2023, we expanded our DEI course offerings, and provided five team member resource groups in support of our DEI mission.

Available Information

Our website address is www.chewy.com, and our investor relations website is investor.chewy.com. We promptly make available on our investor relations website, free of charge, the reports that we file or furnish with the SEC, corporate governance information (including our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics) and select press releases. We file annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, proxy and information statements and amendments to reports filed or furnished pursuant to Sections 13(a), 14, and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). The SEC maintains a website at www.sec.gov that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding Chewy and other issuers that file electronically with the SEC.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

The following are important factors that could affect our business, financial condition or results of operations and could cause actual results for future periods to differ materially from our anticipated results or other expectations, including those expressed in any forward-looking statements made in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, our other filings with the SEC or in presentations such as telephone conferences and webcasts open to the public. You should carefully consider the following factors in conjunction with this Annual Report on Form 10-K, including “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” in Item 7 and our consolidated financial statements and related notes in Item 8. The risks and uncertainties described below are not the only ones we face. Additional risks and uncertainties that we are unaware of, or that we currently believe are not material, may also become important factors that adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations. If any of the following risks actually occur, or other risks that we are not aware of become material, our business, financial condition, results of operations and future prospects could be materially and adversely affected.

Summary Risk Factors

Our business faces significant risks. The risk factors described below are only a summary of the principal risk factors associated with an investment in us. These risks are more fully described in this “Risk Factors” section, including the following:

Risks Related to Our Business and Operations

- Our recent growth rates may not be sustainable or indicative of our future growth and we may not be able to successfully manage challenges to our future growth.
- Business disruptions and responsive actions may adversely affect our business operations, financial performance, liquidity and cash flow for an unknown period of time.
- If we fail to acquire and retain new customers, or fail to do so in a cost-effective manner, we may be unable to increase net sales, improve margins, and maintain profitability.
- If we fail to manage our growth effectively, our business, financial condition, and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.
- Our continued success is largely dependent on positive perceptions of the Company.
- We have a history of losses and may generate operating losses as we continue to expand our business.
- We may be unable to accurately forecast net sales and appropriately plan our expenses in the future.
- Our estimate of the size of our addressable markets may prove to be inaccurate.
- We may be unable to source additional suppliers or strengthen our existing relationships with suppliers. In addition, the loss of any of our key suppliers would negatively impact our business.
- Shipping is a critical part of our business and any changes in, or disruptions to, our shipping arrangements could adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.
- If we do not successfully optimize, operate, and manage the expansion of the capacity of our fulfillment centers, our business, financial condition, and results of operations could be harmed.
- Our business may be adversely affected if we are unable to provide our customers with a cost-effective platform that is able to respond and adapt to rapid changes in technology.
- We are subject to risks related to online payment methods.
- Our business depends on network and mobile infrastructure, our third-party data center hosting facilities (including cloud-service providers), other third-party providers, and our ability to maintain and scale our technology. Any significant interruptions or delays in service on our websites or mobile applications or any undetected errors or design faults could result in limited capacity, reduced demand, processing delays, and loss of customers or suppliers.
- Disruptions to software-as-a-service technologies from third parties may adversely affect our business and results of operations.
- Our failure or the failure of third-party service providers to protect our websites, networks, and systems against cybersecurity incidents, or to otherwise protect our confidential information, could damage our reputation and brand and harm our business, financial condition, and results of operations.
- Safety, quality, and health concerns regarding our products could affect our business.
- Risks associated with our suppliers and our outsourcing partners, many of which are located outside of the United States (“U.S.”), could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.
- We are subject to extensive laws and regulations and we may incur material liabilities or costs related to complying with existing or future laws and regulations, and our failure to comply may result in enforcements, penalties, recalls, and other adverse actions.
- We may inadvertently not comply with various state or federal laws and regulations covering our pet health business, which may subject us to reprimands, sanctions, probations, fines, suspensions, or the loss of one or more of our licenses.
- Resistance from veterinarians to authorize prescriptions, or their efforts to discourage pet owners from purchasing from us, could cause our sales to decrease and could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.
- Failure to comply with laws and regulations relating to privacy, data protection, cybersecurity, marketing and advertising and consumer protection, could adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.
- Our ability to utilize net operating loss and tax credit carryforwards, and other tax attributes may be subject to certain limitations.
- We may be unable to adequately protect our intellectual property rights. Additionally, we may be subject to intellectual property infringement claims or other allegations, which could result in substantial damages and diversion of management’s efforts and attention.
- We may be subject to personal injury, workers’ compensation, product liability, labor and employment, and other claims in the ordinary course of business.
- We rely on the performance of members of management and highly skilled personnel and our business could be harmed if we are unable to attract, develop, motivate, and retain highly-qualified and skilled employees.

- Uncertainties in economic conditions, industry trends, and market conditions, and their impact on the pet market, could adversely impact our business, financial condition, and results of operations.
- Significant merchandise returns or refunds could harm our business.
- We may seek to grow our business through acquisitions or investments in new or complementary businesses, technologies, or offerings, or through other strategic transactions, and the failure to manage these acquisitions, investments, or strategic transactions, or to integrate them with our existing business, could have a material adverse effect on us.
- Our business results could be adversely affected if our new offerings are unsuccessful.
- Regulation of the sale of insurance for pets is subject to change, and future regulations could harm our business, operating results, and financial condition.
- If we cannot successfully manage the unique challenges presented by international markets, we may not be successful in expanding our operations outside the U.S. and Canada.

Risks Related to Our Industry

- Competition in the pet products and services health and retail industries, especially Internet-based competition, is strong and presents an ongoing threat to the success of our business.
- Government regulation of the Internet and e-commerce is evolving, and unfavorable changes or failure by us to comply with these regulations could harm our business, financial condition, and results of operations.
- Changes in tax treatment of companies engaged in e-commerce may adversely affect the commercial use of our websites and mobile applications and our financial results.

Risks Related to Our Indebtedness

- Restrictions in our revolving credit facility could adversely affect our operating flexibility.
- The terms of our revolving credit facility may restrict our ability to pay dividends.

Risks Related to Our Controlling Stockholders

- Substantial future sales by affiliates of BC Partners (the “BCP Stockholder Parties”) or others of our common stock, or the perception that such sales may occur, could depress the price of our Class A common stock.
- There could be potential conflicts of interests between us and affiliates of the BCP Stockholder Parties. In addition, our directors may encounter conflicts of interest involving us and the other entities with which they may be affiliated, including matters that involve corporate opportunities.

Risks Related to Ownership of Our Class A Common Stock

- Our stock price has been, and may continue to be, volatile and may decline regardless of our operating performance.
- The dual class structure of our common stock may adversely affect the trading market for our Class A common stock.
- Anti-takeover provisions in our charter documents and under Delaware law could make an acquisition of the Company more difficult, limit attempts by our stockholders to replace or remove our current management, and limit the market price of our Class A common stock.
- Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation includes exclusive forum provisions, which could limit our stockholders’ ability to obtain a favorable judicial forum for disputes with us or our directors, officers, or employees.
- The BCP Stockholder Parties control the direction of our business and the concentrated ownership of our common stock will prevent other stockholders from influencing significant decisions.
- We are a “controlled company” within the meaning of the rules of NYSE and rely on exemptions from certain corporate governance requirements.

General Risk Factors

- Future litigation could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.
- Our ability to raise capital in the future may be limited and our failure to raise capital when needed could prevent us from growing.
- We may experience fluctuations in our tax obligations and effective tax rate, which could materially and adversely affect our results of operations.
- If our internal control over financial reporting or our disclosure controls and procedures are not effective, we may be unable to accurately report our financial results, prevent fraud or file our periodic reports in a timely manner, which may cause investors to lose confidence in our reported financial information and may lead to a decline in our stock price.
- The requirements of being a public company may strain our resources, divert management’s attention and affect our ability to attract and retain qualified board members.

Risks Related to Our Business and Operations

Our recent growth rates may not be sustainable or indicative of our future growth and we may not be able to successfully manage challenges to our future growth.

We have experienced significant growth in recent periods. This rate of growth may not be sustainable or indicative of our future rate of growth. We believe that our continued growth in net sales will depend upon, among other factors, our ability to:

- acquire new customers and retain existing customers;
- increase sales from our new and existing customers;
- increase the number of customers and the amount of sales in our Autoship subscription program;
- attract new vendors to supply quality products that we can offer to our customers at attractive prices;
- retain our existing vendors and have them supply additional quality products that we can offer to our customers at attractive prices;
- provide our customers and vendors with a superior and differentiated experience;
- expand our private brand product offering, including, through the launch of new brands and expansion into new offerings;
- increase the scale of existing private brands;
- expand into new territories;
- increase the awareness of our brand;
- protect our reputation and maintain our positive brand perception;
- develop new features to enhance the consumer experience on our websites and our mobile and tablet applications;
- compete effectively and respond to challenges from existing and new competitors;
- develop a scalable, high-performance technology and fulfillment infrastructure that can efficiently and reliably handle increased demand, as well as the deployment of new features and the sale of new products and services;
- fulfill and deliver orders in a timely way and in accordance with customer expectations, which may change over time;
- anticipate and respond timely to macroeconomic trends and changes to consumer preferences;
- hire, integrate and retain talented personnel;
- leverage our technological and operational efficiencies;
- invest in the infrastructure underlying our websites and other operational systems; and
- expand into new offerings or new lines of business in which we do not have prior, or sufficient, operating experience.

Our ability to improve margins and maintain profitability will also depend on the factors described above. We cannot provide assurance that we will be able to successfully manage any of the foregoing challenges to our future growth. Any of these factors and others not listed could cause our net sales growth to decline and may adversely affect our margins and profitability. We have also benefited from increasing pet ownership and discretionary spending on pets. To the extent these trends slow or reverse, our net sales, margins and profitability could be adversely affected. Failure to continue our net sales growth or improve margins could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations. You should not rely on our historical rate of net sales growth as an indication of our future performance.

Business disruptions and responsive actions may adversely affect our business operations, financial performance, liquidity and cash flow for an unknown period of time.

Our operations and supply chain could be disrupted by natural or man-made disasters including severe weather, hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, fires, power or water shortages, telecommunications failures, materials scarcity and price volatility, terrorism, civil unrest, conflicts or wars, and health epidemics or pandemics.

Several of our fulfillment centers, customer service centers, and corporate offices are located in Florida, Texas, and other areas that are susceptible to hurricanes, sea-level rise, earthquakes, and other natural disasters and severe weather events (including those resulting from climate change). We recognize that the frequency and intensity of natural disasters and severe weather events may continue to increase, and as a result, our exposure to these events may increase. A potential result of climate change is more frequent or severe natural disasters or weather events. To the extent such natural disasters or weather events do become more frequent or severe, disruptions to our business and costs to repair facilities or maintain or resume operations could increase. The long-term impacts of climate change may be widespread and unpredictable. These changes over time could also affect, for example, the availability and cost of our products, insurance, commodities and energy (including utilities), which in turn may impact our ability to procure those certain goods or services required for the operation of our business. Therefore, we may experience certain risks, including higher costs, such as uninsured property losses and higher insurance premiums, as well as unexpected disruptions to our business and operations, which could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Public health crises and the measures taken in response to such events have negatively impacted and may negatively impact our business operations in the future as well. The extent to which any public health crisis may impact our business will depend on future developments that are uncertain and unpredictable, including the duration and severity of such events, their impact on capital and financial markets, the availability and use of vaccines, virus mutations and variants, the length of time for economic and operating conditions to return to prior levels, together with resulting consumer and government behaviors, and numerous other uncertainties. Any of these events could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition, results of operations and ability to execute and capitalize on our strategies for a period of time that is currently unknown.

If any of our fulfillment centers were to shut down, suffer substantial labor shortages, or lose significant capacity for any reason, our operations would likely be significantly disrupted. Our business relies on an efficient and effective supply chain, including the transportation of our products, as well as the effective functioning of our fulfillment centers. Any interruption or malfunction in our fulfillment operations that could negatively affect the flow or availability of our products and result in difficulties in timely obtaining product from vendors and transportation of those products to our fulfillment centers could adversely affect our sales and results of operations.

If we fail to acquire and retain new customers, or fail to do so in a cost-effective manner, we may be unable to increase net sales, improve margins, and maintain profitability.

Our success depends on our ability to acquire and retain new customers and to do so in a cost-effective manner. In order to expand our customer base, we must, in part, acquire customers who have historically purchased their pet products and services from other retailers, such as traditional brick and mortar retailers, the websites of our competitors, or our suppliers' own websites. We have made significant investments related to customer acquisition and expect to continue to spend significant amounts to acquire additional customers. We cannot assure you that the net sales from the new customers we acquire will ultimately exceed the cost of acquiring those customers. There are many factors that may result in our inability to acquire or retain customers. If we are unable to acquire or retain customers who purchase products in volumes sufficient to grow our business, we may be unable to generate the scale necessary to achieve operational efficiency and drive beneficial network effects with our suppliers. Additionally, we may be required to incur significantly higher marketing expenses in order to acquire new customers. Consequently, our prices may increase (or may not decrease to levels sufficient to generate customer interest), our net sales may decrease and our margins and profitability may decline or not improve. As a result, our business, financial condition, and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected.

If our efforts to satisfy our customers are not successful, we may be unable to acquire new customers in sufficient numbers to continue to grow our business, and we may be required to incur significantly higher marketing expenses in order to acquire new customers.

We also use paid and non-paid advertising. Our paid advertising includes search engine marketing, direct mail, display, television, radio and magazine advertising, paid social media and product placement. Our non-paid advertising efforts include search engine optimization, non-paid social media and e-mail marketing. We have relied on and may continue relying on search engines to drive a significant amount of traffic to our websites. Search engines frequently update and change the logic that determines the placement and display of results of a user's search, such that the purchased or algorithmic placement of links to our websites can be negatively affected. Moreover, a search engine could, for competitive or other purposes, alter its search algorithms or results, causing our websites to place lower in search query results.

We also drive a significant amount of traffic to our websites via social networking or other e-commerce channels used by our current and prospective customers. As social networking and e-commerce channels continue to rapidly evolve, we may be unable to develop or maintain a presence within these channels. If we are unable to cost-effectively drive traffic to our websites, our ability to acquire new customers and our financial condition would be materially and adversely affected. Additionally, if we fail to increase our net sales per active customer, generate repeat purchases or maintain high levels of customer engagement, our business, financial condition, and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

If we fail to manage our growth effectively, our business, financial condition, and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

To manage our growth effectively, we must continue to, among other things, implement our operational plans and strategies, improve and expand our infrastructure of people and information systems and expand, train and manage our employee base. To support our continued growth, we must effectively integrate, develop and motivate our employees. We face significant competition for personnel in the areas where our corporate offices are located, and certain other areas in which we have operations. Failure to manage our hiring needs effectively or successfully integrate our new hires may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Additionally, the growth of our business places significant demands on our management and other employees. We are required to manage relationships with a growing number of suppliers, customers and other third parties. Our information technology systems, supply chain operations, and our internal controls and procedures may not be adequate to support future growth of our customer or supplier base. If we are unable to manage the growth of our organization effectively, our business, financial condition, and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected.

The growth of our business depends on our ability to accurately predict and timely respond to consumer trends, successfully introduce new products and services, improve existing products and services, and expand into new offerings. Our growth also depends on our ability to meet the requirements of our customers and the needs of their pets by successfully introducing new products and services, improving and repositioning our existing products and services and expanding into new offerings. These factors contribute to our ability to predict and respond to evolving consumer trends, demands and preferences. The development and introduction of innovative new products and services and expansion into new offerings involves considerable costs. In addition, it may be difficult to establish new supplier or partner relationships and determine appropriate product selection when developing a new product, service or offering. Any new product, service or offering may not generate sufficient customer interest and sales to become profitable or to cover the costs of its development and promotion and may reduce our operating income. In addition, any such unsuccessful effort may adversely affect our brand and reputation. If we are unable to anticipate, identify, develop or market products, services or new offerings that respond to changes in consumer requirements and preferences, or if our new product or service introductions, repositioned products or services, or new offerings fail to gain consumer acceptance, we may be unable to grow our business as anticipated, our sales may decline and our margins and profitability may decline or not improve. As a result, our business, financial condition, and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected.

In addition, while we plan to continue to invest in the expansion of our current offerings and new offerings, we may be unable to maintain or expand our sales, respond timely to changes in regulations or enter into strategic relationships with market-leading suppliers and other market participants. We may encounter certain challenges in manufacturing our products, including the loss of key suppliers and product recalls. Maintaining consistent product quality, competitive pricing, and availability of our products and services for our customers is essential to developing and maintaining customer loyalty and brand awareness. Our inability to sustain the growth and sales of our current and future offerings may materially and adversely affect our projected growth rates, business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Our continued success is largely dependent on positive perceptions of the Company.

We believe that one of the reasons our customers prefer to shop at Chewy is the reputation we have built for providing an exceptional customer experience. To be successful in the future, we must continue to preserve, grow and leverage the value of our reputation and our brand. Reputational value is based in large part on perceptions of subjective qualities, and even isolated incidents may erode trust and confidence and have adverse effects on our business and financial results, particularly if they result in adverse publicity or widespread reaction on social media, governmental investigations, or litigation. Our brand could be adversely affected if our public image or reputation were to be tarnished by negative publicity. Failure to comply or accusations of failure to comply with ethical, social, product, labor, data privacy, and environmental standards could also jeopardize our reputation and potentially lead to various adverse consumer actions. Any of these events could adversely affect our business. Additionally, there is an increasing focus from regulators, investors, and other stakeholders on environmental, social, and governance (“ESG”) matters. To the extent our products and services create ESG-related concerns, our reputation may be harmed.

We have a history of losses and may generate operating losses as we continue to expand our business.

We have a history of losses and may again generate operating losses in the future as we continue investment in our business. Furthermore, it is difficult for us to predict our future results of operations. Our operating expenses may increase over the next several years as we increase our advertising and marketing, launch and expand our offerings and geographical presence, hire additional personnel and continue to develop and enhance features on our websites and mobile applications. Our operating expenses have been affected and may again be affected by increased costs as a result of macroeconomic impacts. If our future growth and operating performance fail to meet investor or analyst expectations, or if we have future negative cash flow or losses resulting from our investment in our business, our financial condition and stock price could be materially and adversely affected.

We may be unable to accurately forecast net sales and appropriately plan our expenses in the future.

Net sales and results of operations are difficult to forecast because they generally depend on the volume, timing and type of orders we receive, all of which are uncertain. We base our expense levels and investment plans on our estimates of net sales and gross margins. We cannot be sure the same growth rates, trends, and other key performance metrics are meaningful predictors of future growth. If our assumptions prove to be wrong, we may spend more than we anticipate acquiring and retaining customers or may generate lower net sales per active customer than anticipated, either of which could have a negative impact on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Our estimate of the size of our addressable markets may prove to be inaccurate.

Data for sales of pet products and services is collected for most, but not all channels, and as a result, it is difficult to estimate the size of the markets that we operate in and predict the rate at which the markets for our products and services will grow, if at all. While our market size estimates are made in good faith and are based on assumptions and estimates we believe to be reasonable, these estimates may not be accurate. If our estimates of the size of our addressable markets are not accurate, our potential for future growth may be less than we currently anticipate, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

We may be unable to source additional suppliers or strengthen our existing relationships with suppliers. In addition, the loss of any of our key suppliers would negatively impact our business.

If we are unable to attract and retain suppliers, we may be unable to maintain and/or expand our supplier network, which would negatively impact our business.

We also purchase significant amounts of products from a number of suppliers with limited supply capabilities. There can be no assurance that our current suppliers will be able to accommodate our anticipated growth or continue to supply current quantities at preferential prices. An inability of our existing suppliers to provide products in a timely or cost-effective manner could impair our growth and materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations. For instance, we have experienced disruptions by existing suppliers being unable to supply us with products in a timely or cost-effective manner. While we believe these disruptions were temporary, they may occur again and a continued inability of our existing suppliers to provide products or other product supply disruptions that may occur in the future could impair our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

If any of our significant pet product suppliers discontinue selling to us at any time or discontinue offering us any preferential pricing or exclusive incentives, we could experience a negative impact on our business, financial condition, and results of operations. In addition, in our experience, it is challenging to persuade pet food buyers to switch to a different product, which could make it difficult to retain certain customers if we lose a pet food supplier, thereby exacerbating the negative impact of such loss on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

We continually seek to expand our base of suppliers and to identify new pet products. If we are unable to identify or enter into distribution relationships with new suppliers or to replace the loss of any of our existing suppliers, we may experience a competitive disadvantage, our business may be disrupted and our business, financial condition, and results of operations may be adversely affected.

Most of the premium pet food brands that we purchase are not widely carried in supermarkets, warehouse clubs or mass merchants. If any premium pet food manufacturers were to make premium pet food products widely available in supermarkets or through mass merchants, or if the premium brands currently available to supermarkets and mass merchants were to increase their market share at the expense of the premium brands sold only through specialty pet food and supplies retailers, our ability to attract and retain customers and our competitive position may suffer. Furthermore, if supermarkets, warehouse clubs or mass merchants begin offering any of these premium pet food brands at lower prices, our sales and gross margin could be adversely affected.

Certain of our principal suppliers currently provide us with incentives related to various trade allowances, cooperative advertising and market development funds. A reduction or discontinuance of these incentives could reduce our overall profitability. Similarly, if one or more of our suppliers were to offer certain incentives, including preferential pricing, to our competitors, our competitive advantage could be reduced, which could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Shipping is a critical part of our business and any changes in, or disruptions to, our shipping arrangements could adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

We have relied on and will continue to rely on third-party national, regional and local logistics providers to ship and deliver our products. If we are not able to negotiate acceptable pricing and other terms with these providers, or if these providers experience performance problems or other difficulties in processing our orders or delivering our products to customers, it could negatively impact our results of operations and our customers' experience. In addition, our ability to receive inbound inventory efficiently and ship merchandise to customers may be negatively affected by factors beyond our and these providers' control, including inclement weather, fire, flood, power loss, earthquakes, acts of war or terrorism or other events, such as labor disputes, financial difficulties, volatility in the prices of fuel, gasoline and commodities such as paper and packing supplies, system failures and other disruptions to the operations of the shipping companies on which we rely. We are also subject to risks of damage or loss during delivery by our shipping vendors. If the products ordered by our customers are not delivered in a timely fashion or are damaged or lost during the delivery process, our customers could become dissatisfied and cease buying our products, which would adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations. Further, due to conditions beyond our control, we have experienced and may continue to experience disruptions and delays in national, regional and local shipping, which may negatively impact our customers' experience and our results of operations. These conditions may disrupt our suppliers and logistics providers and other third-party delivery agents, as their workers may be unable to report to work and transporting products within regions or countries may be limited due to extended holidays, factory closures, port closures and increased border controls and closures, among other things. We have incurred and may continue to incur higher shipping costs due to various surcharges by third-party delivery agents. If we are unable to recover these additional costs, our margins and profitability may be adversely affected.

If we do not successfully optimize, operate, and manage the expansion of the capacity of our fulfillment centers, our business, financial condition, and results of operations could be harmed.

If we do not optimize and operate our fulfillment centers successfully and efficiently, it could result in excess or insufficient fulfillment capacity, an increase in costs or impairment charges or harm to our business in other ways. In addition, if we do not have sufficient fulfillment capacity or experience problems fulfilling orders in a timely manner, including as a result of unforeseen disruptions, our customers may experience delays in receiving their purchases, which could harm our reputation, our relationship with our customers and our results of operations. In addition, we have had to, and may again have to, pause operations at a fulfillment center, which resulted in, and could again result in, delayed or canceled orders. These actions or other actions that we may take in response to unforeseen circumstances that have the effect of delaying or canceling orders could negatively impact our ability to maintain, protect or enhance our brand. We have also experienced and may continue to experience disruptions to our supply chain operations and labor workforce availability due to factors beyond our control. If we are unable to successfully optimize our fulfillment centers, it could increase costs and adversely affect our business.

We have designed and built our own fulfillment center infrastructure which is tailored to meet the specific needs of our business, including customizing third-party inventory and package handling software systems and automated fulfillment capabilities. If we continue to add fulfillment and warehouse capabilities, add new businesses or categories with different fulfillment requirements or change the mix in products that we sell, our fulfillment network could become increasingly complex and operating it may become more challenging. Failure to successfully address such challenges in a cost-effective and timely manner could impair our ability to timely deliver our customers' purchases and could harm our reputation and ultimately, our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

We may add additional fulfillment center capacity as our business continues to grow and our offerings expand. We cannot assure you that we will be able to locate suitable facilities on commercially acceptable terms, nor can we assure you that we will be able to recruit qualified managerial and operational personnel to support our expansion plans. If we are unable to secure new facilities for the expansion of our fulfillment operations, recruit qualified personnel to support any such facilities, or effectively control expansion-related expenses, our business, financial condition, and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected. If we grow faster than we anticipate, we may exceed our fulfillment center capacity sooner than we anticipate, we may experience problems fulfilling orders in a timely manner or our customers may experience delays in receiving their purchases, which could harm our reputation and our relationship with our customers, and we would need to increase our capital expenditures more than anticipated and in a shorter time frame than we currently anticipate. Our ability to operate and potentially expand our fulfillment center capacity, including our ability to secure suitable facilities and recruit qualified employees, may be affected by unforeseen circumstances and macroeconomic impacts. Many of the expenses and investments with respect to our fulfillment centers are fixed, and any expansion of such fulfillment centers will require additional investment of capital. We have incurred and may again incur increased capital expenditures for our fulfillment center operations as our business continues to grow. We would typically incur such expenses and make such investments in advance of expected sales, and such expected sales may not occur. Any of these factors could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Our business may be adversely affected if we are unable to provide our customers with a cost-effective platform that is able to respond and adapt to rapid changes in technology.

Our customers generally access the Internet through devices other than personal computers, including mobile phones, handheld computers such as notebooks and tablets, video game consoles and television set-top devices. The versions of our websites and mobile applications developed for these devices may not be compelling to consumers. Adapting our services and/or infrastructure to these devices, as well as other new Internet, networking or telecommunications technologies, could be time-consuming and could require us to incur substantial expenditures, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Additionally, as new mobile devices and platforms are released, it is difficult to predict the problems we may encounter in developing applications for alternative devices and platforms and we may need to devote significant resources to the creation, support and maintenance of such applications. If we are unable to attract consumers to our websites or mobile applications through these devices or are slow to develop a version of our websites or mobile applications that is more compatible with alternative devices, we may fail to capture a significant share of consumers in the pet food and accessory market and could also lose customers, which could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Our technology platform may also use open-source software. The use of such open-source software may subject us to certain conditions, including the obligation to offer, distribute, or disclose our technology platform for no or reduced cost, make the proprietary source code subject to open-source software licenses available to the public, license our software and systems that use open-source software for the purpose of making derivative works, or allow reverse assembly, disassembly, or reverse engineering. We monitor our use of open-source software to avoid subjecting our technology platform to conditions we do not intend. However, if our technology platform becomes subject to such unintended conditions, it could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Further, we continually consider whether to upgrade existing technologies and business applications and we may be required to implement new technologies or business applications in the future. The implementation of upgrades and changes may require significant investments. Our results of operations may be affected by the timing, effectiveness and costs associated with the implementation of any upgrades or changes to our systems and infrastructure. In the event that it is more difficult for our customers to buy products from us on their mobile devices, or if our customers choose not to buy products from us on their mobile devices or to use mobile products that do not offer access to our websites, we could lose customers and fail to attract new customers. As a result, our customer growth could be harmed and our business, financial condition, and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected.

We are subject to risks related to online payment methods.

We currently accept payments using a variety of methods, including credit card, debit card, PayPal, Apple Pay, and gift cards and may offer new payment options over time. These payment options subject us to additional regulations and compliance requirements and may also increase our exposure to fraud, criminal activity and other risks. For certain payment methods, we pay interchange and other fees, which may increase over time and raise our operating costs and lower profitability. We are also subject to payment card association operating rules and certification requirements, including the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (“PCI DSS”) and rules governing electronic funds transfers, which could change or be reinterpreted to make it difficult or impossible for us to comply. Failure to comply with PCI DSS or to meet other payment card standards may result in the imposition of financial penalties or the allocation by the card brands of the costs of fraudulent charges to us.

Furthermore, as our business changes, we may be subject to different rules under existing standards, which may require new assessments that involve additional costs for compliance. In the future, as we offer new payment options to consumers, including by way of integrating emerging mobile and other payment methods, we may be subject to additional regulations, compliance requirements and fraud. If we fail to comply with the rules or requirements of any provider of a payment method we accept, if the volume of fraud in our transactions limits or terminates our rights to use payment methods we currently accept, or if a data breach occurs relating to our payment systems, we may, among other things, be subject to fines or higher transaction fees and may lose, or face restrictions placed upon, our ability to accept credit card payments from consumers or facilitate other types of online payments. If any of these events were to occur, our business, financial condition, and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

We have previously received and could continue to receive orders placed with fraudulent data. Bad actors have exploited and may continue to exploit stolen data from data breaches unrelated to us, which may increase the number of orders placed with fraudulent data. If we are unable to detect or control fraud, our liability for these transactions could harm our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Our business depends on network and mobile infrastructure, our third-party data center hosting facilities (including cloud-service providers), other third-party providers, and our ability to maintain and scale our technology. Any significant interruptions or delays in service on our websites or mobile applications or any undetected errors or design faults could result in limited capacity, reduced demand, processing delays, and loss of customers or suppliers.

An element of our strategy is to generate a high volume of traffic on, and use of, our websites and mobile applications. Our reputation and ability to acquire, retain and serve our customers are dependent upon the reliable performance of our websites, mobile applications, on-premises systems and the underlying network infrastructure. As our customer base and the amount of information shared on our websites and mobile applications continue to grow, we are likely to need an increasing amount of network capacity and computing power. We have spent and expect to continue to spend substantial amounts on data centers, including cloud providers, and equipment and related network infrastructure to handle the traffic on our websites and mobile applications. The operation of these systems is complex and we have experienced minor interruptions, which could increase in severity and result in operational failures. In some cases, we access platforms ran by third-party cloud providers, which makes us vulnerable to their service interruptions. In the event that the volume of traffic of our customers exceeds the capacity of our current network infrastructure or in the event that our customer base or the amount of traffic on our websites and mobile applications grows more quickly than anticipated, we may be required to incur significant additional costs to enhance the underlying network infrastructure. Significant interruptions or delays in these systems, whether due to system failures, computer viruses, physical or electronic break-ins, undetected errors, design faults or other unexpected events or causes, could affect the security or availability of our websites and mobile applications and prevent our customers from accessing our websites and mobile applications. If sustained or repeated, these performance issues could reduce the attractiveness of our products and services. In addition, the costs and complexities involved in expanding and upgrading our systems may prevent us from doing so in a timely manner and may prevent us from adequately meeting the demand placed on our systems. Any web or mobile platform interruption or inadequacy that causes performance issues or interruptions in the availability of our websites or mobile applications could reduce consumer satisfaction and result in a reduction in the number of consumers using our products and services.

We depend on the development and maintenance of the Internet and mobile infrastructure. This includes maintenance of reliable Internet and mobile infrastructure with the necessary speed, data capacity and security, as well as timely development of complementary products, for providing reliable Internet and mobile access. We also use and rely on services from other third parties, such as our telecommunications services and credit card processors, and those services may be subject to outages and interruptions that are not within our control. We have experienced telecommunication issues and increased failures by our telecommunications providers may interrupt our ability to provide phone support to our customers and distributed denial-of-service (“DDoS”) attacks directed at our telecommunication service providers could prevent customers from accessing our websites. In addition, we have and may continue to experience down periods where our third-party credit card processors are unable to process the online payments of our customers and our ability to receive customer orders is disrupted. Our business, financial condition, and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected if for any reason the reliability of our Internet, telecommunications, payment systems and mobile infrastructure is compromised.

We currently rely upon third-party service providers, including cloud service providers, such as Amazon Web Services (“AWS”). Nearly all of our data storage and analytics are conducted on, and the data and content we create associated with sales on our websites and mobile applications are processed through servers hosted by these providers. We also rely on e-mail service providers, bandwidth providers, Internet service providers and mobile networks to deliver e-mail and “push” communications to customers and to allow customers to access our websites. We have experienced and may again experience cybersecurity incidents due to disruptions to systems maintained by third-party service providers.

Any significant damage to, or failure of, our systems or the systems of our third-party data centers, or our other service providers could result in prolonged interruptions to the availability or functionality of our websites and mobile applications. As a result, we could lose customer data and miss order fulfillment deadlines, which could result in decreased sales, increased overhead costs, excess inventory and product shortages. If for any reason our arrangements with our data centers, cloud service providers or other third-party providers are terminated or interrupted, such termination or interruption could adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations. We exercise little control over these providers, which increases our vulnerability to problems with the services they provide. We have designed certain of our software and computer systems to also utilize data processing, storage capabilities and other services provided by AWS. Given this, along with the fact that we cannot rapidly switch our AWS operations to another cloud provider, any disruption of or interference with our use of AWS would impact our operations and our business would be adversely impacted. We could experience additional expense in arranging for new facilities, technology, services and support. In addition, the failure of our third-party data centers, including cloud service providers, or any other third-party providers to meet our capacity requirements could result in interruption in the availability or functionality of our websites and mobile applications.

The satisfactory performance, reliability and availability of our websites, mobile applications, transaction processing systems and technology infrastructure are critical to our reputation and our ability to acquire and retain customers, as well as to maintain adequate customer service levels. We have experienced unavailability of our websites and mobile applications, primarily due to DDoS events, and increased unavailability of our websites or of our mobile applications or reduced order fulfillment performance would reduce the volume of goods sold and could also materially and adversely affect consumer perception of our brand. Any slowdown or failure of our websites, mobile applications or the underlying technology infrastructure could harm our business, reputation and our ability to acquire, retain and serve our customers.

The occurrence of a natural disaster, power loss, telecommunications failure, data loss, computer virus, ransomware attack, an act of terrorism, cyberattack, vandalism or sabotage, act of war or any similar event, or a decision to close our third-party data centers on which we normally operate or the facilities of any other third-party provider without adequate notice or other unanticipated problems at these facilities could result in lengthy interruptions in the availability of our websites and mobile applications. Cloud computing, in particular, is dependent upon having access to an Internet connection in order to retrieve data. If a natural disaster, pandemic, blackout or other unforeseen event were to occur that disrupted the ability to obtain an Internet connection, we may experience a slowdown or delay in our operations. While we have some limited business continuity arrangements in place, our preparations may not be adequate to account for disasters or similar events that may occur in the future and may not effectively permit us to continue operating in the event of any problems with respect to our systems or those of our third-party data centers or any other third-party facilities. Our business continuity and data redundancy plans may be inadequate, and our business interruption insurance may not be sufficient to compensate us for the losses that could occur. If any such event were to occur to our business, our operations could be impaired and our business, financial condition, and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected.

Disruptions to software-as-a-service (“SaaS”) technologies from third parties may adversely affect our business and results of operations.

We use SaaS technologies from third-parties in order to operate critical functions of our business, including financial management services, customer relationship management services, supply chain services and data storage services. If these services become unavailable due to extended outages or interruptions or because they are no longer available on commercially reasonable terms or prices, or for any other reason, our expenses could increase, our ability to manage our finances could be interrupted, our processes for managing sales of our offerings and supporting our customers could be impaired, our ability to communicate with our suppliers could be weakened and our ability to access or save data stored to the cloud may be impaired until equivalent services, if available, are identified, obtained and implemented, all of which could harm our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Our failure or the failure of third-party service providers to protect our websites, networks, and systems against cybersecurity incidents, or to otherwise protect our confidential information, could damage our reputation and brand and harm our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

As a result of our services being primarily web-based, we collect, process, transmit and store large amounts of data about our customers, employees, suppliers and others, including credit card information (which we don’t store) and personally identifiable information, as well as other confidential and proprietary information. We also employ third-party service providers for a variety of reasons, including storing, processing and transmitting proprietary, personal and confidential information on our behalf. While we rely on tokenization solutions licensed from third-parties in an effort to securely transmit confidential and sensitive information, including credit card numbers, advances in computer capabilities, new technological discoveries or other developments may result in the whole or partial failure of these solutions to protect confidential and sensitive information from being breached or compromised. Similarly, our security measures and those of our third-party service providers may not detect or prevent all attempts to hack our systems or those of our third-party service providers. DDoS attacks, viruses, malicious software, break-ins, phishing attacks, ransomware, social engineering, cyber-attacks, security breaches or other cybersecurity incidents and similar disruptions that may jeopardize the security of information stored in or transmitted by our websites, networks and systems or that we or our third-party service providers otherwise maintain, including payment card systems, may subject us to fines or higher transaction fees or limit or terminate our access to certain payment methods. We and our service providers may not anticipate or prevent all types of attacks until after they have already been launched, and techniques used to obtain unauthorized access to or sabotage systems change frequently and may not be known until launched against us or our third-party service providers. In addition, cybersecurity incidents can also occur as a result of non-technical issues, including intentional or inadvertent breaches by our employees or by persons with whom we have commercial relationships.

Breaches of our security measures or those of our third-party service providers or any cybersecurity incident could result in unauthorized access to our websites, networks and systems; unauthorized access to and misappropriation of consumer and/or employee information, including personally identifiable information, or other sensitive, confidential or proprietary information of ourselves or third parties; viruses, worms, spyware or other malware being served from our websites, networks or systems; deletion or modification of content or the display of unauthorized content on our websites; interruption, disruption or malfunction of operations; costs relating to cybersecurity incident remediation, deployment of additional personnel and protection technologies, response to governmental investigations and media inquiries and coverage; engagement of third party experts and consultants; litigation, regulatory action and other potential liabilities. If any of these cybersecurity incidents occur, or there is a public perception that we, or our third-party service providers, have suffered such a breach, our reputation and brand could also be damaged and we could be required to expend significant capital and other resources to alleviate problems caused by such cybersecurity incidents. As a consequence, our business could be materially and adversely affected and we could also be exposed to litigation and regulatory action and possible liability. In addition, any party who is able to illicitly obtain a customer’s password could access the customer’s transaction data or personal information. Any compromise or breach of our security measures, or those of our third-party service providers, could violate applicable privacy, data security and other laws, and cause significant legal and financial exposure, adverse publicity and a loss of confidence in our security measures, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations. This is more so since governmental authorities throughout the U.S. and around the world are devoting more attention to data privacy and security issues.

While we maintain privacy, data breach and network security liability insurance, we cannot be certain that our coverage will be adequate for liabilities actually incurred or that insurance will continue to be available to us on economically reasonable terms, or at all. Additionally, even though we continue to devote significant resources to monitor and update our systems and implement information security measures to protect our systems, there can be no assurance that any controls and procedures we have in place will be sufficient to protect us from future cybersecurity incidents. Failure by us or our vendors to comply with data security requirements or rectify a security issue may result in class action litigation, fines and the imposition of restrictions on our ability to accept payment cards, which could adversely affect our operations. As cyber threats are continually evolving, our controls and procedures may become inadequate and we may be required to devote additional resources to modify or enhance our systems in the future. As a result, we may face interruptions to our systems, reputational damage, claims under privacy, cybersecurity and data protection laws and regulations, customer dissatisfaction, legal liability, enforcement actions or additional costs, any and all of which could adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Safety, quality, and health concerns regarding our products could affect our business.

We could be adversely affected if consumers lose confidence in the safety and quality of our food or other products. All of our suppliers are required to comply with applicable product safety laws and we are dependent upon them to ensure such compliance. One or more of our suppliers, including manufacturers of our private brand products, might not adhere to product safety requirements or our quality control standards. Any issues of product safety or allegations that our products are in violation of governmental regulations, including, but not limited to, issues involving products manufactured in foreign countries, could cause those products to be recalled. Adverse publicity about these types of concerns, whether valid or not, may discourage consumers from buying the products we offer, or cause supplier production and delivery disruptions. The real or perceived sale of contaminated food products by us could result in product liability claims against our suppliers or us, expose us or our suppliers to governmental enforcement action or private litigation, or lead to costly recalls and a loss of consumer confidence, any of which could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, our products may be exposed to product recalls, and we may be subject to litigation, if they are alleged to cause or pose a risk of injury or illness or if they are alleged to have been mislabeled, misbranded or adulterated or to otherwise be in violation of governmental regulations. We may also voluntarily recall or withdraw products that we consider do not meet our standards, whether for palatability, appearance or otherwise, in order to protect our brand and reputation. While we carry product liability insurance, our insurance may not be adequate to cover all liabilities that we may incur in connection with product liability claims. For example, punitive damages are generally not covered by insurance. In addition, we may be unable to continue to maintain our existing insurance, obtain comparable insurance at a reasonable cost, if at all, or secure additional coverage, which may result in future product liability claims being uninsured. Any of these factors could negatively impact our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Risks associated with our suppliers and our outsourcing partners, many of which are located outside of the U.S., could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

We depend on a number of suppliers and outsourcing partners to provide our customers with a wide range of products in a timely and efficient manner. A significant portion of our suppliers for our private brand business and our non-consumable business are located in China and if we are unable to maintain our relationships with our existing outsourcing partners or cannot enter into relationships with new outsourcing partners to meet the manufacturing and assembly needs of our private brand business, our private brand business may be disrupted and our business, financial condition, and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected. In addition, political and economic instability, the financial stability of our suppliers and outsourcing partners and their ability to meet our standards, conflict and hostilities, labor problems, the availability and prices of raw materials, merchandise quality issues, currency exchange rates, transport availability and cost, transport security, inflation, natural disasters and epidemics, tariffs, taxes, export controls, trade restrictions and sanctions, among other factors, are beyond our control and may materially and adversely affect our suppliers and outsourcing partners and, in turn, our business, financial condition, and results of operations. Our business has been affected by, and may continue to be affected by, disruptions or restrictions on our employees' and other service providers' ability to travel, temporary closures of our facilities, including one or more of our fulfillment centers or customer service centers, or the facilities of our suppliers and other vendors in our supply chain. In addition to the potential direct effects on us of any events beyond our control such as a public health crisis, we could be materially adversely impacted, including from any disruption to critical vendor services or losses of business, if any of our suppliers face significant business disruptions.

In addition, continued and ongoing international conflict has led to disruption, instability and volatility in the global markets and industries that could negatively impact our operations. The U.S. government and other governments have imposed severe sanctions and export controls against Russia and Russian interests in connection with the conflict between Russia and Ukraine and threatened additional sanctions and controls. The impact of the conflict and any sanctions or other measures implemented as a result is currently unknown and could adversely affect our business, supply chain, partners or customers.

Moreover, there is uncertainty regarding the future of international trade agreements and the U.S.' position on international trade. For example, the U.S. government has previously threatened to undertake a number of actions relating to trade with certain countries, including the imposition of escalating tariffs on goods imported into the U.S. and sanctions on certain countries due to violations of product safety, labor, human rights, or other laws. In addition, the U.S. government has previously raised tariffs, and imposed new tariffs, on a wide range of imports of Chinese products. The U.S. federal government may also withdraw from or materially modify international trade agreements.

Additional trade restrictions, including tariffs, quotas, embargoes, safeguards and customs restrictions, could increase the cost or reduce the supply of products available to us and to our suppliers and may require us to modify our supply chain organization or other current business practices, any of which could harm our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

We are subject to extensive laws and regulations and we may incur material liabilities or costs related to complying with existing or future laws and regulations, and our failure to comply may result in enforcements, penalties, recalls, and other adverse actions.

We are subject to a broad range of federal, state, local, and foreign laws and regulations including those intended to protect public and worker health and safety, natural resources and the environment. Our operations are subject to regulation by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (“OSHA”), the Food and Drug Administration (the “FDA”), the Department of Agriculture (the “USDA”) and other federal, state, local and foreign authorities regarding the processing, packaging, storage, distribution, advertising, labeling and export of our products, including food safety standards. In addition, we and our partners are subject to additional regulatory requirements, including environmental, health and safety laws and regulations administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, state, local and foreign environmental, health and safety legislative and regulatory authorities and the National Labor Relations Board, covering such areas as discharges and emissions to air and water, the use, management, disposal and remediation of, and human exposure to, hazardous materials and wastes, and public and worker health and safety. These laws and regulations also govern our relationships with employees, including minimum wage requirements, overtime, terms and conditions of employment, working conditions and citizenship requirements. Violations of or liability under any of these laws and regulations may result in administrative, civil or criminal fines, penalties or sanctions against us, revocation or modification of applicable permits, licenses or authorizations, environmental, health and safety investigations or remedial activities, voluntary or involuntary product recalls, warning or untitled letters or cease and desist orders against operations that are not in compliance, among other things. Such laws and regulations generally have become more stringent over time and may become more so in the future, and we may incur (directly or indirectly) material costs to comply with current or future laws and regulations or in any required product recalls. Liabilities or costs of compliance with any such laws and regulations could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations. In addition, changes in these laws and regulations could impose significant limitations and require changes to our business, which may increase our compliance expenses, make our business more costly and less efficient to conduct, and compromise our growth strategy.

Among other regulatory requirements, the FDA reviews the inclusion of certain claims in pet food labeling. For example, pet food products that are labeled or marketed with claims that may suggest that they are intended to treat or prevent disease in pets would potentially meet the statutory definitions of both a food and a drug. The FDA has issued guidance containing a list of specific factors it will consider in determining whether to initiate enforcement action against such products if they do not comply with the regulatory requirements applicable to drugs. These factors include, among other things, whether the product is only made available through or under the direction of a veterinarian and does not present a known safety risk when used as labeled. While we believe that we market our products in compliance with the policy articulated in the FDA’s guidance and in other claim-specific guidance, the FDA may disagree or may classify some of our products differently than we do and may impose more stringent regulations which could lead to alleged regulatory violations, enforcement actions and product recalls. In addition, we may produce new products in the future that may be subject to FDA pre-market review before we can market and sell such products.

From time-to-time the FDA, the Association of American Feed Control Officials, or state regulatory authorities may enact a regulation, requirement or other guidance that impacts pet food packaging, labeling, or marketing materials. As a result, we may need to incur material costs to change our packaging, labeling, or marketing to comply with such regulation or requirement and could be subject to liabilities if we fail to timely comply with such requirements, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

In addition to enforcement actions initiated by government agencies, there has been an increasing tendency in the U.S. among pharmaceutical companies to resort to the courts and industry and self-regulatory bodies to challenge comparative prescription drug advertising on the grounds that the advertising is false and deceptive. Through the years, there has been a continuing expansion of specific rules, prohibitions, media restrictions, labeling disclosures, and warning requirements with respect to the advertising for certain products.

These developments and others related to government regulation could have a material adverse effect on our reputation, business, financial condition, and results of operations.

We may inadvertently not comply with various state or federal laws and regulations covering our pet health business, which may subject us to reprimands, sanctions, probations, fines, suspensions, or the loss of one or more of our licenses.

The sale and delivery of prescription pet medications and the provision of pharmacy, veterinary, and telehealth services are generally governed by federal and state laws and regulations and are subject to extensive oversight by state and federal governmental authorities. Governmental authorities that regulate our business have broad latitude to make, interpret, and enforce the applicable laws and regulations and they continue to interpret and enforce those laws and regulations more strictly and more aggressively each year. We are currently and may in the future continue to be subject to routine administrative inquiries related to our pharmacy, veterinary, and telehealth services businesses. We cannot assure you that we will not be subject to reprimands, sanctions, probations or fines, or that one or more of our licenses will not be suspended or revoked, or that our ability to offer pharmacy and telehealth services will not be challenged, in connection with these complaints or otherwise.

Our insurance, pharmacy, and veterinary businesses also involve the provision of professional services that could expose us to professional liability claims. Our pharmacy business is subject to risks inherent in the dispensing, packaging and distribution of drugs and other health care products and services, including claims related to purported dispensing and other operational errors. Our veterinary business is subject to risks inherent in the administration of veterinary services, including claims relating to veterinary malpractice. Any failure to adhere to the laws and regulations applicable to the dispensing of drugs or provision of veterinary services could subject our businesses to administrative, civil and criminal penalties.

If we are unable to maintain the licenses granted by relevant state authorities in connection with our insurance, pharmacy, and veterinary businesses, or if we become subject to actions by the FDA or other regulators, our dispensing of prescription medications to pet parents could cease and we may be subject to reprimands, sanctions, probations or fines, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Resistance from veterinarians to authorize prescriptions, or their efforts to discourage pet owners from purchasing from us, could cause our sales to decrease and could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

The laws and regulations relating to the sale and delivery of prescription pet medications vary from state to state, but generally require that prescription pet medications be dispensed with authorization from a prescribing veterinarian. Some veterinarians resist providing customers with a copy of their pet's prescription or authorizing the prescription to our pharmacy staff, thereby effectively preventing us from filling such prescriptions under applicable law. Certain veterinarians have also tried to discourage pet owners from purchasing prescription medication from Internet mail order pharmacies. If the number of veterinarians who refuse to authorize prescriptions to our pharmacy staff increases, or if veterinarians are successful in discouraging pet owners from purchasing from us, our sales could decrease and our financial condition and results of operations may be materially adversely affected.

Failure to comply with laws and regulations relating to privacy, data protection, cybersecurity, marketing and advertising and consumer protection could adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

We rely on a variety of advertising and marketing techniques, including email and social media marketing and postal mailings and we are subject to various laws and regulations that govern such practices. A variety of applicable laws and regulations govern the collection, use, retention, sharing and security of consumer data, particularly in the context of online advertising which we rely upon to attract new customers. In addition, we also collect, store, and transmit employees' health information for certain reasons, such as administering employee benefits; accommodating disabilities and injuries; complying with public health requirements; and maintaining employee safety in the workplace.

Laws and regulations relating to privacy, data protection, cybersecurity, advertising and marketing, and consumer protection are evolving and subject to potentially differing interpretations. These requirements may be interpreted and applied in a manner that is inconsistent from one jurisdiction to another or may conflict with other rules or our practices. As a result, our practices may not have complied or may not comply in the future with all such laws, regulations, requirements and obligations. Any failure, or perceived failure, by us to comply with our posted privacy policies or with any privacy or consumer protection-related laws, regulations, industry self-regulatory principles, industry standards or codes of conduct, regulatory guidance, orders to which we may be subject or other legal obligations relating to privacy or consumer protection could adversely affect our reputation, brand and business, and may result in claims, liabilities, proceedings or actions against us by governmental entities, customers, suppliers or others, or may require us to change our operations and/or cease using certain data sets. Any such claims, proceedings or actions could hurt our reputation, brand and business, force us to incur significant expenses in defense of such proceedings or actions, distract our management, increase our costs of doing business, result in a loss of customers and suppliers and result in the imposition of monetary penalties. We may also be contractually required to indemnify and hold harmless third parties from the costs or consequences of non-compliance with any laws, regulations or other legal obligations relating to privacy, data protection, cybersecurity or consumer protection or any inadvertent or unauthorized use or disclosure of data that we store or handle as part of operating our business.

Governmental authorities continue to evaluate the privacy implications inherent in the use of third-party “cookies” and other methods of online tracking for behavioral advertising and other purposes. The U.S. government and state governments have enacted, have considered or are considering enacting, legislation or regulations that could significantly restrict the ability of companies and individuals to engage in these activities, such as by regulating the level of consumer notice and consent required before a company can employ cookies or other electronic tracking tools or the use of data gathered with such tools. Additionally, some providers of consumer devices and web browsers have implemented, or announced plans to implement, means to make it easier for Internet users to prevent the placement of cookies or to block other tracking technologies, which could result in the use of third-party cookies and other methods of online tracking becoming significantly less effective. The regulation of the use of these cookies and other current online tracking and advertising practices or a loss in our ability to make effective use of services that employ such technologies could increase our costs of operations and limit our ability to acquire new customers on cost-effective terms and consequently, materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

In addition, various legislative and regulatory bodies, or self-regulatory organizations, may expand current laws or regulations, enact new laws or regulations or issue revised rules or guidance regarding privacy, data protection, cybersecurity, consumer protection, and advertising. For example, in June 2018, the State of California enacted the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 (the “CCPA”), which became effective on January 1, 2020. The CCPA requires companies that process information of California residents to make new disclosures to consumers about their data collection, use and sharing practices, and allows consumers to opt out of selling their data to third parties and provides a new cause of action for data breaches. Further, the California Privacy Rights Act (the “CPRA”) became effective on January 1, 2023 and significantly amends the CCPA by imposing additional data protection obligations on companies doing business in California, including additional consumer rights processes and opt outs for certain uses of sensitive data. It also creates a new California data protection agency specifically tasked to enforce the law, which could result in increased regulatory scrutiny of businesses conducting activities in California in the areas of data protection and security. Other states in which we operate have also enacted laws similar to CPRA and similar laws have been proposed in other states and at the federal level in the U.S., and if passed, such laws may have potentially conflicting requirements that would make compliance challenging. Additionally, the Federal Trade Commission (the “FTC”) and many state attorneys general are interpreting consumer protection laws to impose standards for the online collection, use, dissemination and security of data. Consumer protection laws require us to publish statements that describe how we handle personal data and choices individuals may have about the way we handle their personal data. If such information that we publish is considered untrue, we may be subject to government claims of unfair or deceptive trade practices, which could lead to significant liabilities and consequences. Further, according to the FTC, violating consumers’ privacy rights or failing to take appropriate steps to keep consumers’ personal data secure may constitute unfair acts or practices in or affecting commerce in violation of Section 5(a) of the Federal Trade Commission Act. Additionally, government entities in Canada have enacted and continue to enact laws that may restrict our ability to attract new customers through our certain advertising and marketing technologies. Each of these privacy, security, and data protection laws and regulations, and any other such changes or new laws or regulations, could impose significant limitations, require changes to our business, impose fines and other penalties or restrict our use or storage of personal information, which may increase our compliance expenses and make our business more costly or less efficient to conduct. Any such changes could compromise our ability to develop an adequate marketing strategy and pursue our growth strategy effectively, which, in turn, could adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Our ability to utilize net operating loss and tax credit carryforwards, and other tax attributes may be subject to certain limitations.

Our ability to use our federal and state net operating losses and tax credits, and other tax attributes to offset potential future taxable income and related income taxes that would otherwise be due is dependent upon our generation of future taxable income, and we cannot predict with certainty when, or whether, we will generate sufficient taxable income to use all of our accumulated tax benefits. In addition, Sections 382 and 383 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), contain rules that impose an annual limitation on the ability of a company with net operating loss and tax credit carryforwards that undergoes an ownership change, which is generally any change in ownership of more than 50% of its stock (by value) over a three-year period, to utilize its net operating loss carryforwards in years after the ownership change. These rules generally operate by focusing on ownership changes among holders owning directly or indirectly 5% or more of the shares of stock of a company or any change in ownership arising from a new issuance of shares of stock by such company. If a company’s income in any year is less than the annual limitation prescribed by Sections 382 and 383 of the Code, the unused portion of such limitation amount may be carried forward to increase the limitation (and net operating loss and tax credit carryforward utilization) in subsequent tax years.

In addition to the aforementioned federal income tax implications pursuant to Sections 382 and 383 of the Code, most states follow the general provisions of Sections 382 and 383 of the Code, either explicitly or implicitly resulting in separate state net operating loss and tax credit limitations.

We may be unable to adequately protect our intellectual property rights. Additionally, we may be subject to intellectual property infringement claims or other allegations, which could result in substantial damages and diversion of management’s efforts and attention.

We regard our brand, customer lists, trademarks, trade dress, domain names, trade secrets, patents, proprietary technology and similar intellectual property as critical to our success. We rely on trademark, copyright and patent law, trade secret protection, agreements and other methods with our employees and others to protect our proprietary rights. Effective intellectual property protection may not be available in every country in which we operate. The protection of our intellectual property rights may require the expenditure of significant financial, managerial and operational resources. Moreover, the steps we take to protect our intellectual property may not adequately protect our rights or prevent third parties from infringing or misappropriating our proprietary rights, and we may be unable to broadly enforce all of our intellectual property rights. Any of our intellectual property rights may be challenged or invalidated through administrative process or litigation. Our patent and trademark applications may never be granted. Additionally, the process of obtaining patent protection is expensive and time-consuming, and we may be unable to prosecute all necessary or desirable patent applications at a reasonable cost or in a timely manner. Even if issued, there can be no assurance that these patents will adequately protect our intellectual property, as the legal standards relating to the validity, enforceability and scope of protection of patent and other intellectual property rights are uncertain. We also cannot be certain that others will not independently develop or otherwise acquire equivalent or superior technology or intellectual property rights. Furthermore, our confidentiality agreements may not effectively prevent disclosure of our proprietary information, technologies and processes and may not provide an adequate remedy in the event of unauthorized disclosure of such information.

We might be required to spend significant resources to monitor and protect our intellectual property rights. For example, we have initiated and may again initiate claims or litigation against others for infringement, misappropriation or violation of our intellectual property rights or other proprietary rights or to establish the validity of such rights. However, we may be unable to discover or determine the extent of any infringement, misappropriation or other violation of our intellectual property rights and other proprietary rights. Despite our efforts, we may be unable to prevent third parties from infringing upon, misappropriating or otherwise violating our intellectual property rights and other proprietary rights. Any litigation, whether or not it is resolved in our favor, could result in significant expense to us and divert the efforts of our technical and management personnel, which may materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Third parties have from time to time claimed, and may claim in the future, that we have infringed their intellectual property rights. These claims, whether meritorious or not, could be time-consuming, result in considerable litigation costs, require significant amounts of management time or result in the diversion of significant operational resources and expensive changes to our business model, result in the payment of substantial damages or injunctions against us, or require us to enter into costly royalty or licensing agreements, if available. In addition, we may be unable to obtain or use licenses or other rights with respect to intellectual property we do not own. These risks have been amplified by the increase in third parties whose sole or primary business is to assert such claims. Any payments we are required to make and any injunctions we are required to comply with as a result of these claims could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

We may be subject to personal injury, workers' compensation, product liability, labor and employment, and other claims in the ordinary course of business.

Our business involves risks of personal injury, workers' compensation, product liability, labor and employment, and other claims in the ordinary course of business. Product liability claims from customers and product recalls for merchandise alleged to be defective or harmful could lead to the disposal or write-off of merchandise inventories, the incurrence of fines or penalties, the provision of customer credits, increased labor costs, and damage to our reputation. We maintain general liability insurance with a self-insured retention and workers' compensation insurance with a deductible for each occurrence. We also maintain umbrella insurance above the primary general liability and product liability coverage. In many cases, we have indemnification rights against the manufacturers of our products and are entitled to coverage under their products liability and product recall insurance. Our ability to recover costs and damages under such insurance or indemnification arrangements is subject to the financial viability of the insurers and manufacturers, the terms of the policy, and the specific allegations of a claim. No assurance can be given that any insurance coverage or the manufacturers' indemnity will be available or sufficient in any claims brought against or losses incurred by us.

Additionally, we are subject to federal, state, and local employment laws that expose us to potential liability if we are determined to have violated such employment laws. This includes, but is not limited to, laws related to wages, hours worked and other terms and conditions of employment; unlawful discrimination, harassment, retaliation, or failure to accommodate; and wrongful termination. Compliance with these laws, including the remediation of any alleged violation, may have a material adverse effect on our business or results of operations.

We rely on the performance of members of management and highly skilled personnel and our business could be harmed if we are unable to attract, develop, motivate, and retain highly qualified and skilled employees.

Our ability to maintain our competitive position is largely dependent on the services of our senior management and other key personnel. In addition, our future success depends on our continuing ability to attract, develop, motivate and retain highly qualified and skilled employees. The market for such positions has been and may continue to be highly competitive and we may incur significant costs to attract and retain qualified individuals. In addition, the loss of any of our senior management or other key employees or our inability to recruit and develop mid-level managers could materially and adversely affect our ability to execute our business plan and we may be unable to find adequate replacements. Other than our CEO, CFO and certain other senior executives, all of our employees are at-will employees, meaning that they may terminate their employment relationship with us at any time, and their knowledge of our business and industry would be difficult to replace. If we fail to retain talented senior management and other key personnel, or if we do not succeed in attracting highly-qualified employees or motivating and retaining existing employees, our business, financial condition, and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected.

We compete with other retailers for the personnel to staff our fulfillment centers, some of whom are larger than us and have access to greater capital resources than we do. If we are unable to successfully recruit and retain personnel to staff our fulfillment centers, we may face labor shortages or be forced to increase wages and enhance benefits for such personnel, which may have an adverse effect on our results of operations.

Employee availability may be affected if a significant number of employees are limited in their ability to work at, or travel to, our locations due to disruptions to our business. Future actions in response to certain events by federal, state or local authorities, including those that order the shutdown of non-essential businesses or limit the ability of our employees to travel to work, could impact our ability to take or fulfill our customers' orders and operate our business and we may be unable to fully meet our customers' demands for our products and services.

Uncertainties in economic conditions, industry trends, and market conditions, and their impact on the pet market, could adversely impact our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Our results of operations are sensitive to changes in certain macroeconomic conditions that impact the pet market, which could adversely impact our business, financial condition, and results of operations. Factors such as inflation and rising interest rates have affected us and can adversely affect us by increasing costs of materials and labor. In a highly inflationary environment, we may be unable to raise the price of our products and services at or above the rate of inflation, which could reduce our profitability. In addition, our costs of capital, labor and materials can materially increase, which could have an adverse impact on our business, financial condition, and results of operations. Deflation could cause an overall decrease in spending and borrowing capacity, which could lead to deterioration in economic conditions and employment levels. Deflation could also cause the value of our inventories to decline. Other uncertainties in economic conditions that impact the pet products market and its participants, such as our vendors, suppliers, and investors, may also adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Some of the factors that may affect consumer spending on pet products and services include consumer confidence, levels of unemployment, inflation, interest rates, tax rates and general uncertainty regarding the overall future economic environment. We may experience declines in sales or changes in the types of products sold during economic downturns. Any material decline in the amount of consumer spending or other adverse economic changes could reduce our sales, and a decrease in the sales of higher-margin products could reduce profitability and, in each case, harm our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Significant merchandise returns or refunds could harm our business.

We allow our customers to return products or offer refunds, subject to our return and refunds policy. If merchandise returns or refunds are significant or higher than anticipated and forecasted, our business, financial condition, and results of operations could be adversely affected. Further, we modify our policies relating to returns or refunds from time to time, and may do so in the future, which may result in customer dissatisfaction and harm to our reputation or brand, or an increase in the number of product returns or the amount of refunds we make.

We may seek to grow our business through acquisitions or investments in new or complementary businesses, technologies, or offerings, or through other strategic transactions, and the failure to manage these acquisitions, investments, or strategic transactions, or to integrate them with our existing business, could have a material adverse effect on us.

We have acquired and invested in a number of businesses, and we may in the future consider opportunities to acquire or make investments in new or complementary businesses, facilities, technologies, offerings, or products, or enter into strategic alliances, that may enhance our capabilities, expand our outsourcing and supplier network, complement our current products and services or expand the breadth of our markets. Acquisitions, investments and other strategic alliances involve numerous risks, including:

- problems integrating the acquired business, facilities, technologies or products, including issues maintaining uniform standards, procedures, controls and policies;
- unanticipated costs associated with acquisitions, investments or strategic alliances;
- losses we may incur as a result of declines in the value of an investment or as a result of incorporating an investee's financial performance into our financial results;
- diversion of management's attention from our existing business;
- adverse effects on existing business relationships with suppliers, outsourced private brand manufacturing partners, retail partners and distribution customers;
- risks associated with entering new markets in which we may have limited or no experience;
- potential loss of key employees of acquired businesses;
- the risks associated with businesses we acquire or invest in, which may differ from or be more significant than the risks our other businesses face;
- potential unknown liabilities associated with a business we acquire or in which we invest; and
- increased legal and accounting compliance costs.

Our ability to successfully grow through strategic transactions depends upon our ability to identify, negotiate, complete and integrate suitable target businesses, facilities, technologies and products and to obtain any necessary financing. These efforts could be expensive and time-consuming and may disrupt our ongoing business and prevent management from focusing on our operations. As a result of future strategic transactions, we might need to issue additional equity securities, spend our cash, or incur debt (which may only be available on unfavorable terms, if at all), contingent liabilities, impairment charges, or amortization expenses related to intangible assets, any of which could reduce our profitability and harm our business. If we are unable to identify suitable acquisitions, investments or strategic relationships, or if we are unable to integrate any acquired businesses, facilities, technologies, offerings and products effectively, our business, financial condition, and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected. Also, while we employ several different methodologies to assess potential business opportunities, the new businesses or investments may not meet or exceed our expectations or desired objectives.

Our business results could be adversely affected if our new offerings are unsuccessful.

We have expanded our business into new markets and into new product and service categories and we may continue such expansion. As a new entrant, we expect to face many competitive challenges including competing successfully with incumbent providers who may have longer operating histories, large customer bases, high brand recognition and greater financial, technical, marketing and other resources than we do. To compete effectively, we may need to invest significant resources to create brand awareness and build our reputation in these markets and categories, and our efforts at building, maintaining and enhancing our reputation could fail. There can be no assurance that we will be able to maintain or enhance our reputation, and failure to do so could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations. If we are unable to maintain or enhance consumer awareness of our brand cost-effectively, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially adversely affected.

Regulation of the sale of insurance for pets is subject to change and future regulations could harm our business, operating results, and financial condition.

The laws and regulations governing the offer, sale and purchase of insurance for pets are subject to change and future changes may be adverse to our business. For example, if a jurisdiction were to alter the requirements for obtaining or maintaining an agent's license in connection with the enrollment of a member, it could have an adverse effect on our operations. Some states in the U.S. have adopted, and others are expected to adopt, new laws and regulations related to the pet insurance industry. Although model laws are available to guide individual states and business, it is difficult to predict how these or any other new laws and regulations will impact our business, but, in some cases, changes in insurance laws, regulations and guidelines may be incompatible with various aspects of our business and require that we make significant modifications to our existing technology or practices, which may be costly and time-consuming to implement and could also harm our business, operating results and financial condition.

If we cannot successfully manage the unique challenges presented by international markets, we may not be successful in expanding our operations outside the U.S. and Canada.

Our strategy may include the continued expansion of our operations to international markets. Although some of our executive officers have experience in international business from prior positions, we have minimal experience with operations outside the U.S. Our ability to successfully execute this strategy is affected by many of the same operational risks we face in expanding our operations. In addition, our international expansion may be adversely affected by: our ability to identify and gain access to local suppliers; our ability to staff, develop, and manage foreign operations as a result of distance, language, and cultural differences; our ability to obtain and protect relevant trademarks, domain names, and other intellectual property; and local laws and customs, legal and regulatory constraints, political and economic conditions and currency regulations of the countries or regions in which we operate or intend to operate in the future, including limitations on the repatriation and investment of funds and foreign currency exchange restrictions. Risks inherent in expanding our operations internationally also include, among others, the costs and difficulties of managing international operations, adverse tax consequences, domestic and international tariffs and other barriers to trade. Further, the extent and impact of any sanctions imposed in connection with the escalation of hostilities between Russia and Ukraine, or other geopolitical events, may cause additional financial market volatility and impact the global economy and also impact our strategy of expansion into international markets.

Risks Related to Our Industry

Competition in the pet products and services health and retail industries, especially Internet-based competition, is strong and presents an ongoing threat to the success of our business.

The pet products and services health and retail industries are very competitive. We compete with pet product retail stores, supermarkets, warehouse clubs and other mass and general retail and online merchandisers, including e-tailers, many of which are larger than us and have significantly greater capital resources than we do. We also compete with a number of specialty pet supply stores and independent pet stores, catalog retailers and other specialty e-tailers.

Many of our current competitors have, and potential competitors may have, longer operating histories, greater brand recognition, larger fulfillment infrastructures, greater technical capabilities, significantly greater financial, marketing and other resources and larger customer bases than we do. These factors may allow our competitors to derive greater net sales and profits from their existing customer base, acquire customers at lower costs or respond more quickly than we can to new or emerging technologies and changes in consumer preferences or habits. These competitors may engage in more extensive research and development efforts, undertake more far-reaching marketing campaigns and adopt more aggressive pricing policies (including but not limited to predatory pricing policies and the provision of substantial discounts), which may allow them to build larger customer bases or generate net sales from their customer bases more effectively than we do.

We have been able to compete successfully by differentiating ourselves from our competitors by providing a large selection of high-quality pet food, treats and supplies, competitive pricing, convenience and exceptional customer service. If changes in consumer preferences decrease the competitive advantage attributable to these factors, or if we fail to otherwise positively differentiate our product offering or customer experience from our competitors, our business, financial condition, and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected. In particular, a key component of our business strategy is to rely on our reputation for exceptional customer service. This is done, in part, by recruiting, hiring, training, and retaining employees who share our core values of delivering superior service to our customers and caring about the needs of pet parents and partners. If our reputation is negatively affected by the actions of our employees, by our inability to conduct our operations in a manner that is appealing to current or prospective customers, or otherwise, our business, financial condition, and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected. In addition, if we are unable to maintain our current levels of customer service and our reputation for customer service as we grow or otherwise, our net sales may not continue to grow or may decline, and our business, financial condition, and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected.

We compete directly and indirectly with veterinarians for the sale of pet medications and other pet health products and services. Veterinarians hold a competitive advantage over us because many pet parents may find it more convenient or preferable to purchase these products directly from their veterinarians at the time of an office visit. We also compete directly and indirectly with both online and traditional pet pharmacies. Both online and traditional pet pharmacies may hold a competitive advantage over us because of longer operating histories, established brand names, greater resources, and/or an established customer base. Online pet pharmacies may have a competitive advantage over us because of established affiliate relationships that drive traffic to their website. Traditional pet pharmacies may hold a competitive advantage over us because pet parents may prefer to purchase these products from a store instead of online. In addition, we face growing competition from online and multichannel pet pharmacies, some of whom may have a lower cost structure than ours, as customers now routinely use computers, tablets, smartphones, and other mobile devices and mobile applications to shop online and compare prices and products in real time. In order to effectively compete in the future, we may be required to offer promotions and other incentives, which may result in lower operating margins and in turn adversely affect our results of operations. We also face a significant challenge from our competitors forming alliances with each other, such as those between online and traditional pet pharmacies. These relationships may enable both their retail and online stores to negotiate better pricing and better terms from suppliers by aggregating the demand for products and negotiating volume discounts, which could be a competitive disadvantage to us.

We expect competition in the pet products and services health and retail industries, in particular Internet-based competition, generally to continue to increase. If we fail to compete successfully, our business, financial condition, and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

Government regulation of the Internet and e-commerce is evolving, and unfavorable changes or failure by us to comply with these regulations could harm our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

We are subject to general business regulations and laws as well as regulations and laws specifically governing the Internet and e-commerce. Existing and future regulations and laws could impede the growth of the Internet, e-commerce or mobile commerce, which could adversely affect our growth. As we grow our business outside of the U.S., we may be exposed to different and more comprehensive regulations and laws that apply to our business. These regulations and laws may involve taxes, tariffs, privacy and data security, anti-spam, content protection, electronic contracts and communications, consumer protection and Internet neutrality. It is not clear how existing laws governing issues such as property ownership, sales and other taxes and consumer privacy apply to the Internet as the vast majority of these laws were adopted prior to the advent of the Internet and do not contemplate or address the unique issues raised by the Internet or e-commerce. It is possible that general business regulations and laws, or those specifically governing the Internet or e-commerce, may be interpreted and applied in a manner that is inconsistent from one jurisdiction to another and may conflict with other rules or our practices. We cannot be sure that our practices have complied, comply or will comply fully with all such laws and regulations. Any failure, or perceived failure, by us to comply with any of these laws or regulations could result in damage to our reputation, a loss in business and proceedings or actions against us by governmental entities, customers, suppliers or others. Any such proceeding or action could hurt our reputation, force us to spend significant amounts in defense of these proceedings, distract our management, increase our costs of doing business, decrease the use of our websites and mobile applications by consumers and suppliers and may result in the imposition of monetary liabilities. We may also be contractually liable to indemnify and hold harmless third parties from the costs or consequences of non-compliance with any such laws or regulations. As a result, adverse developments with respect to these laws and regulations could harm our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Changes in tax treatment of companies engaged in e-commerce may adversely affect the commercial use of our websites and mobile applications and our financial results.

On June 21, 2018, the Supreme Court of the U.S. (the “Supreme Court”) overturned a prior decision under which e-tailers had not been required to collect sales tax unless they had a physical presence in the buyer’s state. As a result, a state may now enforce or adopt laws requiring e-tailers to collect and remit sales tax even if the e-tailer has no physical presence within the taxing state provided certain conditions are met. In response, an increasing number of states have adopted or are considering adopting laws or administrative practices, with or without notice, that impose sales or similar value added or consumption taxes on e-commerce activity, as well as taxes on all or a portion of gross revenue or other similar amounts earned by an e-tailer from sales to customers in the state. Since October 28, 2018, we have collected sales tax on sales and remitted such tax to the extent required in the states to which we ship. If any state were to assert that we have any liability for sales tax for prior periods and seek to collect such tax in arrears and/or impose penalties for past non-payment of taxes, it could have an adverse effect on us. New laws or regulations, the application of laws and regulations from jurisdictions, including other countries whose laws do not currently apply to our business, or the application of existing laws and regulations to the Internet and commercial online services could similarly result in significant additional taxes on our business. These taxes or tax collection obligations could have an adverse effect on us, including by way of creating additional administrative burdens on us. For instance, the Supreme Court’s decision and the enactment and enforcement of laws resulting therefrom could also impact where we are required to file state income taxes. As a result, our effective income tax rate as well as the cost and growth of our business could be materially and adversely affected, which could in turn have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations. New or revised taxes would likely increase the cost of doing business online and decrease the attractiveness of selling products over the Internet. New taxes could also create significant increases in internal costs necessary to capture data and collect and remit taxes. Furthermore, there is a possibility that we may be subject to significant fines or other payments for any past failures to comply with these requirements.

We are also subject to federal and state laws, regulations, and administrative practices that require us to collect information from our customers, vendors, merchants, and other third parties for tax reporting purposes and report such information to various government agencies. The scope of such requirements continues to expand, requiring us to develop and implement new compliance systems. Failure to comply with such laws and regulations could result in significant penalties. We cannot predict the effect of current attempts to impose sales, income or other taxes or fees on e-commerce. Any of these events could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Risks Related to Our Indebtedness

Restrictions in our revolving credit facility could adversely affect our operating flexibility.

Our revolving credit facility limits our ability to, among other things:

- incur or guarantee additional debt;
- make certain investments and acquisitions;
- pay dividends;
- incur certain liens or permit them to exist;
- enter into certain types of transactions with affiliates;
- merge or consolidate with another company; and
- transfer, sell or otherwise dispose of assets.

Our revolving credit facility also contains covenants requiring us to maintain certain financial ratios. The provisions of our revolving credit facility may affect our ability to obtain future financing and to pursue attractive business opportunities and our flexibility in planning for, and reacting to, changes in business conditions. As a result, restrictions in our revolving credit facility could adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations. In addition, a failure to comply with the provisions of our revolving credit facility could result in a default or an event of default that could enable our lenders to declare the outstanding principal of that debt, together with accrued and unpaid interest, to be immediately due and payable. If the payment of outstanding amounts under our revolving credit facility is accelerated, our assets may be insufficient to repay such amounts in full, and our stockholders could experience a partial or total loss of their investment.

The terms of our revolving credit facility may restrict our ability to pay dividends.

We currently intend to retain any future earnings to finance the operation and expansion of our business and we do not expect to declare or pay any dividends in the foreseeable future. Moreover, the terms of our revolving credit facility may restrict our ability to pay dividends, and any additional debt we may incur in the future may include similar restrictions. As a result, and for the foreseeable future, stockholders must rely on sales of their Class A common stock after price appreciation as the only way to realize any future gains on their investment.

Risks Related to Our Controlling Stockholders

Substantial future sales by affiliates of the BCP Stockholder Parties or others of our common stock, or the perception that such sales may occur, could depress the price of our Class A common stock.

The BCP Stockholder Parties have the ability, should they choose to do so, to sell some or all of their shares of our common stock in a privately negotiated transaction or otherwise. The sale by the BCP Stockholder Parties of a substantial number of shares of our common stock, or the perception that such sales could occur, could significantly reduce the market price of our Class A common stock. If the BCP Stockholder Parties sell their significant equity interest in the Company, we may in the future become subject to the control of a presently unknown third party. Such third party may have conflicts of interest with those of our other stockholders. Further, if the BCP Stockholder Parties sell a controlling interest in the Company to a third party, any outstanding indebtedness may be subject to acceleration and our commercial agreement and relationships could be impacted, all of which may adversely affect our ability to run our business and may have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.

In addition, we have granted certain registration rights to the BCP Stockholder Parties, pursuant to which they have the right to demand that we register shares of Class A common stock beneficially owned by them under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), as well as the right to demand that we include any such shares in any registration statement that we file with the SEC, subject to certain exceptions.

We are unable to predict with certainty whether or when the BCP Stockholder Parties will exercise their registration rights and/or sell a substantial number of shares of our common stock.

There could be potential conflicts of interests between us and affiliates of the BCP Stockholder Parties. In addition, our directors may encounter conflicts of interest involving us and the other entities with which they may be affiliated, including matters that involve corporate opportunities.

The BCP Stockholder Parties and their affiliates may, from time to time, acquire and hold interests in businesses that are engaged in the same or similar business activities as us. Affiliates of the BCP Stockholder Parties may also engage in transactions with us. The BCP Stockholder Parties could pursue business interests or exercise their voting power as stockholders in ways that are detrimental to us, but beneficial to other companies in which they invest or have a relationship with. In addition, our directors may encounter conflicts of interest involving us and the other entities with which they may be affiliated. The presence or appearance of conflicts of interests could have material implications for us.

Additionally, our directors and the BCP Stockholder Parties, in the course of their other business activities, may become aware of, or involved in, investments, business opportunities, or information which may be appropriate for presentation to us as well as to other entities with which they are affiliated. Pursuant to our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, the BCP Stockholder Parties and non-employee directors have no duty, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to refrain from engaging in the same or similar business activities or lines of business in which we are now engaged in or from otherwise competing with us. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation also provides that, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the BCP Stockholder Parties and our non-employee directors will not be liable to us or our stockholders for breach of any fiduciary duty solely by reason of the fact of their engagement in such activities. Moreover, pursuant to our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, we may be unable to take advantage of corporate opportunities presented to the BCP Stockholder Parties and our non-employee directors. As a result, we may be precluded from pursuing certain advantageous transactions or growth initiatives.

Risks Related to Ownership of Our Class A Common Stock

Our stock price has been, and may continue to be, volatile and may decline regardless of our operating performance.

The market price of our Class A common stock has fluctuated significantly in response to numerous factors and may continue to fluctuate for these and other reasons, many of which are beyond our control, including:

- actual or anticipated fluctuations in our revenue and results of operations;
- the financial projections we may provide to the public, any changes in these projections or our failure to meet these projections;
- failure of securities analysts to maintain coverage of the Company, changes in financial estimates or ratings by any securities analysts who follow the Company or our failure to meet these estimates or the expectations of investors;
- announcements by us or our competitors of significant technical innovations, acquisitions, strategic partnerships, joint ventures, results of operations or capital commitments;
- changes in operating performance and stock market valuations of other retail or technology companies generally, or those in our industry in particular, including as a result of uncertainties in economic conditions, industry trends, and market conditions;
- price and volume fluctuations in the overall stock market, including as a result of trends in the economy as a whole;
- trading volume of our Class A common stock;
- the inclusion, exclusion or removal of our Class A common stock from any indices;
- changes in our board of directors or management;
- transactions in our Class A common stock by directors, officers, affiliates and other major investors;
- lawsuits threatened or filed against us;
- changes in laws or regulations applicable to our business;
- changes in our capital structure, such as future issuances of debt or equity securities;
- short sales, hedging and other derivative transactions involving our capital stock;
- general economic conditions, industry trends, and market conditions in the U.S.;
- other events or factors, including those resulting from war, incidents of terrorism or responses to these events; and
- the other factors described in the sections of this report titled “Risk Factors” and “Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements.”

The stock market has recently experienced and may again experience extreme price and volume fluctuations. The market prices of securities of companies have experienced fluctuations that often have been unrelated or disproportionate to their operating results. In the past, stockholders have sometimes instituted securities class action litigation against companies following periods of volatility in the market price of their securities. Any similar litigation against us could result in substantial costs, divert management’s attention and resources, and harm our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

The dual class structure of our common stock may adversely affect the trading market for our Class A common stock.

Since our dual class capital structure limits the voting power of our publicly held shares of Class A common stock, we are currently ineligible for inclusion in all FTSE Russell indices, such as the Russell 2000. As a result, mutual funds, exchange-traded funds and other investment vehicles that attempt to passively track these indices will not be investing in our stock. Furthermore, we cannot assure you that other stock indices will not take a similar approach FTSE Russell in the future. Exclusion from indices could make our Class A common stock less attractive to investors and, as a result, the market price of our Class A common stock could be adversely affected.

Anti-takeover provisions in our charter documents and under Delaware law could make an acquisition of the Company more difficult, limit attempts by our stockholders to replace or remove our current management, and limit the market price of our Class A common stock.

Provisions in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws may have the effect of delaying or preventing a change of control or changes in our management. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws include provisions that:

- permit the board of directors to establish the number of directors and fill any vacancies and newly created directorships;
- provide that a director may be removed only for cause and only by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66 2/3% of the votes that all of our stockholders would be entitled to cast in an annual election of directors after the date on which the outstanding shares of Class B common stock represent less than 50% of the combined voting power of our Class A common stock and Class B common stock;
- require the affirmative vote of at least 75% of the voting power of the Company's outstanding shares of Class A common stock and Class B common stock in order to amend (i) certain provisions in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and (ii) our amended and restated bylaws, in each case, after the date on which the outstanding shares of Class B common stock represent less than 50% of the combined voting power of our Class A common stock and Class B common stock;
- eliminate the ability of our stockholders to call special meetings of stockholders after the date on which the outstanding shares of Class B common stock represent less than 50% of the combined voting power of our Class A common stock and Class B common stock;
- prohibit stockholder action by written consent, instead requiring stockholder actions to be taken at a meeting of our stockholders, when the outstanding shares of our Class B common stock represent less than 50% of the combined voting power of our Class A common stock and Class B common stock;
- permit our board of directors, without further action by our stockholders, to fix the rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions of preferred stock, the rights of which may be greater than the rights of our Class A common stock;
- restrict the forum for certain litigation against us;
- establish advance notice requirements for nominations for election to our board of directors or for proposing matters that can be acted upon by stockholders at annual stockholder meetings; and
- provide for a staggered board.

These provisions may frustrate or prevent any attempts by our stockholders to replace or remove our current management by making it more difficult for stockholders to replace members of our board of directors, which is responsible for appointing the members of our management. As a result, these provisions may adversely affect the market price and market for our Class A common stock if they are viewed as limiting the liquidity of our stock or as discouraging takeover attempts in the future.

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation includes exclusive forum provisions, which could limit our stockholders' ability to obtain a favorable judicial forum for disputes with us or our directors, officers, or employees.

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that, subject to certain exceptions, the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware is the exclusive forum for: (i) any derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf of the Company; (ii) any action asserting a breach of fiduciary duty owed by any director, officer, or other employee or stockholder of the Company to the Company or the Company's stockholders, creditors or other constituents; (iii) any action asserting a claim against the Company or any director or officer of the Company arising pursuant to the Delaware General Corporation Law, our amended and restated certificate of incorporation or our amended and restated bylaws; or (iv) any action asserting a claim against the Company or any director or officer of the Company that is governed by the internal affairs doctrine. In addition, our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that unless we consent in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the federal district courts of the United States of America will, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be the exclusive forum for the resolution of any complaint asserting a cause of action arising under the Securities Act. However, Section 22 of the Securities Act creates concurrent jurisdiction for federal and state courts over all suits brought to enforce any duty or liability created by the Securities Act or the rules and regulations thereunder. Accordingly, both state and federal courts have jurisdiction to entertain such claims. Due to the concurrent jurisdiction for federal and state courts created by Section 22 of the Securities Act over all suits brought to enforce any duty or liability created by the Securities Act or the rules and regulations thereunder, there is uncertainty as to whether a court would enforce this exclusive forum provision. These exclusive forum provision also may not apply to suits brought to enforce a duty or liability vested in the exclusive jurisdiction of a court or forum other than the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, such as those created by the Exchange Act or any other claim for which the federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction.

These exclusive forum provisions may limit a stockholder's ability to bring a claim in a judicial forum that it finds favorable for disputes with us or our directors, officers or other employees, which may discourage such lawsuits and make our securities less attractive for investors. Alternatively, if a court were to find the exclusive forum provisions contained in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation to be inapplicable or unenforceable in an action, we may incur additional costs associated with resolving such action in other jurisdictions, which could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

The BCP Stockholder Parties control the direction of our business and the concentrated ownership of our common stock will prevent other stockholders from influencing significant decisions.

As of March 13, 2024, the BCP Stockholder Parties beneficially owned more than 50% of our outstanding shares of common stock and, together with its affiliates, exercised control over more than 95% of the voting power of our outstanding common stock. So long as the BCP Stockholder Parties remain our controlling stockholder they will be able to control, directly or indirectly, and subject to applicable law, all matters affecting us, including:

- any determination with respect to our business direction and policies, including the appointment and removal of officers and directors;
- any determinations with respect to mergers, business combinations or disposition of assets;
- compensation and benefit programs and other human resources policy decisions;
- the payment of dividends on our common stock; and
- determinations with respect to tax matters.

Because the BCP Stockholder Parties' interests may differ from ours or from those of our other stockholders, actions that the BCP Stockholder Parties take with respect to us, as our controlling stockholders, may not be favorable to us or our other stockholders, including holders of our Class A common stock. In addition, even if the BCP Stockholder Parties were to control less than a majority of the voting power of our outstanding common stock, they may be able to influence the outcome of such matters so long as they own a significant portion of our common stock.

We are a "controlled company" within the meaning of the rules of NYSE and rely on exemptions from certain corporate governance requirements.

As of March 13, 2024, the BCP Stockholder Parties control a majority of the voting power of our outstanding common stock. As a result, we are considered a "controlled company" within the meaning of the corporate governance standards of the NYSE. Under these rules, a listed company of which more than 50% of the voting power is held by an individual, group or another company is a "controlled company" and may elect not to comply with certain corporate governance requirements, including:

- the requirement that a majority of the board of directors consist of independent directors;
- the requirement that our nominating and corporate governance committee be composed entirely of independent directors;

- the requirement that our compensation committee be composed entirely of independent directors; and
- the requirement for an annual performance evaluation of our corporate governance and compensation committees.

While the BCP Stockholder Parties control a majority of the voting power of our outstanding common stock, we intend to rely on these exemptions and, as a result, will not have a majority of independent directors on our board of directors, and our nominating and corporate governance and compensation committees will also not consist entirely of independent directors. Accordingly, holders of our Class A common stock do not have the same protections afforded to stockholders of companies that are subject to all of the corporate governance requirements of the NYSE.

General Risk Factors

Future litigation could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Lawsuits and other administrative or legal proceedings that may arise in the course of our operations can involve substantial costs, including the costs associated with investigation, litigation and possible settlement, judgment, penalty or fine. In addition, lawsuits and other legal proceedings may be time consuming and may require a commitment of management and personnel resources that will be diverted from our normal business operations. Although we generally maintain insurance to mitigate certain costs, there can be no assurance that costs associated with lawsuits or other legal proceedings will not exceed the limits of insurance policies. Moreover, we may be unable to continue to maintain our existing insurance at a reasonable cost, if at all, or to secure additional coverage, which may result in costs associated with lawsuits and other legal proceedings being uninsured. Our business, financial condition, and results of operations could be adversely affected if a judgment, penalty or fine is not fully covered by insurance.

Our ability to raise capital in the future may be limited and our failure to raise capital when needed could prevent us from growing.

In the future, we could be required to raise capital through public or private financing or other arrangements. Such financing may not be acceptable or available due to factors beyond our control, such as rising interest rates, uncertainty in financial markets, or economic instability, and our failure to raise capital when needed could harm our business. We may sell Class A common stock, convertible securities and other equity securities in one or more transactions at prices and in a manner as we may determine from time to time. If we sell any such securities in subsequent transactions, investors in our Class A common stock may be materially diluted. New investors in such subsequent transactions could gain rights, preferences and privileges senior to those of holders of our Class A common stock. Debt financing, if available, may involve restrictive covenants and could reduce our operational flexibility or profitability. If we cannot raise funds on acceptable terms, we may be forced to raise funds on undesirable terms, or our business may contract or we may be unable to grow our business or respond to competitive pressures, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

We may experience fluctuations in our tax obligations and effective tax rate, which could materially and adversely affect our results of operations.

We are subject to federal, U.S. state income taxes, Canadian federal and provincial income tax, Chinese income taxes, and may be subject to additional income tax depending on our operations. Tax laws, regulations and administrative practices in various jurisdictions may be subject to significant change, with or without advance notice, due to economic, political and other conditions, and significant judgment is required in evaluating and estimating our provision and accruals for these taxes. Such changes may have a material impact on us.

On August 16, 2022, legislation commonly known as the Inflation Reduction Act (the “IRA”) was signed into law. Among other things, the IRA includes a 1% excise tax on corporate stock repurchases, applicable to repurchases after December 31, 2022, and also a new minimum tax based on book income. Any change in current federal, state, local or non-U.S. tax law, facts or any significant variance of our current interpretation of current legislation or future legislation from any future regulations or interpretive guidance could result in a change to the presentation of our financial condition and results of operations and could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

We entered into certain transactions (the “Transactions”) with affiliates of BC Partners pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the “Merger Agreement”), which closed on October 30, 2023. The Transactions were entered into for valid business purposes and it is anticipated that the Transactions will not have a material impact on our financial condition. As a part of the Merger Agreement, we assumed certain filing responsibilities and tax obligations from the Transactions. We have been paid for the cost of the assumed filings and all taxes payable on those filings. We are also indemnified for any future tax exposure up to \$196 million. Any tax exposure in excess of \$196 million would be our responsibility.

There are many transactions that occur during the ordinary course of business for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain. Our effective tax rates could be affected by numerous factors, such as changes in tax, accounting and other laws, regulations, administrative practices, principles and interpretations, the mix and level of earnings in a given taxing jurisdiction or our ownership or capital structures.

If our internal control over financial reporting or our disclosure controls and procedures are not effective, we may be unable to accurately report our financial results, prevent fraud or file our periodic reports in a timely manner, which may cause investors to lose confidence in our reported financial information and may lead to a decline in our stock price.

We are subject to the internal control and financial reporting requirements that are required of a publicly-traded company, including the requirements of The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the “Sarbanes-Oxley Act”). The Sarbanes-Oxley Act requires that we maintain effective internal control over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures. In particular, we must perform system and process evaluation, document our controls and perform testing of our key controls over financial reporting to allow management and our independent public accounting firm to report on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting, as required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Our testing, or the subsequent testing by our independent public accounting firm, may reveal deficiencies in our internal control over financial reporting that are deemed to be material weaknesses. If we are not able to comply with the requirements of Section 404 in a timely manner, or if we or our accounting firm identify deficiencies in our internal control over financial reporting that are deemed to be material weaknesses, the market price of our stock would likely decline and we could be subject to lawsuits, sanctions or investigations by regulatory authorities, which would require additional financial and management resources.

The requirements of being a public company may strain our resources, divert management’s attention and affect our ability to attract and retain qualified board members.

As a public company, we are subject to the reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and any rules promulgated thereunder, as well as the rules of NYSE. The requirements of these rules and regulations increase our legal and financial compliance costs, make some activities more difficult, time-consuming or costly and increase demand on our systems and resources. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act requires, among other things, that we maintain effective disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls for financial reporting. In order to maintain and, if required, improve our disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting to meet this standard, significant resources and management oversight are required, and, as a result, management’s attention may be diverted from other business concerns. These rules and regulations can also make it more difficult for us to attract and retain qualified independent members of our board of directors and make it more difficult and more expensive for us to obtain director and officer liability insurance. We may be required to accept reduced coverage or incur higher costs to obtain coverage. The increased costs of compliance with public company reporting requirements and our potential failure to satisfy these requirements can have a material adverse effect on our operations, business, financial condition or results of operations.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

None.

Item 1C. Cybersecurity

We have an enterprise-wide information security program designed to assess, identify, and manage the Company’s information security risks and identify, evaluate, respond to and resolve information security incidents. To protect our information systems from information security incidents, we use various processes and tools to identify, prevent, detect, escalate, investigate, resolve and recover from identified vulnerabilities and threats. These include, but are not limited to, reporting, monitoring and detection tools that are widely used in the industry, and internal solutions. We have an enterprise-wide Information Security Incident Response Plan (“IRP”), which describes the detailed processes and procedures that should be followed in the event of an information security incident. We conduct assessments based on the National Institute of Standards and Technology cybersecurity framework (the “NIST CSF”) to measure our progress under the maturity framework of NIST CSF and continue to identify opportunities for improvement in our information security program.

We continuously assess technology risks and threats and monitor our information systems for potential vulnerabilities based on industry trends and evolving threats. We use our IRP to identify, evaluate, respond to and resolve information security incidents. We conduct regular reviews of our information security program and also validate our information security program by conducting tabletop exercises, penetration and vulnerability testing, red team campaigns to identify potential vulnerabilities, simulations, and other exercises to evaluate the effectiveness of our information security program and improve our IRP. Our auditors perform independent audits on aspects of our information security program for assurance purposes. We occasionally engage third-party assessors to assess different aspects of our information security program. We conduct regular training for employees on different cybersecurity topics and best practices. We also conduct a risk-based analysis on third-party vendors that we engage to process personal data and confidential information for us and provide them with our information security requirements prior to their engagement.

We are occasionally subject to cybersecurity incidents and we use our IRP to respond to such incidents. Our systems are periodically the target of directed attacks intended to lead to interruptions and delays in our service and operations. We also occasionally experience the misuse or unauthorized disclosure of personal information, other data, confidential information or intellectual property. We occasionally experience account take overs by bad actors using the credentials of customers acquired from the dark web unrelated to any breaches in our systems. These incidents have not had a material impact on us to date, including our business strategy, financial condition, or results of operations. We can provide no assurance that there will not be incidents in the future or that they will not materially affect us, including our business strategy, financial condition, or results of operations. For more information about the cybersecurity risks we face, see the risk factor titled “Our failure or the failure of third-party service providers to protect our websites, networks, and systems against cybersecurity incidents, or to otherwise protect our confidential information, could damage our reputation and brand and harm our business, financial condition, and results of operations” under Item 1A “Risk Factors” of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The Vice President of Security and Data Systems (the “CISO”) leads our information security organization and is responsible for managing our information security program. Our CISO has over 30 years of industry experience, including serving in similar roles leading cybersecurity programs at other public companies. Team members who support our information security program have relevant educational, industry, and professional experience. Our information security team provides regular reports to senior management and other relevant teams on various cybersecurity threats, assessments and findings.

Our enterprise risk assessment includes our key cybersecurity risks. The Board oversees our annual enterprise risk assessment, where we assess key risks within the company, including technology risks and cybersecurity threats. Our CISO provides quarterly updates to the Audit Committee of the Board, which oversees our cybersecurity risks and regularly reviews and discusses with management various cybersecurity matters, including risk assessments, mitigation strategies, areas of emerging risks, incidents and industry trends, and other areas of importance; discussion on policies, guidelines, and processes used by management to assess and manage such matters; and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such matters.

Item 2. Properties

We lease and operate our corporate offices in five locations, including our co-headquarters in Florida and Massachusetts. In addition, we lease and operate fulfillment centers in sixteen locations, at which we receive products from vendors, ship products to customers, and receive and process returns from customers. We also lease and operate customer service centers in three locations. The following table sets forth the location, use, and size of certain of our properties as of March 13, 2024:

Use	Location	Square Footage
Corporate office	7700 W. Sunrise Boulevard, Plantation, FL 33322	221,597
Corporate office	343 Congress Street, Boston, MA 02210	75,009
Corporate office	1110 112th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98004	43,509
Corporate office	150 South 5th Street, Suite 800, Minneapolis, MN 55402	39,678
Corporate office	1624 Normac Road, Woburn, MA 01801	30,000
Fulfillment center	600 New Commerce Boulevard, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18706	808,160
Fulfillment center	255 S. 143rd Avenue, Goodyear, AZ 85338	801,424
Fulfillment center	15999 South Outer Road, Belton, MO 64012	796,013
Fulfillment center	8001 N Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89506	795,926
Fulfillment center	100 Goodman Drive, Etters, PA 17319	732,000
Fulfillment center	1281 Couchville Pike, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122	691,920
Fulfillment center	3280 Lightner Road, Dayton, OH 45377	690,500
Fulfillment center	255 Front Creek Road, Salisbury, NC 28146	690,500
Fulfillment center	37 Archbald Heights Road, Jessup, PA 18434	690,500
Fulfillment center	13250 Crosby Fwy, Houston, TX 77049	687,902
Fulfillment center	7243 Grady Niblo Road, Dallas, TX 75236	663,000
Fulfillment center	3380 N.W. 35 Avenue Road, Ocala, FL 34475	611,676
Fulfillment center	1974 Innovation Boulevard, Clayton, IN 46118	597,844
Fulfillment center	12333 Airport Road, Kleinburg, Ontario, Canada L7C 2X3	190,000
Fulfillment center	360 Research Drive, Pittston, PA 18640	155,000
Fulfillment center	11403 Bluegrass Parkway, Suite 650, Louisville, KY 40299	40,668
Customer service center	3251 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, FL 33021	100,928
Customer service center	930 E. Campbell Road, Suite 200, Richardson, TX 75081	57,120
Customer service center	3621 Fern Valley Road, Louisville, KY 40219	25,274

We believe that all of our properties have been adequately maintained, are in good condition, and are generally suitable and adequate for our current needs.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

Information concerning legal proceedings is provided in Item 8 of Part II, “Financial Statements and Supplementary Data – Note 7 – Commitments and Contingencies – Legal Matters” and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

Information About Our Executive Officers

The following information relates to our executive officers:

Name	Age	Position
Sumit Singh	44	Chief Executive Officer and Director
David Reeder	49	Chief Financial Officer
Satish Mehta	59	Chief Technology Officer

Sumit Singh

Mr. Singh has served as our Chief Executive Officer since March 2018 and as a Director on our board of directors since April 2019. He also served as our Chief Operating Officer from September 2017 to March 2018. In 2020, he was inducted into the Bloomberg 50 List of Global Leaders. Prior to joining Chewy, Mr. Singh held senior leadership positions at Amazon, Inc. (“Amazon”), where from 2015 to 2017, he served as Worldwide Director of Amazon’s Consumables (i.e., fresh and pantry) businesses and, from 2013 to 2015, as General Manager for Amazon’s North American merchant fulfillment and third-party businesses. Prior to Amazon, Mr. Singh served in senior management positions at Dell Technologies, Inc. Mr. Singh has served on the board of directors of Booking Holdings Inc. since April 2022. Mr. Singh holds a Bachelor of Technology degree from Punjab Technical University and a Master of Science degree in Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin, where, in 2019, he was inducted into the Academy of Distinguished Alumni for outstanding achievement and currently serves on the University of Texas Engineering Advisory Board. He also holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Chicago, Booth School of Business.

David Reeder

Mr. Reeder has served as our Chief Financial Officer since February 2024. From 2020 to 2024, he served as Chief Financial Officer of GlobalFoundries Inc. (“GFI”) and oversaw GFI’s initial public offering in 2021. Mr. Reeder served as Chief Executive Officer of Tower Hill Insurance Group from 2017 to 2020 and as President and Chief Executive Officer of Lexmark International Inc. from 2015 to 2017. Mr. Reeder has also served as Chief Financial Officer of Electronics for Imaging, Inc. and has held executive roles at Cisco Systems, Inc., Broadcom Inc., and Texas Instruments Incorporated. Mr. Reeder has served as a director on the board of directors of Entegris, Inc. since March 2024 and on the board of directors of Alphawave IP Group plc since September 2023. He was previously a member of the board of directors of Milacron Holdings Corp from 2017 until November 2019. Mr. Reeder holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Arkansas, and a Master of Business Administration degree from Southern Methodist University.

Satish Mehta

Mr. Mehta has served as our Chief Technology Officer since June 2018. From July 2017 to June 2018, Mr. Mehta served as Vice President—Data and Analytics Solutions for UnitedHealth Group Incorporated. Prior to that, Mr. Mehta served in various capacities at Staples Inc., including serving as Vice President, Price—Data & Analytics, Omni-Channel and Innovation Labs from January 2014 to July 2017. Mr. Mehta also served at Yahoo Inc. from November 2005 to January 2014, in various positions including as Senior Director, Global Data and Ad Tech. Mr. Mehta has served on the board of directors of Express, Inc. since December 2022. Mr. Mehta holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics and Math from Jawaharlal Nehru University, and a Master of Business Administration degree from California Miramar University.

PART II

Item 5. Market for Registrant’s Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Market Information for Common Stock

Our Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “CHWY” and began trading on June 14, 2019. Prior to that date, there was no public trading market for our Class A common stock. There is no public trading market for our Class B common stock, par value \$0.01 per share.

Holders of Common Stock

As of the close of business on March 13, 2024, there were 150 stockholders of record of our Class A common stock and 2 stockholders of our Class B common stock. The actual number of holders of our Class A common stock is greater than the number of record holders, and includes stockholders who are beneficial owners, but whose shares are held in street name by brokers or other nominees. The number of holders of record present here also do not include stockholders whose shares may be held in trust by other entities.

Dividend Policy

We have never declared or paid any cash dividends on our capital stock, and we do not currently intend to pay any cash dividends for the foreseeable future. We expect to retain future earnings, if any, to fund the development and growth of our business. Any future determination to pay dividends on our common stock will be made at the discretion of the Board and will depend upon, among other factors, our financial condition, operating results, current and anticipated cash needs, plans for expansion and other factors that the Board may deem relevant. In addition, the terms of our credit facilities contain restrictions on our ability to declare and pay cash dividends on our capital stock.

Use of Proceeds and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities

There were no sales of unregistered equity securities during the thirteen weeks ended January 28, 2024.

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

There were no repurchases of equity securities during the thirteen weeks ended January 28, 2024.

Cumulative Stock Performance Graph

The following performance graph shall not be deemed “soliciting material” or to be “filed” with the SEC for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section, and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing of Chewy, Inc. under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act.

The following graph compares the cumulative total return to stockholders of our Class A common stock relative to the cumulative total returns of the S&P 500 Index and DJ Internet Commerce Index. An investment of \$100 is assumed to have been made in our Class A common stock and in the indices on June 14, 2019, the date our Class A common stock began trading on the NYSE, and their relative performance is tracked through January 28, 2024. The comparisons are based on historical data and are not indicative of, nor intended to forecast, the future performance of our Class A common stock.



Item 6. [Reserved]

Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal year 2023 (“10-K Report”). This discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. As a result of many factors, such as those set forth under the “Risk Factors” and “Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements” sections herein, our actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements. Unless the context requires otherwise, references in this 10-K Report to “Chewy,” the “Company,” “we,” “our,” or “us” refer to Chewy, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries.

Investors and others should note that we may announce material information to our investors using our investor relations website (<https://investor.chewy.com/>), filings with the SEC, press releases, public conference calls and webcasts. We use these channels, as well as social media, to communicate with our investors and the public about our company, our business and other issues. It is possible that the information that we post on these channels could be deemed to be material information. We therefore encourage investors to visit these websites from time to time. The information contained on such websites and social media posts is not incorporated by reference into this filing. Further, our references to website URLs in this filing are intended to be inactive textual references only.

Overview

We are the largest pure-play pet e-tailer in the United States, offering virtually every product a pet needs. We launched Chewy in 2011 to bring the best of the neighborhood pet store shopping experience to a larger audience, enhanced by the depth and wide selection of products and services, as well as the around-the-clock convenience, that only e-commerce can offer. We believe that we are the preeminent destination for pet parents as a result of our broad selection of high-quality products and expanded menu of service offerings, which we offer at great prices and deliver with an exceptional level of care and a personal touch. We are the trusted source for pet parents and partners and continually develop innovative ways for our customers to engage with us. We partner with approximately 3,500 of the best and most trusted brands in the pet industry, and we create and offer our own outstanding private brands. Through our websites and mobile applications, we offer our customers approximately 115,000 products, compelling merchandising, an easy and enjoyable shopping experience, and exceptional customer service.

Macroeconomic Considerations

Evolving macroeconomic conditions, including rising inflation and interest rates, have affected, and continue to affect, our business and consumer shopping behavior. We continue to monitor conditions closely and adapt aspects of our logistics, transportation, supply chain, and purchasing processes accordingly to meet the needs of our growing community of pets, pet parents and partners. As our customers react to these economic conditions, we will adapt our business accordingly to meet their evolving needs.

We are unable to predict the duration and ultimate impact of evolving macroeconomic conditions on the broader economy or our operations and liquidity. As such, macroeconomic risks and uncertainties remain. Please refer to the “Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements” and the section titled “Risk Factors” in Item 1A of this 10-K Report.

Fiscal Year End

We have a 52- or 53-week fiscal year ending each year on the Sunday that is closest to January 31 of that year. Our 2023 fiscal year ended January 28, 2024 and included 52 weeks (“Fiscal Year 2023”). Our 2022 fiscal year ended January 29, 2023 and included 52 weeks (“Fiscal Year 2022”). Our 2021 fiscal year ended January 30, 2022 and included 52 weeks (“Fiscal Year 2021”).

We have provided restated financial and operating data for the historical comparative periods in Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations of this 10-K Report. For additional information related to this restatement, see section titled Basis of Presentation in Note 2 – Basis of Presentation and Significant Accounting Policies, in the “Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements” included in Part II, Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, of this 10-K Report.

Key Financial and Operating Data

We measure our business using both financial and operating data and use the following metrics and measures to assess the near-term and long-term performance of our overall business, including identifying trends, formulating financial projections, making strategic decisions, assessing operational efficiencies, and monitoring our business.

	Fiscal Year			% change	
	2023	2022	2021	2023 vs. 2022	2022 vs. 2021
<i>(in thousands, except net sales per active customer, per share data, and percentages)</i>					
Financial and Operating Data					
Net sales	\$11,147,720	\$10,119,000	\$8,967,407	10.2 %	12.8 %
Net income (loss) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 39,580	\$ 49,899	\$ (75,207)	(20.7)%	166.3 %
<i>Net margin ⁽¹⁾</i>	0.4 %	0.5 %	(0.8)%		
Adjusted EBITDA ⁽²⁾	\$ 368,068	\$ 306,739	\$ 77,474	20.0 %	295.9 %
<i>Adjusted EBITDA margin ⁽²⁾</i>	3.3 %	3.0 %	0.9 %		
Adjusted net income ⁽²⁾	\$ 296,231	\$ 226,450	\$ 10,101	30.8 %	n/m
Earnings (loss) per share, basic ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.12	\$ (0.18)	(25.0)%	166.7 %
Earnings (loss) per share, diluted ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.12	\$ (0.18)	(25.0)%	166.7 %
Adjusted earnings per share, basic ⁽²⁾	\$ 0.69	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.02	27.8 %	n/m
Adjusted earnings per share, diluted ⁽²⁾	\$ 0.69	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.02	30.2 %	n/m
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 486,211	\$ 349,777	\$ 191,743	39.0 %	82.4 %
Free cash flow ⁽²⁾	\$ 342,929	\$ 119,467	\$ 8,557	187.0 %	n/m
Active customers	20,083	20,405	20,663	(1.6)%	(1.2)%
Net sales per active customer	\$ 555	\$ 496	\$ 434	11.9 %	14.3 %
Autoshop customer sales	\$8,493,199	\$7,407,930	\$6,324,145	14.7 %	17.1 %
Autoshop customer sales as a percentage of net sales	76.2 %	73.2 %	70.5 %		

n/m - not meaningful

⁽¹⁾ Includes share-based compensation expense, including related taxes, of \$248.5 million, \$163.2 million, and \$85.3 million, for Fiscal Year 2023, Fiscal Year 2022, and Fiscal Year 2021, respectively.

⁽²⁾ Adjusted EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA margin, adjusted net income, adjusted basic and diluted earnings per share, and free cash flow are non-GAAP financial measures. See “Non-GAAP Financial Measures” below.

We define net margin as net income (loss) divided by net sales and adjusted EBITDA margin as adjusted EBITDA divided by net sales.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin

To provide investors with additional information regarding our financial results, we have disclosed here and elsewhere in this 10-K Report adjusted EBITDA, a non-GAAP financial measure that we calculate as net income (loss) excluding depreciation and amortization; share-based compensation expense and related taxes; income tax provision; interest income (expense), net; transaction related costs; changes in the fair value of equity warrants; severance and exit costs; and litigation matters and other items that we do not consider representative of our underlying operations. We have provided a reconciliation below of adjusted EBITDA to net income (loss), the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure.

We have included adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA margin in this 10-K Report because each is a key measure used by our management and board of directors to evaluate our operating performance, generate future operating plans and make strategic decisions regarding the allocation of capital. In particular, the exclusion of certain expenses in calculating adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA margin facilitates operating performance comparability across reporting periods by removing the effect of non-cash expenses and certain variable charges. Accordingly, we believe that adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA margin provide useful information to investors and others in understanding and evaluating our operating results in the same manner as our management and board of directors.

We believe it is useful to exclude non-cash charges, such as depreciation and amortization and share-based compensation expense from our adjusted EBITDA because the amount of such expenses in any specific period may not directly correlate to the underlying performance of our business operations. We believe it is useful to exclude income tax provision; interest income (expense), net; transaction related costs; changes in the fair value of equity warrants; and litigation matters and other items which are not components of our core business operations. We believe it is useful to exclude severance and exit costs because these expenses represent temporary initiatives to realign resources and enhance operational efficiency, which are not components of our core business operations. Adjusted EBITDA has limitations as a financial measure and you should not consider it in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Some of these limitations are:

- although depreciation and amortization are non-cash charges, the assets being depreciated and amortized may have to be replaced in the future and adjusted EBITDA does not reflect capital expenditure requirements for such replacements or for new capital expenditures;
- adjusted EBITDA does not reflect share-based compensation and related taxes. Share-based compensation has been, and will continue to be for the foreseeable future, a recurring expense in our business and an important part of our compensation strategy;
- adjusted EBITDA does not reflect interest income (expense), net; or changes in, or cash requirements for, our working capital;
- adjusted EBITDA does not reflect transaction related costs and other items which are either not representative of our underlying operations or are incremental costs that result from an actual or planned transaction or initiative and include changes in the fair value of equity warrants, severance and exit costs, litigation matters, integration consulting fees, internal salaries and wages (to the extent the individuals are assigned full-time to integration and transformation activities) and certain costs related to integrating and converging IT systems; and
- other companies, including companies in our industry, may calculate adjusted EBITDA differently, which reduces its usefulness as a comparative measure.

Because of these limitations, you should consider adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA margin alongside other financial performance measures, including various cash flow metrics, net income (loss), net margin, and our other GAAP results.

The following table presents a reconciliation of net income (loss) to adjusted EBITDA, as well as the calculation of net margin and adjusted EBITDA margin, for each of the periods indicated.

<i>(in thousands, except percentages)</i>	Fiscal Year		
	2023	2022	2021
Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted EBITDA			
Net income (loss)	\$ 39,580	\$ 49,899	\$ (75,207)
Add (deduct):			
Depreciation and amortization	109,693	83,440	55,319
Share-based compensation expense and related taxes	248,543	163,211	85,308
Interest (income) expense, net	(58,501)	(9,290)	1,641
Change in fair value of equity warrants	(13,079)	13,340	—
Income tax provision	8,650	2,646	—
Severance costs	14,348	—	—
Exit costs	6,839	—	—
Transaction related costs	7,827	3,953	2,423
Other	4,168	(460)	7,990
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$ 368,068</u>	<u>\$ 306,739</u>	<u>\$ 77,474</u>
Net sales	<u>\$ 11,147,720</u>	<u>\$ 10,119,000</u>	<u>\$ 8,967,407</u>
<i>Net margin</i>	<i>0.4 %</i>	<i>0.5 %</i>	<i>(0.8)%</i>
<i>Adjusted EBITDA margin</i>	<i>3.3 %</i>	<i>3.0 %</i>	<i>0.9 %</i>

Adjusted Net Income (Loss) and Adjusted Basic and Diluted Earnings (Loss) per Share

To provide investors with additional information regarding our financial results, we have disclosed here and elsewhere in this 10-K Report adjusted net income (loss) and adjusted basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share, which represent non-GAAP financial measures. We calculate adjusted net income (loss) as net income (loss) excluding share-based compensation expense and related taxes, changes in the fair value of equity warrants, and severance and exit costs. We calculate adjusted basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share by dividing adjusted net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders by the weighted-average shares outstanding during the period. We have provided a reconciliation below of adjusted net income (loss) to net income (loss), the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure.

We have included adjusted net income (loss) and adjusted basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share in this 10-K Report because each is a key measure used by our management and board of directors to evaluate our operating performance, generate future operating plans and make strategic decisions regarding the allocation of capital. In particular, the exclusion of certain expenses in calculating adjusted net income and adjusted basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share facilitates operating performance comparability across reporting periods by removing the effect of non-cash expenses and certain variable gains and losses that do not represent a component of our core business operations. We believe it is useful to exclude non-cash share-based compensation expense because the amount of such expenses in any specific period may not directly correlate to the underlying performance of our business operations. We believe it is useful to exclude changes in the fair value of equity warrants because the variability of equity warrant gains and losses is not representative of our underlying operations. We believe it is useful to exclude severance and exit costs because these expenses represent temporary initiatives to realign resources and enhance operational efficiency, which are not components of our core business operations. Accordingly, we believe that these measures provide useful information to investors and others in understanding and evaluating our operating results in the same manner as our management and board of directors.

Adjusted net income (loss) and adjusted basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share have limitations as financial measures and you should not consider them in isolation or as substitutes for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Other companies may calculate adjusted net income (loss) and adjusted basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share differently, which reduces their usefulness as comparative measures. Because of these limitations, you should consider adjusted net income (loss) and adjusted basic and diluted earnings (loss) alongside other financial performance measures, including various cash flow metrics, net income (loss), basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share, and our other GAAP results.

The following table presents a reconciliation of net income (loss) to adjusted net income, as well as the calculation of adjusted basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share, for each of the periods indicated.

(in thousands, except per share data)

	Fiscal Year		
	2023	2022	2021
Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted Net Income			
Net income (loss)	\$ 39,580	\$ 49,899	\$(75,207)
Add (deduct):			
Share-based compensation expense and related taxes	248,543	163,211	85,308
Change in fair value of equity warrants	(13,079)	13,340	—
Severance costs	14,348	—	—
Exit costs	6,839	—	—
Adjusted net income	<u>\$ 296,231</u>	<u>\$ 226,450</u>	<u>\$ 10,101</u>
Weighted-average common shares used in computing adjusted earnings (loss) per share:			
Basic	429,457	422,331	417,218
Effect of dilutive share-based awards ⁽¹⁾	2,583	5,439	10,068
Diluted ⁽¹⁾	<u>432,040</u>	<u>427,770</u>	<u>427,286</u>
Earnings (loss) per share attributable to common Class A and Class B stockholders			
Basic	<u>\$ 0.09</u>	<u>\$ 0.12</u>	<u>\$ (0.18)</u>
Diluted ⁽¹⁾	<u>\$ 0.09</u>	<u>\$ 0.12</u>	<u>\$ (0.18)</u>
Adjusted basic	<u>\$ 0.69</u>	<u>\$ 0.54</u>	<u>\$ 0.02</u>
Adjusted diluted ⁽¹⁾	<u>\$ 0.69</u>	<u>\$ 0.53</u>	<u>\$ 0.02</u>

⁽¹⁾ For Fiscal Year 2021, our calculation of adjusted diluted earnings per share attributable to common Class A and Class B stockholders requires an adjustment to the weighted-average common shares used in the calculation to include the weighted-average dilutive effect of share-based awards.

Free Cash Flow

To provide investors with additional information regarding our financial results, we have also disclosed here and elsewhere in this 10-K Report free cash flow, a non-GAAP financial measure that we calculate as net cash provided by (used in) operating activities less capital expenditures (which consist of purchases of property and equipment, capitalization of labor related to our websites, mobile applications, software development, and leasehold improvements). We have provided a reconciliation below of free cash flow to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure.

We have included free cash flow in this 10-K Report because it is used by our management and board of directors as an important indicator of our liquidity as it measures the amount of cash we generate. Accordingly, we believe that free cash flow provides useful information to investors and others in understanding and evaluating our operating results in the same manner as our management and board of directors.

Free cash flow has limitations as a financial measure and you should not consider it in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. There are limitations to using non-GAAP financial measures, including that other companies, including companies in our industry, may calculate free cash flow differently. Because of these limitations, you should consider free cash flow alongside other financial performance measures, including net cash provided by (used in) operating activities, capital expenditures and our other GAAP results.

The following table presents a reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to free cash flow for each of the periods indicated.

(in thousands)

Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities to Free Cash Flow	Fiscal Year		
	2023	2022	2021
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 486,211	\$ 349,777	\$ 191,743
Deduct:			
Capital expenditures	(143,282)	(230,310)	(183,186)
Free Cash Flow	<u>\$ 342,929</u>	<u>\$ 119,467</u>	<u>\$ 8,557</u>

Free cash flow may be affected in the near to medium term by the timing of capital investments (such as the launch of new fulfillment centers, customer service centers, and corporate offices and purchases of IT and other equipment), fluctuations in our growth and the effect of such fluctuations on working capital, and changes in our cash conversion cycle due to increases or decreases of vendor payment terms as well as inventory turnover.

Key Operating Metrics

Active Customers

As of the last date of each reporting period, we determine our number of active customers by counting the total number of individual customers who have ordered a product or service, and for whom a product has shipped or for whom a service has been provided, at least once during the preceding 364-day period. The change in active customers in a reporting period captures both the inflow of new customers and the outflow of customers who have not made a purchase in the last 364 days. We view the number of active customers as a key indicator of our growth—acquisition and retention of customers—as a result of our marketing efforts and the value we provide to our customers. The number of active customers has grown over time as we acquired new customers and retained previously acquired customers.

Net Sales Per Active Customer

We define net sales per active customer as the aggregate net sales for the preceding four fiscal quarters, divided by the total number of active customers at the end of that period. We view net sales per active customer as a key indicator of our customers' purchasing patterns, including their initial and repeat purchase behavior.

Autoship and Autoship Customer Sales

We define Autoship customers as customers in a given fiscal quarter that had an order shipped through our Autoship subscription program during the preceding 364-day period. We define Autoship as our subscription program, which provides automatic ordering, payment, and delivery of products to our customers. We view our Autoship subscription program as a key driver of recurring net sales and customer retention. For a given fiscal quarter, Autoship customer sales consist of sales and shipping revenues from all Autoship subscription program purchases and purchases outside of the Autoship subscription program by Autoship customers, excluding taxes collected from customers, excluding any refund allowance, and net of any promotional offers (such as percentage discounts off current purchases and other similar offers) for that quarter. For a given fiscal year, Autoship customer sales equal the sum of the Autoship customer sales for each of the fiscal quarters in that fiscal year.

Autoship Customer Sales as a Percentage of Net Sales

We define Autoship customer sales as a percentage of net sales as the Autoship customer sales in a given reporting period divided by the net sales from all orders in that period. We view Autoship customer sales as a percentage of net sales as a key indicator of our recurring sales and customer retention.

Components of Results of Consolidated Operations

Net Sales

We derive net sales primarily from sales of both third-party brand and private brand pet food, pet products, pet medications and other pet health products, and related shipping fees. Sales of third-party brand and private brand pet food, pet products and shipping revenues are recorded when products are shipped, net of promotional discounts and refund allowances. Taxes collected from customers are excluded from net sales. Net sales is primarily driven by growth of new customers and active customers, and the frequency with which customers purchase and subscribe to our Autoship subscription program.

We also periodically provide promotional offers, including discount offers, such as percentage discounts off current purchases and other similar offers. These offers are treated as a reduction to the purchase price of the related transaction and are reflected as a net amount in net sales.

Cost of Goods Sold

Cost of goods sold consists of the cost of third-party brand and private brand products sold to customers, inventory freight, shipping supply costs, inventory shrinkage costs, and inventory valuation adjustments, offset by reductions for promotions and percentage or volume rebates offered by our vendors, which may depend on reaching minimum purchase thresholds. Generally, amounts received from vendors are considered a reduction of the carrying value of inventory and are ultimately reflected as a reduction of cost of goods sold.

Selling, General and Administrative

Selling, general and administrative expenses consist of payroll and related expenses for employees involved in general corporate functions, including accounting, finance, tax, legal and human resources; costs associated with use by these functions, such as depreciation expense and rent relating to facilities and equipment; professional fees and other general corporate costs; share-based compensation; and fulfillment costs.

Fulfillment costs represent costs incurred in operating and staffing fulfillment and customer service centers, including costs attributable to buying, receiving, inspecting and warehousing inventories, picking, packaging and preparing customer orders for shipment, payment processing, and related transaction costs and responding to inquiries from customers. Included within fulfillment costs are merchant processing fees charged by third parties that provide merchant processing services for credit cards.

Advertising and Marketing

Advertising and marketing expenses consist of advertising and payroll related expenses for personnel engaged in marketing, business development and selling activities.

Interest Income (Expense), net

We generate interest income from our cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities. We incur interest expense from our credit facilities and finance leases.

Other Income (Expense), net

Our other income (expense), net consists of changes in the fair value of equity warrants and investments, foreign currency transaction gains and losses, and allowances for credit losses.

Presentation of Results of Consolidated Operations and Liquidity and Capital Resources

The following discussion and analysis of our Results of Consolidated Operations and Liquidity and Capital Resources includes a comparison of Fiscal Year 2023 to Fiscal Year 2022. A similar discussion and analysis which compares Fiscal Year 2022 to Fiscal Year 2021 may be found in the section titled “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” of our annual report filed with the SEC on March 22, 2023, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Results of Consolidated Operations

The following tables set forth our results of operations for the fiscal years presented and express the relationship of certain line items as a percentage of net sales for those periods. The period-to-period comparison of financial results is not necessarily indicative of future results.

<i>(in thousands, except percentages)</i>	Fiscal Year								
	2023	2022	2021	% change		% of net sales			
				2023 vs. 2022	2022 vs. 2021	2023	2022	2021	
Consolidated Statements of Operations									
Net sales	\$ 11,147,720	\$ 10,119,000	\$ 8,967,407	10.2 %	12.8 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	
Cost of goods sold	7,986,202	7,284,505	6,581,936	9.6 %	10.7 %	71.6 %	72.0 %	73.4 %	
Gross profit	3,161,518	2,834,495	2,385,471	11.5 %	18.8 %	28.4 %	28.0 %	26.6 %	
Operating expenses:									
Selling, general and administrative	2,442,683	2,128,688	1,840,135	14.8 %	15.7 %	21.9 %	21.0 %	20.5 %	
Advertising and marketing	742,460	649,386	618,902	14.3 %	4.9 %	6.7 %	6.4 %	6.9 %	
Total operating expenses	3,185,143	2,778,074	2,459,037	14.7 %	13.0 %	28.6 %	27.4 %	27.4 %	
(Loss) income from operations	(23,625)	56,421	(73,566)	(141.9)%	176.7 %	(0.2)%	0.6 %	(0.8)%	
Interest income (expense), net	58,501	9,290	(1,641)	n/m	n/m	0.5 %	0.1 %	— %	
Other income (expense), net	13,354	(13,166)	—	201.4 %	n/m	0.1 %	(0.1)%	— %	
Income (loss) before income tax provision	48,230	52,545	(75,207)	(8.2)%	169.9 %	0.4 %	0.5 %	(0.8)%	
Income tax provision	8,650	2,646	—	226.9 %	n/m	0.1 %	— %	— %	
Net income (loss)	\$ 39,580	\$ 49,899	\$ (75,207)	(20.7)%	166.3 %	0.4 %	0.5 %	(0.8)%	

n/m - not meaningful

Net Sales

<i>(in thousands, except percentages)</i>	Fiscal Year			2023 vs. 2022		2022 vs. 2021	
	2023	2022	2021	\$ Change	% Change	\$ Change	% Change
Consumables	\$ 8,014,645	\$ 7,145,414	\$ 6,102,367	\$ 869,231	12.2 %	\$ 1,043,047	17.1 %
Hardgoods	1,209,161	1,215,689	1,305,937	(6,528)	(0.5)%	(90,248)	(6.9)%
Other	1,923,914	1,757,897	1,559,103	166,017	9.4 %	198,794	12.8 %
Net sales	\$ 11,147,720	\$ 10,119,000	\$ 8,967,407	\$ 1,028,720	10.2 %	\$ 1,151,593	12.8 %

Net sales for Fiscal Year 2023 increased by \$1.0 billion, or 10.2%, to \$11.1 billion compared to \$10.1 billion for Fiscal Year 2022. This increase was primarily driven by growth in customer spending from both new and existing customers, and the frequency with which customers purchase and subscribe to our Autoship subscription program. Net sales per active customer increased \$59, or 11.9%, to \$555 in Fiscal Year 2023 compared to Fiscal Year 2022, driven by growth across our consumables and healthcare businesses.

Cost of Goods Sold and Gross Profit

Cost of goods sold for Fiscal Year 2023 increased by \$701.7 million, or 9.6%, to \$8.0 billion compared to \$7.3 billion in Fiscal Year 2022. This increase was primarily due to an increase in associated product, outbound freight, and shipping supply costs. The increase in cost of goods sold was lower than the increase in net sales on a percentage basis, reflecting supply chain efficiency gains across our fulfillment network.

Gross profit for Fiscal Year 2023 increased by \$327.0 million, or 11.5%, to \$3.2 billion compared to \$2.8 billion in Fiscal Year 2022. This increase was primarily due to the year-over-year increase in net sales as described above. Gross profit as a percentage of net sales for Fiscal Year 2023 increased by approximately 40 basis points compared to Fiscal Year 2022, primarily due to margin expansion across our healthcare, hardgoods, and private brands businesses.

Selling, General and Administrative

Selling, general and administrative expenses for Fiscal Year 2023 increased by \$314.0 million, or 14.8%, to \$2.4 billion compared to \$2.1 billion in Fiscal Year 2022. This was primarily due to an increase of \$151.7 million in facilities expenses and other general and administrative expenses, principally due to business growth and new initiatives as well as the expansion of operations at corporate offices in Plantation, Florida, and Seattle, Washington. This also included an increase of \$77.0 million in fulfillment costs largely attributable to investments to support the overall growth of our business, including the costs associated with the launch of operations in Canada and the opening and operating of fulfillment centers in Reno, Nevada and Nashville, Tennessee, as well as an increase of \$85.3 million in non-cash share-based compensation expense and related taxes.

Advertising and Marketing

Advertising and marketing expenses for Fiscal Year 2023 increased by \$93.1 million, or 14.3%, to \$742.5 million compared to \$649.4 million in Fiscal Year 2022. Our marketing expenses increased due to additional investment in our upper funnel marketing channels as well as expansion into new channels, contributing to new customer acquisition and an increase in wallet share from our large and stable customer base during Fiscal Year 2023.

Interest Income (Expense), net

Interest income for Fiscal Year 2023 increased by \$49.2 million, to \$58.5 million compared to interest income of \$9.3 million in Fiscal Year 2022. This increase was due in large part to interest income generated by investment of proceeds from the parent reorganization transaction, cash and cash equivalents, and marketable securities exceeding interest expenses incurred.

Other Income (Expense), net

Other income for Fiscal Year 2023 increased by \$26.5 million, to \$13.4 million compared to other expense of \$13.2 million. This increase consisted of changes in the fair value of equity warrants and investments as well as foreign currency transaction gains.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

We finance our operations and capital expenditures primarily through cash flows generated by operations. Our principal sources of liquidity are expected to be our cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities, and our revolving credit facility. Cash and cash equivalents consist primarily of cash on deposit with banks and investments in money market funds, U.S. Treasury securities, certificates of deposit, and commercial paper. Cash and cash equivalents totaled \$602.2 million as of January 28, 2024, an increase of \$270.6 million from January 29, 2023. Marketable securities consist primarily of U.S. treasury securities, certificates of deposit, and commercial paper and totaled \$531.8 million as of January 28, 2024, an increase of \$184.8 million from January 29, 2023.

We believe that our cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities, and availability under our revolving credit facility will be sufficient to fund our working capital, capital expenditure requirements, and contractual obligations for at least the next twelve months. In addition, we may choose to raise additional funds at any time through equity or debt financing arrangements, which may or may not be needed for additional working capital, capital expenditures or other strategic investments. Our opinions concerning liquidity are based on currently available information. To the extent this information proves to be inaccurate, or if circumstances change, future availability of trade credit or other sources of financing may be reduced and our liquidity could be adversely affected. Our future capital requirements and the adequacy of available funds will depend on many factors, including those described in the section titled “Risk Factors” in Item 1A of this 10-K Report. Depending on the severity and direct impact of these factors on us, we may be unable to secure additional financing to meet our operating requirements on terms favorable to us, or at all.

We have contractual obligations and other commitments that will need to be funded in the future, in addition to our working capital, capital expenditures and other strategic initiatives. Material contractual obligations generally relate to operating and real estate lease obligations.

Operating and real estate lease obligations relate to fulfillment and customer service centers, corporate offices and certain equipment under non-cancelable operating leases, which expire at various dates through 2038. Real estate obligations include legally binding minimum lease payments for operating lease arrangements which have not yet commenced. As of January 28, 2024, operating and real estate lease obligations included legally binding minimum lease payments of \$900.4 million. For additional information related to real estate and operating leases, see Note 9 – Leases, in the “Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements” included in Part II, Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, of this 10-K Report.

Cash Flows

	Fiscal Year		
	2023	2022	2021
<i>(in thousands)</i>			
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 486,211	\$ 349,777	\$ 191,743
Net cash used in investing activities	\$ (287,363)	\$ (615,504)	\$ (193,272)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	\$ 71,598	\$ (6,734)	\$ 41,261

Operating Activities

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$486.2 million for Fiscal Year 2023, which primarily consisted of \$39.6 million of net income, non-cash adjustments such as depreciation and amortization expense of \$109.7 million and share-based compensation expense of \$239.1 million, and a cash increase of \$105.7 million from the management of working capital. Cash increases from working capital were primarily driven by an increase in other current liabilities and payables, partially offset by an increase in other current assets, inventories, and receivables.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$349.8 million for Fiscal Year 2022, which primarily consisted of \$49.9 million of net income, non-cash adjustments such as depreciation and amortization expense of \$83.4 million and share-based compensation expense of \$158.1 million, and a cash increase of \$26.6 million from the management of working capital. Cash increases from working capital were primarily driven by an increase in payables, partially offset by an increase in inventories and other current assets.

Investing Activities

Net cash used in investing activities was \$287.4 million for Fiscal Year 2023, primarily consisting of \$143.7 million for the purchase of marketable securities, net of maturities and \$143.3 million for capital expenditures related to the launch of new and future fulfillment centers and additional investments in technology hardware and software.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$615.5 million for Fiscal Year 2022, which primarily consisted of \$343.8 million for the purchase of marketable securities, net of proceeds from maturities, \$230.3 million of capital expenditures, and \$40.0 million for cash paid for acquisitions of businesses, net of cash acquired. Capital expenditures were related to the launch of new fulfillment centers, the launch and expansion of corporate offices, and the capitalization of labor and license costs associated with software development for internal use.

Financing Activities

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$71.6 million for Fiscal Year 2023, and consisted of \$60.6 million of proceeds from the parent reorganization transaction and \$22.0 million of capital contributions from the parent reorganization transaction, partially offset by \$10.3 million of payments made pursuant to the tax sharing agreement with related parties, principal repayments of finance lease obligations, and payment of debt modification costs.

Net cash used in financing activities was \$6.7 million for Fiscal Year 2022, which primarily consisted of \$2.8 million of payments made pursuant to the tax sharing agreement with related parties, \$2.5 million for payments of tax withholdings related to vesting of share-based compensation awards, payment of debt modification costs, and principal repayments of finance lease obligations.

ABL Credit Facility

We have a senior secured asset-based credit facility (the “ABL Credit Facility”) which matures on August 27, 2026 and provides for non-amortizing revolving loans in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$800 million, subject to a borrowing base comprised of, among other things, inventory and sales receivables (subject to certain reserves). The ABL Credit Facility provides the right to request incremental commitments and add incremental asset-based revolving loan facilities up to \$250 million, subject to customary conditions. We are required to pay a 0.25% per annum commitment fee with respect to the undrawn portion of the commitments, which is generally based on average daily usage of the facility. Based on our borrowing base as of January 28, 2024, which is reduced by standby letters of credit, we had \$759.0 million of borrowing capacity under the ABL Credit Facility. As of January 28, 2024, we had no outstanding borrowings under the ABL Credit Facility.

For additional information with respect to our ABL Credit Facility, see Note 8 – Debt, in the “Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements” included in Part II, Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, of this 10-K Report.

Critical Accounting Estimates

Our discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with GAAP. The preparation of our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures requires us to make estimates, assumptions and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, net sales, costs and expenses and related disclosures. We believe that the estimates, assumptions and judgments involved in the accounting policies described below involve a significant level of estimation uncertainty and have the greatest potential impact on our financial condition and results of operations and, therefore, we consider these to be our critical accounting policies. Accordingly, we evaluate our estimates, assumptions, and judgments on an ongoing basis. Our actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions, judgments, and conditions. See Note 2 – Basis of Presentation and Significant Accounting Policies, in the “Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements” included in Part II, Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, of this 10-K Report for a description of our significant accounting policies as well as a description of recently adopted accounting pronouncements and recently issued accounting pronouncements not yet adopted as of the date of this 10-K Report.

Income Taxes

Estimates of deferred income taxes reflect management’s assessment of actual future taxes to be paid on items reflected in the consolidated financial statements, giving consideration to both timing and the probability of realization. Actual income taxes could vary from these estimates due to future changes in income tax law, state income tax apportionment or the outcome of any review of our tax returns by the Internal Revenue Service, as well as actual operating results that may vary significantly from anticipated results. For additional information on deferred tax assets and liabilities, see Note 12 – Income Taxes, in the “Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements” included in Part II, Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, of this 10-K Report.

Financial Instruments

We hold derivative asset financial instruments in the form of equity warrants in other companies. These warrants are valued based on observable and unobservable inputs reflecting our assumptions, which are consistent with reasonably available assumptions made by other market participants. We utilize certain valuation techniques such as the Black-Scholes option-pricing model and the Monte Carlo simulation model to determine the fair value of equity warrants. The application of these models requires the use of a number of complex assumptions based on unobservable inputs, including the expected term, expected equity volatility, discounts for lack of marketability, cash flow projections, and probability with respect to vesting requirements.

For additional information on derivative financial instruments, see Note 4 – Financial Instruments, in the “Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements” included in Part II, Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, of this 10-K Report.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Information regarding recent accounting pronouncements is included in Note 2 – Basis of Presentation and Significant Accounting Policies, in the “Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements” included in Part II, Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, of this 10-K Report.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We have operations principally within the U.S. and therefore have only minimal foreign currency exposure. We are exposed to market risks in the ordinary course of our business, including the effects of interest rate changes. Information relating to quantitative and qualitative disclosures about these market risks is set forth below.

Interest Rate Risk

Our cash equivalents consist primarily of demand and money market accounts, U.S. Treasury securities, certificates of deposit, and commercial paper and have an original maturity date of 90 days or less. Our marketable securities consist primarily of investment grade short- to intermediate-term fixed-income securities, including U.S Treasury securities, certificates of deposit, and commercial paper and have an original maturity greater than 90 days and less than one year. The fair value of our cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities would not be significantly affected by either an increase or decrease in interest rates due mainly to the short-term nature of these instruments. Any future borrowings incurred under our revolving credit facility will accrue interest at a floating rate based on a formula tied to certain market rates at the time of incurrence. A 10% increase or decrease in interest rates would not have a material effect on our interest income or expense.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and the Stockholders of Chewy, Inc.:

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Chewy, Inc. and subsidiaries (the “Company”) as of January 28, 2024, and January 29, 2023, the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders’ equity (deficit), and cash flows, for each of the years ended January 28, 2024, January 29, 2023, and January 30, 2022, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the “financial statements”). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of January 28, 2024, and January 29, 2023, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years ended January 28, 2024, January 29, 2023, and January 30, 2022, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (“PCAOB”), the Company’s internal control over financial reporting as of January 28, 2024, based on criteria established in Internal Control — Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated March 20, 2024, expressed an unqualified opinion on the Company’s internal control over financial reporting.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company’s financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Critical Audit Matter

The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current-period audit of the financial statements that was communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that (1) relates to accounts or disclosures that are material to the financial statements and (2) involved our especially challenging, subjective, or complex judgments. The communication of critical audit matters does not alter in any way our opinion on the financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matter below, providing a separate opinion on the critical audit matter or on the accounts or disclosures to which it relates.

Vendor Rebates — Refer to Note 2 to the financial statements

Critical Audit Matter Description

The Company has agreements with vendors to receive either percentage- or volume-based rebates (collectively referred to as purchase-based vendor rebates). Amounts received from vendors are considered a reduction of the carrying value of the Company’s inventory and, therefore, such amounts are ultimately recorded as a reduction of cost of goods sold in the consolidated statements of operations.

Given the significance of purchase-based vendor rebates to the financial statements, the terms and the significant number of the individual vendor agreements, auditing purchase-based vendor rebates was complex and subjective due to the extent of effort required to evaluate whether the purchase-based vendor rebates were recorded in accordance with the terms of the vendor agreements and that the rebates deferred as a reduction of the carrying value of inventory were complete and accurate.

How the Critical Audit Matter Was Addressed in the Audit

Our audit procedures related to evaluating whether the purchase-based vendor rebates were recorded in accordance with the terms of the vendor agreements and the completeness and accuracy of deferred purchase-based vendor rebates included the following, among others:

- We tested the effectiveness of controls over the recording of purchase-based vendor rebates, including management's controls over the calculation of purchase-based vendor rebates earned and the determination of the deferred purchase-based vendor rebates recorded as a reduction to inventory.
- We selected a sample of purchase-based vendor rebates earned during the year and, using the terms of the vendor agreement and related inventory purchased, recalculated the amount recorded as a reduction of the carrying value of inventory.
- We tested the amount of the deferred purchase-based vendor rebates recorded as a reduction of cost of goods sold by developing an expectation of the amount based on the turnover of inventory in the current year and compared our expectation to the amount recorded.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP
Miami, Florida
March 20, 2024

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2017.

CHEWY, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(in thousands, except share and per share data)

	As of	
	January 28, 2024	January 29, 2023
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 602,232	\$ 331,641
Marketable securities	531,785	346,944
Accounts receivable	154,043	126,969
Inventories	719,273	678,005
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	97,015	41,221
Total current assets	2,104,348	1,524,780
Property and equipment, net	521,298	478,885
Operating lease right-of-use assets	474,617	423,518
Goodwill	39,442	39,442
Other non-current assets	47,146	53,193
Total assets	\$ 3,186,851	\$ 2,519,818
Liabilities and stockholders' equity		
Current liabilities:		
Trade accounts payable	\$ 1,104,940	\$ 1,033,184
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	1,005,937	794,534
Total current liabilities	2,110,877	1,827,718
Operating lease liabilities	527,795	471,821
Other long-term liabilities	37,935	60,011
Total liabilities	2,676,607	2,359,550
Commitments and contingencies (Note 7)		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value per share, 5,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding as of January 28, 2024 and January 29, 2023	—	—
Class A common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, 1,500,000,000 shares authorized, 132,913,046 and 114,160,531 shares issued and outstanding as of January 28, 2024 and January 29, 2023, respectively	1,329	1,141
Class B common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, 395,000,000 shares authorized, 298,863,356 and 311,188,356 shares issued and outstanding as of January 28, 2024 and January 29, 2023, respectively	2,989	3,112
Additional paid-in capital	2,481,984	2,171,247
Accumulated deficit	(1,975,652)	(2,015,232)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(406)	—
Total stockholders' equity	510,244	160,268
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 3,186,851	\$ 2,519,818

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

CHEWY, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)
(in thousands, except per share data)

	Fiscal Year		
	2023	2022	2021
Net sales	\$ 11,147,720	\$ 10,119,000	\$ 8,967,407
Cost of goods sold	7,986,202	7,284,505	6,581,936
Gross profit	3,161,518	2,834,495	2,385,471
Operating expenses:			
Selling, general and administrative	2,442,683	2,128,688	1,840,135
Advertising and marketing	742,460	649,386	618,902
Total operating expenses	3,185,143	2,778,074	2,459,037
(Loss) income from operations	(23,625)	56,421	(73,566)
Interest income (expense), net	58,501	9,290	(1,641)
Other income (expense), net	13,354	(13,166)	—
Income (loss) before income tax provision	48,230	52,545	(75,207)
Income tax provision	8,650	2,646	—
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ 39,580</u>	<u>\$ 49,899</u>	<u>\$ (75,207)</u>
Other comprehensive income (loss)			
Net income (loss)	\$ 39,580	\$ 49,899	\$ (75,207)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(406)	—	—
Comprehensive income (loss)	<u>\$ 39,174</u>	<u>\$ 49,899</u>	<u>\$ (75,207)</u>
Earnings (loss) per share attributable to common Class A and Class B stockholders:			
Basic	<u>\$ 0.09</u>	<u>\$ 0.12</u>	<u>\$ (0.18)</u>
Diluted	<u>\$ 0.09</u>	<u>\$ 0.12</u>	<u>\$ (0.18)</u>
Weighted-average common shares used in computing earnings (loss) per share:			
Basic	<u>429,457</u>	<u>422,331</u>	<u>417,218</u>
Diluted	<u>432,040</u>	<u>427,770</u>	<u>417,218</u>

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

CHEWY, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)
(in thousands)

	Class A and Class B Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Total Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)
	Shares	Amount				
Balance as of January 31, 2021	415,046	4,150	\$1,930,804	\$ (1,989,924)	\$ —	\$ (54,970)
Share-based compensation expense	—	—	77,772	—	—	77,772
Vesting of share-based compensation awards	4,873	49	(49)	—	—	—
Distribution to parent	187	2	(2)	—	—	—
Tax sharing agreement with related parties	—	—	12,785	—	—	12,785
Net loss	—	—	—	(75,207)	—	(75,207)
Balance as of January 30, 2022	420,106	4,201	2,021,310	(2,065,131)	—	(39,620)
Share-based compensation expense	—	—	158,122	—	—	158,122
Vesting of share-based compensation awards	5,109	51	(51)	—	—	—
Tax withholdings for share-based compensation awards	(53)	(1)	(2,474)	—	—	(2,475)
Distribution to parent	187	2	(2)	—	—	—
Tax sharing agreement with related parties	—	—	(5,658)	—	—	(5,658)
Net income	—	—	—	49,899	—	49,899
Balance as of January 29, 2023	425,349	4,253	2,171,247	(2,015,232)	—	160,268
Share-based compensation expense	—	—	239,106	—	—	239,106
Vesting of share-based compensation awards	6,334	64	(64)	—	—	—
Tax withholdings for share-based compensation awards	—	—	(5)	—	—	(5)
Distribution to parent	93	1	(1)	—	—	—
Tax sharing agreement with related parties	—	—	(4,999)	—	—	(4,999)
Noncash settlement with related parties	—	—	54,734	—	—	54,734
Capital contribution from parent reorganization transaction	—	—	21,966	—	—	21,966
Net income	—	—	—	39,580	—	39,580
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	—	(406)	(406)
Balance as of January 28, 2024	431,776	4,318	\$2,481,984	\$ (1,975,652)	\$ (406)	\$ 510,244

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

CHEWY, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(in thousands)

	Fiscal Year		
	2023	2022	2021
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net income (loss)	\$ 39,580	\$ 49,899	\$ (75,207)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	109,693	83,440	55,319
Share-based compensation expense	239,107	158,122	77,772
Non-cash lease expense	37,818	39,389	32,996
Change in fair value of equity warrants and investments	(13,069)	13,340	—
Unrealized foreign currency gains, net	(391)	—	—
Other	3,914	1,072	595
Net change in operating assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable	(27,072)	(2,573)	(20,858)
Inventories	(41,259)	(115,261)	(41,745)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(50,099)	(10,964)	(7,357)
Other non-current assets	(29,942)	1,114	(4,960)
Trade accounts payable	71,762	147,465	84,058
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	152,329	7,932	128,706
Operating lease liabilities	(27,179)	(21,632)	(19,864)
Other long-term liabilities	21,019	(1,566)	(17,712)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>486,211</u>	<u>349,777</u>	<u>191,743</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Capital expenditures	(143,282)	(230,310)	(183,186)
Cash paid for acquisition of business, net of cash acquired	(367)	(40,033)	—
Purchases of marketable securities	(3,221,714)	(543,761)	—
Proceeds from maturities of marketable securities	3,078,000	200,000	—
Acquisition of assets	—	—	(10,086)
Other	—	(1,400)	—
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(287,363)</u>	<u>(615,504)</u>	<u>(193,272)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from parent reorganization transaction, net of cash paid for income taxes	60,601	—	—
Capital contribution from parent reorganization transaction	21,966	—	—
(Payments for) proceeds from tax sharing agreement with related parties	(10,279)	(2,828)	43,714
Principal repayments of finance lease obligations	(510)	(681)	(869)
Payment of debt modification costs	(175)	(750)	(1,584)
Payments for tax withholdings related to vesting of share-based compensation awards	(5)	(2,475)	—
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>71,598</u>	<u>(6,734)</u>	<u>41,261</u>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	145	—	—
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	<u>270,591</u>	<u>(272,461)</u>	<u>39,732</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, as of beginning of period	<u>331,641</u>	<u>604,102</u>	<u>564,370</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, as of end of period	<u>\$ 602,232</u>	<u>\$ 331,641</u>	<u>\$ 604,102</u>
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information			
Cash paid for interest	\$ 2,872	\$ 2,058	\$ 2,053
Cash paid for income taxes	\$ 1,799,758	\$ —	\$ —

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

CHEWY, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Description of Business

Chewy, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries (collectively “Chewy” or the “Company”) is a pure play e-commerce business geared toward pet products and services for dogs, cats, fish, birds, small pets, horses, and reptiles. Chewy serves its customers through its retail websites, and its mobile applications and focuses on delivering exceptional customer service, competitive prices, outstanding convenience (including Chewy’s Autoship subscription program, fast shipping, and hassle-free returns), and a large selection of high-quality pet food, treats and supplies, and pet healthcare products.

The Company is controlled by a consortium including private investment funds advised by BC Partners Advisors LP (“BC Partners”) and its affiliates, La Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec, affiliates of GIC Special Investments Pte Ltd, affiliates of StepStone Group LP and funds advised by Longview Asset Management, LLC (collectively, the “Sponsors”). The Company was controlled by PetSmart LLC (“PetSmart”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Sponsors, through February 11, 2021.

On October 30, 2023 (the “Closing Date”), the Company entered into certain transactions (the “Transactions”) with affiliates of BC Partners pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the “Merger Agreement”). The Transactions resulted in such affiliates restructuring their ownership interests in the Company and Chewy Pharmacy KY, LLC (“Chewy Pharmacy KY”) becoming an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company.

Contemporaneously with the execution and delivery of the Merger Agreement, the Company and the BC Partners-affiliated stockholders named therein (the “BCP Stockholder Parties”) entered into an Amended and Restated Investor Rights Agreement (the “A&R Investor Rights Agreement”), which amended and restated in its entirety that certain Investor Rights Agreement, dated as of June 13, 2019, by and among the Company and the stockholders identified therein. The A&R Investor Rights Agreement contains changes to the governing arrangements between the BCP Stockholder Parties and the Company, including (i) the gradual elimination of the Company’s dual class share structure through the conversion of the Company’s Class B common stock (ten votes per share) into Class A common stock (one vote per share), (ii) certain revisions to the BCP Stockholder Parties director nomination rights which will accelerate the step down of their nomination rights as the economic ownership of the BCP Stockholder Parties decreases following the date that such stockholders no longer hold an aggregate of over 50% of the outstanding Class A and Class B common stock of the Company, (iii) the approval of a disinterested and independent committee of the Company’s board of directors for certain change of control transactions, (iv) certain standstill commitments, and (v) additional transfer restrictions.

On the Closing Date, affiliates of BC Partners transferred \$1.9 billion to the Company to be used to fund: (i) tax obligations of its affiliates that were inherited by the Company as a result of the Transactions and (ii) expenses incurred by the Company in connection with the Transactions. The Merger Agreement requires affiliates of BC Partners to indemnify the Company for certain tax liabilities and includes customary indemnifications related to the Transactions. For additional information, see Note 12 – Income Taxes.

2. Basis of Presentation and Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The Company’s accompanying consolidated financial statements and related notes have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”) as set forth in the Financial Accounting Standards Board’s (“FASB”) accounting standards codification (“ASC”).

In connection with the Transactions described in Note 1 – Description of Business, the Company has provided restated consolidated financial statements and related notes for the historical comparative periods in this 10-K Report reflecting the operations of Chewy Pharmacy KY as part of the Company’s consolidated financial statements. This restatement was accounted for as a common control transaction, with Chewy Pharmacy KY’s net assets transferred at the previous parent company’s historical basis.

Fiscal Year

The Company has a 52- or 53-week fiscal year ending each year on the Sunday that is closest to January 31 of that year. The Company's 2023 fiscal year ended January 28, 2024 and included 52 weeks ("Fiscal Year 2023"). The Company's 2022 fiscal year ended January 29, 2023 and included 52 weeks ("Fiscal Year 2022"). The Company's 2021 fiscal year ended January 30, 2022 and included 52 weeks ("Fiscal Year 2021").

Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements and related notes include the accounts of Chewy, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Use of Estimates

GAAP requires management to make certain estimates, judgments, and assumptions that affect reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. On an ongoing basis, management evaluates these estimates and judgments. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Key estimates relate primarily to determining the net realizable value and demand for inventory, useful lives associated with property and equipment and intangible assets, valuation allowances with respect to deferred tax assets, contingencies, self-insurance accruals, evaluation of sales tax positions, and the valuation and assumptions underlying share-based compensation and equity warrants. On an ongoing basis, management evaluates its estimates compared to historical experience and trends, which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying value of assets and liabilities.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of 90 days or less to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents primarily consist of institutional money market funds, U.S. Treasury securities, certificates of deposit, and commercial paper and are carried at cost, which approximates fair value.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Company maintains the majority of its cash and cash equivalents in accounts with large financial institutions. At times, balances in these accounts may exceed federally insured limits; however, to date, the Company has not incurred any losses on its deposits of cash and cash equivalents.

Investments

The Company generally invests its excess cash in AAA-rated money market funds and investment grade short- to intermediate-term fixed income securities, including U.S. Treasury securities, certificates of deposit, and commercial paper. Such investments are included in cash and cash equivalents or marketable securities on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and are classified based on original maturity. The Company considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of 90 days or less to be cash equivalents and considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity greater than 90 days and less than one year to be marketable securities.

Marketable fixed income securities are classified as available-for-sale and reported at fair value with unrealized gains and losses included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). Each reporting period, the Company evaluates whether declines in fair value below carrying value are due to expected credit losses, as well as its ability and intent to hold the investment until a forecasted recovery of the carrying value occurs. Expected credit losses are recorded as an allowance through other income (expense), net on the Company's consolidated statements of operations.

Equity investments in public companies that have readily determinable fair values are included in marketable securities on the Company's consolidated balance sheets and measured at fair value with changes recognized in other income (expense), net on the Company's consolidated statements of operations.

The Company holds equity warrants giving it the right to acquire stock of other companies. These warrants are classified as derivative assets and are recorded within other non-current assets on the Company's consolidated balance sheets with gains and losses recognized in other income (expense), net on the Company's consolidated statements of operations. These warrants are subject to vesting requirements and the fair value established at contract inception is recognized as a deferred credit reported within other long-term liabilities on the Company's consolidated balance sheets and is amortized as the vesting requirements are achieved. For more information, see Note 4 - Financial Instruments.

Accounts Receivable

The Company's accounts receivable are comprised of customer and vendor receivables. The Company's net customer receivables were \$110.0 million and \$105.2 million as of January 28, 2024 and January 29, 2023, respectively, and consist of credit and debit card receivables from banks, which typically settle within five business days. The Company's vendor receivables were \$44.0 million and \$21.8 million as of January 28, 2024 and January 29, 2023, respectively. The Company does not maintain an allowance for doubtful accounts as neither historical losses on customer and vendor receivables nor future projected losses on such receivables have been or are expected to be significant.

Inventories

The Company's inventories represent finished goods, consist of products available for sale and are accounted for using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method and valued at the lower of cost or net realizable value.

Inventory costs consist of product and inbound shipping and handling costs. Inventory valuation requires the Company to make judgments, based on currently available information, about the likely method of disposition, such as through sales to individual customers or returns to product vendors. Inventory valuation losses are recorded as cost of goods sold and historical losses have not been significant.

Property and Equipment, net

Property and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation is calculated over the estimated useful lives of the related assets using the straight-line method. Amortization of leasehold improvements is computed using the straight-line method over the shorter of the remaining lease term (including renewals that are reasonably assured) or the estimated useful lives of the improvements. For software application projects which develop new software or enhance existing licensed or internally-developed software, external costs and certain internal costs, including payroll and payroll-related costs of employees, directly associated with developing these software applications for internal use are capitalized subsequent to the preliminary stage of development. Internal-use software costs are amortized using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the software when the project is substantially complete and ready for its intended use.

The estimated useful lives of property and equipment are principally as follows:

Furniture, fixtures and equipment	5 to 10 years
Computer equipment and software	3 to 5 years
Leasehold improvements and finance lease assets	Shorter of the lease term or estimated useful life

Expenditures for major additions and improvements are capitalized and minor replacements, maintenance, and repairs are expensed as incurred. When property and equipment are retired or otherwise disposed of, the cost and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any resulting gains or losses are included in the Company's results of operations for the respective period. For more information, see Note 5 - Property and Equipment, net.

Leases

The Company has operating and finance lease agreements for its fulfillment and customer service centers, corporate offices, and certain equipment. The Company determines if an arrangement contains a lease at inception based on the ability to control a physically distinct asset. Operating and finance lease right-of-use assets are recorded in the consolidated balance sheets based on the initial measurement of the lease liability as adjusted to include prepaid rent and initial direct costs less any lease incentives received. Lease liabilities are measured at the commencement date based on the present value of the lease payments over the lease term. Lease payments are generally fixed but may include provisions for future rent increases based on a market index. The Company separately accounts for lease and non-lease components within lease agreements; the non-lease components primarily relate to common area maintenance for real estate leases. The Company uses its incremental borrowing rate to present value the lease liability as key inputs to determine the interest rate implicit in the lease are not shared by lessors.

Operating lease expense is recorded on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for short-term leases are not recognized in the consolidated balance sheets. Payments for short-term leases are recognized in the consolidated statements of operations on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of net assets acquired in a business combination. Goodwill is not amortized. The Company evaluates goodwill for impairment annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. The Company has the option to first perform a qualitative assessment of its goodwill to determine whether it is necessary to perform a quantitative impairment test. If the Company concludes via the qualitative assessment that it is more likely than not that goodwill is impaired, management performs the quantitative impairment test to evaluate the recoverability of goodwill by comparing the carrying value of the Company's reporting units to their fair values. An impairment charge is recorded for the amount by which the carrying amounts exceed the fair values of the reporting units, with the loss recognized not exceeding the total amount of goodwill. The Company did not record any goodwill impairment during the periods presented.

Intangible Assets

Intangible assets are recognized and recorded at their acquisition date fair values. Intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives with amortization expense included within selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statements of operations. The Company determined the useful lives of its intangible assets based on multiple factors including obsolescence and the period over which expected cash flows are used to measure the fair value of the intangible asset at acquisition. The Company periodically reassesses the useful lives of its intangible assets when events or circumstances indicate that useful lives have significantly changed from the previous estimate. Intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization, are included within other non-current assets on the consolidated balance sheets.

The estimated useful lives of intangible assets are as follows:

Developed technology	3 years
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Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

The Company's long-lived assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Conditions that would necessitate an impairment assessment include a significant decline in the observable market value of an asset, a significant change in the extent or manner in which an asset is used, or any other significant adverse change that would indicate that the carrying amount of an asset or group of assets may not be recoverable. For asset groups held and used, the carrying value of the asset group is considered recoverable when the estimated undiscounted future cash flows expected to be generated from the use and eventual disposition of the asset group exceed the respective carrying value. In the event that the carrying value is not considered recoverable, an impairment charge would be recognized for the asset group to be held and used equal to the excess of the carrying value above the estimated fair value of the asset group. Impairment charges are recognized within selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statements of operations. Impairment charges recorded by the Company were not material for Fiscal Year 2023, Fiscal Year 2022, and Fiscal Year 2021.

Accrued Expenses and Other Current Liabilities

The following table presents the components of accrued expenses and other current liabilities (in thousands):

	As of	
	January 28, 2024	January 29, 2023
Outbound fulfillment	\$ 491,251	\$ 370,095
Advertising and marketing	106,339	99,593
Payroll liabilities	83,880	66,799
Accrued expenses and other	324,467	258,047
Total accrued expenses and other current liabilities	<u>\$ 1,005,937</u>	<u>\$ 794,534</u>

Self-Insurance Accruals

The Company uses a combination of self-insurance programs and large-deductible purchased insurance to provide for the costs of medical and workers' compensation claims. The Company periodically evaluates its level of insurance coverage and adjusts its insurance levels based on risk tolerance and premium expense. Liabilities for the risks the Company retains, including estimates of claims incurred but not reported, are not discounted and are estimated, in part, by considering historical cost experience, demographic and severity factors, and judgments about current and expected levels of cost per claim and retention levels. Additionally, claims may emerge in future years for events that occurred in a prior year at a rate that differs from previous actuarial projections. The Company believes the actuarial methods are appropriate for measuring these self-insurance accruals. However, based on the number of claims and the length of time from incurrence of the claims to ultimate settlement, the use of any estimation method is sensitive to the assumptions and factors described above. Accordingly, changes in these assumptions and factors can affect the estimated liability and those amounts may be different than the actual costs paid to settle the claims.

Defined Contribution Plans

The Company maintains a 401(k) defined contribution plan which covers all employees who meet minimum requirements and elect to participate. The Company is currently matching employee contributions, up to specified percentages of those contributions.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. To increase the comparability of fair value measures, the following hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation methodologies used to measure fair value:

Level 1-Valuations based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2-Valuations based on inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3-Valuations based on unobservable inputs reflecting the Company's assumptions, consistent with reasonably available assumptions made by other market participants. These valuations require significant judgment.

The carrying amounts of the Company's cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, trade accounts payable, and accrued expenses and other current liabilities approximate fair value based on the short-term maturities of these instruments.

Loss Contingencies

Certain conditions may exist which may result in a loss to the Company, but which will only be resolved when one or more future events occur or fail to occur. The Company's management assesses such contingent liabilities and such assessments inherently involve an exercise of judgment. In assessing loss contingencies related to legal proceedings that are pending against the Company, or unasserted claims that may result in such proceedings, the Company evaluates the perceived merits of any legal proceedings or unasserted claims as well as the perceived merits of the amount of relief sought or expected to be sought therein.

If the assessment of a contingency indicates that it is probable that a material loss has been incurred and the amount of the liability is estimable, the liability would be accrued in the Company's consolidated financial statements. If the assessment indicates that a potentially material loss contingency is not probable but is reasonably possible, or is probable but cannot be estimated, the nature of the contingent liability, together with an estimate of the range of possible loss, if determinable and material, would be disclosed.

Loss contingencies considered remote are generally not disclosed. Unasserted claims that are not considered probable of being asserted and those for which an unfavorable outcome is not reasonably possible have not been disclosed.

Revenue Recognition

Chewy recognizes revenues from product sales when the customer orders an item through Chewy's websites or mobile applications via the electronic shopping cart, funds are collected from the customer and the item is shipped from one of the Company's fulfillment centers and delivered to the carrier. Certain products are shipped directly from manufacturers to Chewy customers. For all of the preceding, the Company is considered to be a principal to these transactions and revenue is recognized on a gross basis as the Company is (i) the primary entity responsible for fulfilling the promise to provide the specified products in the arrangement with the customer and provides the primary customer service for all products sold on Chewy's websites or mobile applications, (ii) has inventory risk before the products have been transferred to a customer and maintains inventory risk upon accepting returns, and (iii) has discretion in establishing the price for the specified products sold on Chewy's websites or mobile applications.

Chewy primarily generates net sales from sales of pet food, pet products, pet medications and other pet health products, and related shipping fees. Revenue is measured as the amount of consideration the Company expects to receive in exchange for transferring products. To encourage customers to purchase its products, the Company periodically provides incentive offers. Generally, these promotions include current discount offers, such as percentage discounts off current purchases and other similar offers. These offers, when accepted by customers, are treated as a reduction to the transaction price. Revenue typically consists of the consideration received from the customer when the order is executed less a refund allowance, which is estimated using historical experience.

Taxes collected from customers for remittance to governmental authorities are excluded from net sales.

Cost of Goods Sold

Cost of goods sold includes the purchase price of inventory sold, freight costs associated with inventory, shipping supply costs, inventory shrinkage costs and valuation adjustments and reductions for promotions and discounts offered by the Company's vendors.

Vendor Rebates

The Company has agreements with vendors to receive either percentage or volume rebates. Additionally, certain vendors provide funding for discounts relating to the Autoship subscription program which are passed on to the Company's customers. The Company primarily receives agreed upon percentage rebates from vendors, however, certain of its vendor rebates are dependent upon reaching minimum purchase thresholds. In these instances, the Company evaluates the likelihood of reaching purchase thresholds using past experience and current year forecasts. When volume rebates can be reasonably estimated and it is probable that minimum purchase thresholds will be met, the Company records a portion of the rebate as it makes progress towards the purchase threshold. The Company also receives vendor funding in the form of advertising agreements related to general marketing activities. Amounts received from vendors are considered a reduction of the carrying value of the Company's inventory and, therefore, such amounts are ultimately recorded as a reduction of cost of goods sold in the consolidated statements of operations.

Vendor Concentration Risk

The Company purchases inventory from several hundred vendors worldwide. Sales of products from the Company's three largest vendors represented approximately 39%, 38%, and 35% of the Company's net sales for Fiscal Year 2023, Fiscal Year 2022, and Fiscal Year 2021, respectively.

Selling, General and Administrative

Selling, general and administrative expenses consist of payroll and related expenses for employees involved in general corporate functions, including accounting, finance, tax, legal, and human resources; costs associated with use by these functions of facilities and equipment, such as depreciation expense and rent; share-based compensation expense, professional fees and other general corporate costs.

Fulfillment

Fulfillment costs represent those costs incurred in operating and staffing fulfillment and customer service centers, including costs attributable to buying, receiving, inspecting and warehousing inventories, picking, packaging and preparing customer orders for shipment, payment processing, and responding to inquiries from customers. For Fiscal Year 2023, Fiscal Year 2022, and Fiscal Year 2021 the Company recorded fulfillment costs of \$1.3 billion, \$1.2 billion, and \$1.2 billion, respectively, which are included within selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statements of operations. Included within fulfillment costs are merchant processing fees charged by third parties that provide merchant processing services for credit cards. For Fiscal Year 2023, Fiscal Year 2022, and Fiscal Year 2021, the Company recorded merchant processing fees of \$234.0 million, \$207.7 million, and \$183.8 million, respectively, which are included within selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statements of operations.

Share-Based Compensation

The Company recognizes share-based compensation expense based on the equity award's grant date fair value. For grants of restricted stock units subject to service-based and company performance-based vesting conditions, the fair value is established based on the market price on the date of the grant. For grants of restricted stock units subject to market-based vesting conditions, the fair value is established using the Monte Carlo simulation lattice model. The determination of the fair value of share-based awards is affected by the Company's stock price and a number of assumptions, including volatility, performance period, risk-free interest rate and expected dividends. The Company accounts for forfeitures as they occur. The grant date fair value of each restricted stock unit is amortized over the requisite service period.

Advertising and Marketing

Advertising and marketing expenses primarily consist of advertising and payroll and related expenses for personnel engaged in marketing, business development and selling activities. Advertising and marketing costs are expensed in the period that the advertising first takes place.

Interest Income (Expense), net

The Company generates interest income from its cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities and incurs interest expense from its borrowing facilities and finance leases. The following table provides additional information about the Company's interest income (expense), net (in thousands):

	Fiscal Year		
	2023	2022	2021
Interest income	\$ 62,083	\$ 11,865	\$ 523
Interest expense	(3,582)	(2,575)	(2,164)
Interest income (expense), net	<u>\$ 58,501</u>	<u>\$ 9,290</u>	<u>\$ (1,641)</u>

Other Income (Expense), net

The Company's other income (expense), net consists of changes in the fair value of equity warrants and investments, foreign currency transaction gains and losses, and allowances for credit losses. The following table provides additional information about the Company's other income (expense), net (in thousands):

	Fiscal Year		
	2023	2022	2021
Change in fair value of equity warrants	\$ 13,079	\$ (13,340)	\$ —
Foreign currency transaction gains	285	174	—
Change in fair value of equity investments	(10)	—	—
Other income (expense), net	<u>\$ 13,354</u>	<u>\$ (13,166)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

Income and Other Taxes

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method, under which deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences of events that have been recognized in the Company's financial statements or tax returns. The Company's calculation relies on several factors, including pre-tax earnings and losses, differences between tax laws and accounting rules, statutory tax rates, uncertain tax positions, and valuation allowances. Valuation allowances are established when, in the Company's judgment, it is more likely than not that its deferred tax assets will not be realized based on all available evidence. Management considers all available evidence, both positive and negative, including historical levels of income, expectations and risks associated with estimates of future taxable income and ongoing tax planning strategies in assessing the need for a valuation allowance.

Chewy determines whether it is more likely than not that a tax position will be sustained upon examination. If it is not more likely than not that a position will be sustained, no amount of benefit attributable to the position is recognized. The tax benefit of any tax position that meets the more likely than not recognition threshold is calculated as the largest amount that is more than 50% likely of being realized upon resolution of the contingency. The Company records interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions within interest expense and selling, general and administrative expenses, respectively, in the consolidated statements of operations.

The Company collects and remits sales tax in jurisdictions in which it has a physical presence or it believes nexus exists. The Company maintains liabilities for potential exposure in states where taxability is uncertain and the Company did not collect sales tax.

Segments

Operating segments are defined as components of an entity for which separate financial information is available and that is regularly reviewed by the Chief Operating Decision Maker ("CODM") in deciding how to allocate resources to an individual segment and in assessing performance. The Company's CODM is its Chief Executive Officer. The Company has determined that it operates in one operating segment and one reportable segment, as the CODM reviews financial information presented on a consolidated basis for purposes of making operating decisions, allocating resources, and evaluating financial performance.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

ASU 2022-04, Liabilities—Supplier Finance Programs (Subtopic 405-50): Disclosure of Supplier Finance Program Obligations. In September 2022, the FASB issued this Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") which requires entities that use supplier finance programs in connection with the purchase of goods and services to disclose the key terms of the programs and information about obligations outstanding at the end of the reporting period. This update became effective at the beginning of the Company's 2023 fiscal year. The adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

ASU 2023-09, Income Taxes (Topic 740): Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures. In December 2023, the FASB issued this ASU to update income tax disclosure requirements, primarily related to the income tax rate reconciliation and income taxes paid information. This update is effective beginning with the Company's 2025 fiscal year annual reporting period, with early adoption permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that the adoption of this standard will have on its consolidated financial statements.

ASU 2023-07, Segment Reporting (Topic 280): Improvements to Reportable Segment Disclosures. In November 2023, the FASB issued this ASU to update reportable segment disclosure requirements, primarily through enhanced disclosures about significant segment expenses and information used to assess segment performance. This update is effective beginning with the Company's 2024 fiscal year annual reporting period, with early adoption permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that the adoption of this standard will have on its consolidated financial statements.

ASU 2022-03, Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820): Fair Value Measurement of Equity Securities Subject to Contractual Sale Restrictions. In June 2022, the FASB issued this ASU to clarify the guidance when measuring the fair value of an equity security subject to contractual sale restrictions that prohibit the sale of an equity security. This update is effective at the beginning of the Company's 2024 fiscal year, with early adoption permitted. The Company does not believe the adoption of this standard will have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

3. Acquisitions

Petabyte Acquisition

On October 23, 2022, the Company entered into a definitive Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Petabyte Merger Agreement") with Petabyte Technology Inc. ("Petabyte"), a Delaware corporation. Under the terms of the Petabyte Merger Agreement, the Company and Petabyte effected a merger on November 7, 2022, and Petabyte became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. Headquartered in Bellevue, Washington, Petabyte is a provider of cloud-based technology solutions to the veterinary sector and the acquisition is expected to further strengthen the Company's pet healthcare product and service offering.

The following table reconciles the purchase price to the cash paid for the acquisition, net of cash acquired (in thousands):

Purchase price	\$ 43,281
Less: cash acquired	2,881
Cash paid for acquisition of business, net of cash acquired	<u>\$ 40,400</u>

The Petabyte transaction was accounted for as a business combination in accordance with ASC 805 "Business Combinations." Assets acquired and liabilities assumed were recorded in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet at their fair values, with the remaining unallocated purchase price recorded as goodwill. Goodwill represents the expected synergies and cost rationalization from the merger of operations as well as intangible assets that do not qualify for separate recognition such as an assembled workforce.

The following table summarizes the assets acquired and liabilities assumed as of the acquisition date (in thousands):

Assets acquired:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,881
Accounts receivable	104
Goodwill	39,442
Identified intangible assets	1,510
Other current and non-current assets	318
Liabilities assumed:	
Other current and long-term liabilities	(974)
Purchase price	<u>\$ 43,281</u>

Pro forma information for the Petabyte acquisition has not been provided as the impact was not material to the Company's consolidated results of operations.

In connection with this acquisition the Company recorded goodwill of \$39.4 million, none of which is anticipated to be deductible for tax purposes. The identified intangible assets consisted of \$1.5 million of developed technology with an amortization period of 3.0 years.

4. Financial Instruments

Cash equivalents are carried at cost, which approximates fair value and are classified within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy because they are valued using quoted market prices.

Marketable securities are carried at fair value and are classified within Level 1 because they are valued using quoted market prices. Specific to marketable fixed income securities, the Company did not record any gross unrealized gains and losses as fair value approximates amortized cost. The Company did not record any credit losses during Fiscal Year 2023. Further, as of January 28, 2024, the Company did not record an allowance for credit losses related to its fixed income securities.

Equity investments in public companies that have readily determinable fair values are carried at fair value and are classified within Level 1 because they are valued using quoted market prices.

Equity warrants are classified within Level 3 because they are valued based on observable and unobservable inputs reflecting the Company's assumptions, consistent with reasonably available assumptions made by other market participants. The Company utilized certain valuation techniques such as the Black-Scholes option-pricing model and the Monte Carlo simulation model to determine the fair value of equity warrants. The application of these models requires the use of a number of complex assumptions based on unobservable inputs, including the expected term, expected equity volatility, discounts for lack of marketability, cash flow projections, and probability with respect to vesting requirements.

The following table includes a summary of financial instruments measured at fair value as of January 28, 2024 (in thousands):

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Cash	\$ 602,232	\$ —	\$ —
Money market funds	—	—	—
Cash and cash equivalents	602,232	—	—
U.S. Treasury securities	531,592	—	—
Equity investments	193	—	—
Marketable securities	531,785	—	—
Equity warrants	—	—	2,219
Total financial instruments	<u>\$ 1,134,017</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 2,219</u>

The following table includes a summary of financial instruments measured at fair value as of January 29, 2023 (in thousands):

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Cash	\$ 301,641	\$ —	\$ —
Money market funds	30,000	—	—
Cash and cash equivalents	331,641	—	—
U.S. Treasury securities	346,926	—	—
Equity investments	18	—	—
Marketable securities	346,944	—	—
Equity warrants	—	—	31,622
Total financial instruments	<u>\$ 678,585</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 31,622</u>

The following table summarizes the change in fair value for financial instruments using unobservable Level 3 inputs (in thousands):

	Fiscal Year	
	2023	2022
Beginning balance	\$ 31,622	\$ —
Equity warrants acquired	—	44,962
Change in fair value of equity warrants	(29,403)	(13,340)
Ending balance	<u>\$ 2,219</u>	<u>\$ 31,622</u>

As of January 28, 2024 and January 29, 2023, the deferred credit subject to vesting requirements recognized within other long-term liabilities in exchange for the equity warrants was \$1.9 million and \$45.0 million, respectively.

The following table presents quantitative information about Level 3 significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of the equity warrants as of January 28, 2024:

	Fair Value (in thousands)	Valuation Techniques	Unobservable Input	Range		Weighted Average
				Min	Max	
Equity warrants	\$2,219	Black-Scholes and Monte Carlo	Probability of vesting	0%	50%	18%
			Equity volatility	35%	85%	77%

5. Property and Equipment, net

The following is a summary of property and equipment, net (in thousands):

	As of	
	January 28, 2024	January 29, 2023
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	\$ 174,092	\$ 162,618
Computer equipment	75,677	67,849
Internal-use software	183,380	139,082
Leasehold improvements	312,123	246,386
Construction in progress	82,014	93,535
	<u>827,286</u>	<u>709,470</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	305,988	230,585
Property and equipment, net	<u>\$ 521,298</u>	<u>\$ 478,885</u>

Internal-use software includes labor and license costs associated with software development for internal use. As of January 28, 2024 and January 29, 2023, the Company had accumulated amortization related to internal-use software of \$87.5 million and \$57.4 million, respectively.

Construction in progress is stated at cost, which includes the cost of construction and other directly attributable costs. No provision for depreciation is made on construction in progress until the relevant assets are completed and put into use.

For Fiscal Year 2023, Fiscal Year 2022, and Fiscal Year 2021, the Company recorded depreciation expense on property and equipment of \$75.6 million, \$57.5 million, and \$40.8 million, respectively, and amortization expense related to internal-use software costs of \$30.2 million, \$22.4 million, and \$14.2 million, respectively. The aforementioned depreciation and amortization expenses were included within selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statements of operations.

6. Identified Intangible Assets

The following table provides information about the Company's identified intangible assets (in thousands, except for weighted-average remaining life):

	As of January 28, 2024			
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Value	Weighted-Average Remaining Life (years)
Developed technology	\$ 11,596	\$ (7,633)	\$ 3,963	1.0
Total intangible assets	<u>\$ 11,596</u>	<u>\$ (7,633)</u>	<u>\$ 3,963</u>	<u>1.0</u>

For Fiscal Year 2023, Fiscal Year 2022, and Fiscal Year 2021, the Company recorded amortization expense related to intangible assets of \$3.9 million, \$3.5 million, and \$0.3 million, respectively. The future estimated amortization of intangible assets is as follows (in thousands):

	Amortization Expense
2024	\$ 3,585
2025	378
Total intangible asset amortization	<u>\$ 3,963</u>

7. Commitments and Contingencies

Legal Matters

Various legal claims arise from time to time in the normal course of business. In assessing loss contingencies related to legal proceedings that are pending against the Company, or unasserted claims that may result in such proceedings, the Company evaluates the perceived merits of any legal proceedings or unasserted claims as well as the perceived merits of the amount of relief sought or expected to be sought therein.

The Company believes that it has adequately accrued for the potential impact of loss contingencies that are probable and reasonably estimable. The Company does not believe that the ultimate resolution of any matters to which it is presently a party will have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations, financial condition or cash flows. However, the results of these matters cannot be predicted with certainty, and an unfavorable resolution of one or more of these matters could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

International Business Machines Corporation ("IBM") previously alleged that the Company is infringing four of its patents. On February 15, 2021, the Company filed a declaratory judgment action in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (the "District Court") against IBM seeking the District Court's declaration that the Company is not infringing the four asserted IBM patents. On April 19, 2021, IBM filed an answer with counterclaims, seeking unspecified damages, including a request that the amount of compensatory damages be trebled, injunctive relief and costs and reasonable attorneys' fees. On May 24, 2021, IBM filed an amended complaint that included an additional assertion that the Company is infringing a fifth IBM patent. On October 8, 2021, the parties had a claim construction hearing and on November 9, 2021, the claim construction rulings resulted in one of the five patents (the "414 patent") being eliminated from the case.

The parties filed their motions for summary judgment which were fully briefed on February 24, 2022. On April 11, 2022, the District Court granted the Company's motions for summary judgment that the Company did not infringe three of the patents and that the fourth patent is invalid. On April 29, 2022, IBM filed a notice of appeal in the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (the "Federal Circuit") to appeal the District Court's judgment of non-infringement of certain of the patents. Oral argument for the appeal occurred on October 4, 2023 and a decision by the Federal Circuit was issued on March 5, 2024, which upheld the District Court's decision except for a claim related to one of the patents (the "849 patent"), which has been remanded for further proceedings. Separately, on May 3, 2023, IBM sent the Company a letter indicating that the '414 patent that was invalidated by the District Court was reexamined by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office and a reexamination certificate was issued. As a result, IBM is asserting that the Company infringes the new claims of the '414 patent. The Company continues to deny these allegations and all other allegations of any infringement and intends to vigorously defend itself in these matters.

8. Debt

ABL Credit Facility

The Company has a senior secured asset-based credit facility (the "ABL Credit Facility") which matures on August 27, 2026 and provides for non-amortizing revolving loans in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$800 million, subject to a borrowing base comprised of, among other things, inventory and sales receivables (subject to certain reserves). The ABL Credit Facility provides the right to request incremental commitments and add incremental asset-based revolving loan facilities in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$250 million, subject to customary conditions.

Borrowings under the ABL Credit Facility bear interest at a rate per annum equal to an applicable margin, plus, at the Company's option, either a base rate or a term Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR"). The applicable margin is generally determined based on the average excess liquidity during the immediately preceding fiscal quarter as a percentage of the maximum borrowing amount under the ABL Credit Facility, and is between 0.25% and 0.75% per annum for base rate loans and between 1.25% and 1.75% per annum for term SOFR loans. The Company is also required to pay a commitment fee of 0.25% per annum with respect to the undrawn portion of the commitments, which is generally based on average daily usage of the facility.

All obligations under the ABL Credit Facility are guaranteed on a senior secured first-lien basis by the Company's wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries, subject to certain exceptions, and secured, subject to permitted liens and other exceptions, by a perfected first-priority security interest in substantially all of the Company's and its wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries' assets.

The ABL Credit Facility contains a number of covenants that, among other things, restrict the Company's and its restricted subsidiaries' ability to:

- incur or guarantee additional debt and issue certain equity securities;
- make certain investments and acquisitions;
- make certain restricted payments and payments of certain indebtedness;
- incur certain liens or permit them to exist;
- enter into certain types of transactions with affiliates;
- merge or consolidate with another company; and
- transfer, sell or otherwise dispose of assets.

Each of these restrictions is subject to various exceptions.

In addition, the ABL Credit Facility requires the Company to maintain a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio of 1.0:1.0 if excess liquidity under the facility is less than the greater of 10% of the maximum borrowing amount and \$72.0 million for a certain period of time. The ABL Credit Facility also contains certain customary affirmative covenants and events of default for facilities of this type, including an event of default upon a change in control. Based on the Company's borrowing base as of January 28, 2024, which is reduced by standby letters of credit, the Company had \$759.0 million of borrowing capacity under the ABL Credit Facility. As of January 28, 2024, the Company had no outstanding borrowings under the ABL Credit Facility.

9. Leases

The Company leases all of its fulfillment and customer service centers and corporate offices under non-cancelable operating lease agreements. The terms of the Company's real estate leases generally range from 5 to 15 years and typically allow for the leases to be renewed for up to three additional five-year terms. Fulfillment and customer service centers and corporate office leases expire at various dates through 2038, excluding renewal options. The Company also leases certain equipment under operating and finance leases. The terms of equipment leases generally range from 3 to 5 years and do not contain renewal options. These leases expire at various dates through 2025.

The Company's finance leases as of January 28, 2024 and January 29, 2023 were not material and were included in property and equipment, net, on the Company's consolidated balance sheets.

The table below presents the operating lease-related assets and liabilities recorded on the consolidated balance sheets (in thousands):

Leases	Balance Sheet Classification	As of	
		January 28, 2024	January 29, 2023
Assets			
Operating	Operating lease right-of-use assets	\$ 474,617	\$ 423,518
Total operating lease assets		<u>\$ 474,617</u>	<u>\$ 423,518</u>
Liabilities			
Current			
Operating	Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	\$ 29,003	\$ 27,646
Non-current			
Operating	Operating lease liabilities	527,795	471,821
Total operating lease liabilities		<u>\$ 556,798</u>	<u>\$ 499,467</u>

For Fiscal Year 2023 and Fiscal Year 2022, assets acquired in exchange for new operating lease liabilities were \$106.3 million and \$92.1 million, respectively. Lease expense primarily related to operating lease costs and were included within selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statements of operations. For Fiscal Year 2023, Fiscal Year 2022, and Fiscal Year 2021, the Company recorded lease expense of \$104.4 million, \$90.9 million, and \$79.7 million of which short-term and variable lease payments were \$24.8 million, \$18.9 million, and \$17.7 million respectively.

As of January 28, 2024, the weighted-average remaining lease term and weighted-average discount rate for operating leases was 11.8 years and 8.4%, respectively. As of January 29, 2023, the weighted-average remaining lease term and weighted-average discount rate for operating leases was 12.0 years and 8.4%, respectively.

Cash flows used in operating activities related to operating leases were approximately \$95.7 million, \$76.8 million, and \$67.9 million for Fiscal Years 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively.

The table below presents the maturity of lease liabilities as of January 28, 2024 (in thousands):

	<u>Operating Leases</u>
2024	\$ 70,522
2025	77,677
2026	74,844
2027	70,932
2028	71,866
Thereafter	534,553
Total lease payments	<u>900,394</u>
Less: interest	343,596
Present value of lease liabilities	<u>\$ 556,798</u>

The Company maintains arrangements with certain local government agencies which provide for certain ad valorem tax incentives in connection with the Company's capital investment in property, plant, and equipment purchases to outfit new facilities over a specified timeframe. To facilitate the incentives, the Company conveys the purchased equipment to the local government agency and will lease the equipment from such agency for nominal consideration. Upon termination of the lease, including early termination, the equipment will be conveyed to the Company for a nominal fee.

10. Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)

Common Stock

Voting Rights

Holders of the Company's Class A and Class B common stock are entitled to vote together as a single class on all matters submitted to a vote or for the consent of the stockholders of the Company, unless otherwise required by law or the Company's amended and restated certificate of incorporation. Holders of Class A common stock are entitled to one vote per share and holders of Class B common stock are entitled to ten votes per share.

Dividends

Subject to the preferences applicable to any series of preferred stock, if any, outstanding, holders of Class A and Class B common stock are entitled to share equally, on a per share basis, in dividends and other distributions of cash, property or securities of the Company.

Liquidation

Subject to the preferences applicable to any series of preferred stock, if any, outstanding, in the event of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, distribution of assets or winding up of the Company, all assets of the Company available for distribution to common stockholders would be divided among and paid ratably to holders of Class A and Class B common stock.

Conversion of Class B Common Stock

Voluntary Conversion

Each share of Class B common stock is convertible into one fully paid and nonassessable share of Class A common stock at the option of the holder thereof with the prior written consent of the Company.

On May 8, 2020, Buddy Chester Sub LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Sponsors, converted 17,584,098 shares of the Company's Class B common stock into Class A common stock. On May 11, 2020, Buddy Chester Sub LLC entered into a variable forward purchase agreement (the "Contract") to deliver up to 17,584,098 shares of the Company's Class A common stock at the exchange date, with the number of shares to be issued based on the trading price of the Company's common stock during a 20-day observation period. On each of May 15, 2023 and May 16, 2023, Buddy Chester Sub LLC settled its obligations under the Contract and delivered a total of 17,584,098 shares.

On April 12, 2021, Argos Intermediate Holdco I Inc. (“Argos Holdco”) converted 6,150,000 shares of the Company’s Class B common stock into Class A common stock and sold such Class A common stock.

On January 9, 2024, Buddy Chester Sub LLC converted 12,325,000 shares of the Company’s Class B common stock into Class A common stock and sold such Class A common stock.

Automatic Conversion

All shares of Class B common stock shall automatically, without further action by any holder, be converted into an identical number of shares of fully paid and nonassessable Class A common stock (i) on the first trading day on or after the date on which the outstanding shares of Class B common stock constitute less than 7.5% of the aggregate number of shares of common stock then outstanding, or (ii) upon the occurrence of an event, specified by the affirmative vote (or written consent) of the holders of a majority of the then-outstanding shares of Class B common stock, voting as a separate class.

In addition, each share of Class B common stock will convert automatically into one share of Class A common stock (i) upon the sale or transfer of such share of Class B common stock, except for certain transfers described in the Company’s amended and restated certificate of incorporation, including transfers to affiliates of the holder and another holder of Class B common stock, or (ii) if the holder is not an affiliate of any of the Sponsors.

Preferred Stock

Preferred stock may be issued from time to time by the Company for such consideration as may be fixed by the board of directors. Except as otherwise required by law, holders of any series of preferred stock shall be entitled to only such voting rights, if any, as shall expressly be granted by the Company’s amended and restated certificate of incorporation (including any certificate of designation relating to such series of preferred stock).

11. Share-Based Compensation

2022 Omnibus Incentive Plan

In July 2022, the Company’s stockholders approved the Chewy, Inc. 2022 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the “2022 Plan”) replacing the Chewy, Inc. 2019 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the “2019 Plan”). The 2022 Plan became effective on July 14, 2022 and allows for the issuance of up to 40.0 million shares of Class A common stock and 1.0 million shares for new grants rolled over from the 2019 Plan. No awards may be granted under the 2022 Plan after July 2032. The 2022 Plan provides for the grants of: (i) options, including incentive stock options and non-qualified stock options, (ii) restricted stock units, (iii) other share-based awards, including share appreciation rights, phantom stock, restricted shares, performance shares, deferred share units, and share-denominated performance units, (iv) cash awards, (v) substitute awards, and (vi) dividend equivalents (collectively the “awards”). The awards may be granted to (i) the Company’s employees, consultants, and non-employee directors, (ii) employees of the Company’s affiliates and subsidiaries, and (iii) consultants of the Company’s subsidiaries.

Service and Performance-Based Awards

The Company granted restricted stock units which vested upon satisfaction of both service-based vesting conditions and company performance-based vesting conditions (“PRSUs”), subject to the employee’s continued employment with the Company through the applicable vesting date. The Company recorded share-based compensation expense for PRSUs over the requisite service period and accounted for forfeitures as they occur.

Service and Performance-Based Awards Activity

The following table summarizes the activity related to the Company's PRSUs for Fiscal Year 2023 (in thousands, except for weighted average grant date fair value):

	<u>Number of PRSUs</u>	<u>Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value</u>
Unvested and outstanding as of January 29, 2023	2,206	\$ 36.22
Granted	500	\$ 26.91
Vested	(1,936)	\$ 35.89
Forfeited	(217)	\$ 37.38
Unvested and outstanding as of January 28, 2024	<u>553</u>	<u>\$ 28.49</u>

The following table summarizes the weighted average grant-date fair value of PRSUs granted and total fair value of PRSUs vested for the periods presented:

	<u>Fiscal Year</u>		
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Weighted average grant-date fair value of PRSUs	\$ 26.91	\$ 43.59	\$ 80.85
Total fair value of vested PRSUs (in millions)	\$ 74.8	\$ 145.5	\$ 318.2

As of January 28, 2024, total unrecognized compensation expense related to unvested PRSUs was \$13.7 million and is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average expected performance period of 2.0 years.

During Fiscal Year 2023, Fiscal Year 2022, and Fiscal Year 2021, vesting occurred for 0.1 million, 0.2 million, and 0.2 million PRSUs, respectively, that were previously granted to an employee of PetSmart. For accounting purposes, the issuance of Class A common stock upon vesting of these PRSUs is treated as a distribution to a parent entity because both the Company and PetSmart are controlled by affiliates of BC Partners.

The fair value for PRSUs with a Company performance-based vesting condition is established based on the market price of the Company's Class A common stock on the date of grant.

Service-Based Awards

The Company granted restricted stock units with service-based vesting conditions ("RSUs") which vested subject to the employee's continued employment with the Company through the applicable vesting date. The Company recorded share-based compensation expense for RSUs on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period and accounted for forfeitures as they occur.

Service-Based Awards Activity

The following table summarizes the activity related to the Company's RSUs for Fiscal Year 2023 (in thousands, except for weighted average grant date fair value):

	<u>Number of RSUs</u>	<u>Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value</u>
Unvested and outstanding as of January 29, 2023	10,813	\$ 45.56
Granted	14,228	\$ 31.00
Vested	(4,501)	\$ 45.61
Forfeited	(3,152)	\$ 39.94
Unvested and outstanding as of January 28, 2024	<u>17,388</u>	<u>\$ 34.65</u>

The following table summarizes the weighted average grant-date fair value of RSUs granted and total fair value of RSUs vested for the periods presented:

	Fiscal Year		
	2023	2022	2021
Weighted average grant-date fair value of RSUs	\$ 31.00	\$ 41.54	\$ 72.05
Total fair value of vested RSUs (in millions)	\$ 154.6	\$ 47.6	\$ 19.5

As of January 28, 2024, total unrecognized compensation expense related to unvested RSUs was \$456.5 million and is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average expected performance period of 2.5 years.

The fair value for RSUs is established based on the market price of the Company's Class A common stock on the date of grant.

As of January 28, 2024, there were 26.0 million additional shares of Class A common stock reserved for future issuance under the 2022 Plan.

Share-Based Compensation Expense

Share-based compensation expense is included within selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statements of operations. The Company recognized share-based compensation expense as follows (in thousands):

	Fiscal Year		
	2023	2022	2021
PRSUs	\$ 1,896	\$ 12,710	\$ 27,423
RSUs	237,211	145,412	50,349
Total share-based compensation expense	<u>\$ 239,107</u>	<u>\$ 158,122</u>	<u>\$ 77,772</u>

12. Income Taxes

Chewy is subject to taxation in the U.S. and various state, local, and foreign jurisdictions. Income taxes as presented in the Company's consolidated financial statements have been prepared based on Chewy's separate return method. As a result of the Transactions, the Company no longer files consolidated or combined state and local income tax returns with affiliates of BC Partners and no longer considers hypothetical net operating losses or credits associated with such income tax returns.

For Fiscal Year 2023 and Fiscal Year 2022, the Company recorded a current income tax provision of \$8.7 million and \$2.6 million, respectively. For Fiscal Year 2023 and Fiscal Year 2022, the Company's income tax provisions for the foreign jurisdictions were not material. For Fiscal Year 2021, the Company did not have a current or deferred provision for income taxes for any taxing jurisdiction.

The Company's effective income tax rate reconciliation is as follows for the periods presented:

	Fiscal Year		
	2023	2022	2021
Federal statutory rate	21.0 %	21.0 %	21.0 %
Foreign earnings, net of taxes	2.8 %	— %	— %
State income taxes, net of federal tax benefit	(4.1)%	3.8 %	10.9 %
Change in tax rate	— %	2.5 %	(0.2)%
Share-based compensation and other nondeductible expenses	16.8 %	(24.4)%	73.0 %
Tax credits	(43.7)%	(22.2)%	36.1 %
Other	0.9 %	3.3 %	(0.1)%
Change in valuation allowance	24.2 %	21.0 %	(140.7)%
Effective rate	<u>17.9 %</u>	<u>5.0 %</u>	<u>— %</u>

The temporary differences which comprise the Company's deferred taxes are as follows for the periods presented (in thousands):

	As of	
	January 28, 2024	January 29, 2023
Deferred tax assets:		
Operating lease liabilities	\$ 144,965	\$ 129,786
Inventories	13,313	10,897
Share-based compensation	32,029	37,085
Accrued expenses and reserves	16,495	13,468
Net operating loss carryforwards	130,382	177,627
Tax credit carryforwards	52,166	40,391
Capitalized research expenditures	122,600	36,535
Other	3,248	7,971
Total deferred tax assets	<u>515,198</u>	<u>453,760</u>
Less: valuation allowance	281,119	230,692
Deferred tax assets, net of valuation allowance	<u>234,079</u>	<u>223,068</u>
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Operating lease right-of-use assets	123,563	109,827
Depreciation	101,235	107,014
Prepays	7,289	6,227
Other	1,992	—
Total deferred tax liabilities	<u>234,079</u>	<u>223,068</u>
Net deferred tax assets	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

Valuation Allowance

The valuation allowance increased by \$50.4 million during Fiscal Year 2023. The increase in the valuation allowance primarily relates to: (i) an increase of \$44.6 million relating to current year activity, (ii) an increase of \$4.6 million relating to an increase in federal tax credits, and (iii) an increase of \$1.2 million relating to miscellaneous adjustments to the Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities.

Beginning in 2022, the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "TCJA") amended Section 174 to eliminate current-year deductibility of research and experimentation ("R&E"), and software development costs, and instead requires taxpayers to charge their R&E expenditures to a capital account amortized over five years (15 years for expenditures attributable to R&E activity performed outside the United States). As of January 28, 2024, the Company recorded deferred tax assets of \$122.6 million, before any valuation allowance, with respect to capitalized R&E expenditures.

The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets depends on the generation of future taxable income during the periods in which those temporary differences are deductible. The Company considers the scheduled reversal of deferred tax liabilities (including the effect of available carryback and carryforward periods) in making this assessment. To fully utilize the net operating loss (“NOL”) and tax credit carryforwards the Company will need to generate sufficient future taxable income in each respective jurisdiction. Due to the Company’s history of losses, it is more likely than not that its deferred tax assets will not be realized as of January 28, 2024. Accordingly, the Company has established a full valuation allowance on its net deferred tax assets. A valuation allowance is recorded when it is more likely than not that some portion of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. To the extent that a valuation allowance has been established and it is subsequently determined that it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets will be recovered, the valuation allowance will be released.

The following summarizes the activity related to valuation allowances on deferred tax assets (in thousands):

	Fiscal Year		
	2023	2022	2021
Valuation allowance, as of beginning of period	\$ 230,692	\$ 217,032	\$ 124,012
Valuation allowances established	50,434	14,970	93,199
Changes to existing valuation allowances	(7)	(1,310)	(179)
Valuation allowance, as of end of period	<u>\$ 281,119</u>	<u>\$ 230,692</u>	<u>\$ 217,032</u>

Net Operating Loss and Tax Credit Carryforwards

As of January 28, 2024, the Company had federal, state, and foreign NOL carryforwards of \$492.7 million, \$488.1 million and \$20.4 million, respectively. The federal NOL carryforwards have no expiration and can only be used to offset 80% of the Company’s future taxable income. The state NOL carryforwards include \$210.6 million with definitive expiration dates and \$277.5 million with no expiration. The state NOLs are presented as an apportioned amount. The foreign NOL carryforwards have a 20-year expiration and can be used to offset 100% of the Company’s future taxable income.

As of January 28, 2024, the Company recorded deferred tax assets of \$130.4 million, before any valuation allowance, with respect to federal and state NOL carryforwards. These deferred tax assets expire as follows (in thousands):

2024	\$	91
2025		3
2026		64
2032		13
2033		128
Thereafter		15,359
Indefinite		114,724
Total loss carryforwards	<u>\$</u>	<u>130,382</u>

The Company participates in various federal and state credit programs which provide credits against current and future tax liabilities. Credits not used in the current year are carried forward to future years.

As of January 28, 2024, the Company recorded a deferred tax asset of \$52.2 million, before any valuation allowance, with respect to federal and state tax credit carryforwards. These deferred tax assets expire as follows (in thousands):

Year of Expiration	Research and Development	Work Opportunity	Quality Jobs Tax Credit	Total
2025	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 128	\$ 128
2026	90	—	183	273
2027	217	—	213	430
2038	17	—	—	17
2040	—	417	—	417
2041	7,775	1,142	—	8,917
2042	16,267	2,096	—	18,363
2043	23,621	—	—	23,621
	<u>\$ 47,987</u>	<u>\$ 3,655</u>	<u>\$ 524</u>	<u>\$ 52,166</u>

Uncertain Tax Positions

In connection with the Transactions, the Company became obligor on \$19.7 million of unrecognized tax benefits, inclusive of \$1.4 million in interest through Fiscal Year 2023, which is fully indemnified by affiliates of BC Partners and will not have a material impact to the Company's effective tax rate. The Company does not expect changes in the unrecognized tax benefits within the next 12 months that would have a material impact to its consolidated financial statements. The Company is no longer subject to U.S. state, or local tax examinations by tax authorities for years prior to Fiscal Year 2021 other than a few exceptions.

The following table provides a summary of gross unrecognized income tax benefits (in thousands):

	Fiscal Year		
	2023	2022	2021
Beginning balance	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Additions due to parent reorganization transaction	18,298	—	—
Ending balance	<u>\$ 18,298</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

Tax Sharing Agreement

The tax sharing agreement entered into between the Company, PetSmart, and Argos Holdco during Fiscal Year 2019 was terminated by all parties to the agreement on October 30, 2023 in connection with the Transactions. No remaining obligations exist between the parties.

During Fiscal Years 2023 and 2022, the Company paid \$10.3 million and \$2.8 million, respectively, pursuant to the tax sharing agreement. As of January 29, 2023, the Company had a payable related to the tax sharing agreement of \$5.3 million.

Income Tax Payments and Liabilities

In connection with the Transactions, Chewy assumed \$1.9 billion in income taxes which were fully indemnified by affiliates of BC Partners. During Fiscal Year 2023, the Company paid \$1.8 billion in federal and state income taxes relating to the taxes assumed in connection with the Transactions and had an income tax payable of \$108.9 million on such assumed income taxes as of January 28, 2024.

With respect to income taxes other than the Transactions, the Company paid \$5.0 million in federal, state, and foreign income taxes during Fiscal Year 2023 and had an income tax payable of \$4.4 million as of January 28, 2024.

Inflation Reduction Act

On August 16, 2022, the U.S enacted the Inflation Reduction Act which introduced new tax provisions, including a 15% corporate alternative minimum tax, a 1% excise tax on corporate stock buybacks, and several tax incentives to promote clean energy. These provisions did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements during Fiscal Year 2023 and the Company does not expect a material impact in future years.

13. Earnings (Loss) per Share

Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share attributable to the Company's common stockholders are presented using the two-class method required for participating securities. Under the two-class method, net income (loss) attributable to the Company's common stockholders is determined by allocating undistributed earnings between common stock and participating securities. Undistributed earnings for the periods presented are calculated as net income (loss) less distributed earnings. Undistributed earnings are allocated proportionally to the Company's common Class A and Class B stockholders as both classes are entitled to share equally, on a per share basis, in dividends and other distributions. Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share are calculated by dividing net income (loss) attributable to the Company's common stockholders by the weighted-average shares outstanding during the period.

The following table sets forth basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share attributable to the Company's common stockholders for the periods presented (in thousands, except per share data):

	Fiscal Year		
	2023	2022	2021
Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share			
Numerator			
Earnings (loss) attributable to common Class A and Class B stockholders	\$ 39,580	\$ 49,899	\$ (75,207)
Denominator			
Weighted-average common shares used in computing earnings per share:			
Basic	429,457	422,331	417,218
Effect of dilutive share-based awards	2,583	5,439	—
Diluted	<u>432,040</u>	<u>427,770</u>	<u>417,218</u>
Anti-dilutive share-based awards excluded from diluted common shares	11,058	5,377	9,773
Earnings (loss) per share attributable to common Class A and Class B stockholders:			
Basic	<u>\$ 0.09</u>	<u>\$ 0.12</u>	<u>\$ (0.18)</u>
Diluted	<u>\$ 0.09</u>	<u>\$ 0.12</u>	<u>\$ (0.18)</u>

14. Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions

As of January 28, 2024, the Company had a receivable from affiliates of BC Partners of \$48.3 million with respect to the indemnification for certain tax liabilities in connection with the Transactions, which was included in prepaid expenses and other current assets on the Company's consolidated balance sheets.

As of January 28, 2024, the Company did not have any amounts due to/from PetSmart. As of January 29, 2023, the Company had a net payable to PetSmart of \$60.3 million, which was included in accrued expenses and other current liabilities on the Company's consolidated balance sheets; the majority of this balance was extinguished as the result of a \$54.7 million noncash settlement during Fiscal Year 2023.

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

None.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

Management's Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required financial disclosure.

As of the end of the period covered by this 10-K Report, our management, under the supervision and with the participation of our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e). Based upon this evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at a reasonable assurance level as of January 28, 2024.

Management's Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act). Management conducted an assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on the criteria set forth in Internal Control - Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework). Management has concluded that its internal control over financial reporting was effective as of January 28, 2024 to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP. The effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of January 28, 2024, has been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report, which appears in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting during the thirteen weeks ended January 28, 2024.

Limitations on the Effectiveness of Controls

Our disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting are designed to provide reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives as specified above. Management does not expect, however, that our disclosure controls and procedures will prevent or detect all error and fraud. Any control system, no matter how well designed and operated, is based on certain assumptions and can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that its objectives will be met. Further, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that misstatements due to error or fraud will not occur or that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been detected.

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and the Stockholders of Chewy, Inc.:

Opinion on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

We have audited the internal control over financial reporting of Chewy, Inc. and subsidiaries (the “Company”) as of January 28, 2024, based on criteria established in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of January 28, 2024, based on criteria established in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by COSO.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (“PCAOB”), the consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended January 28, 2024, of the Company and our report dated March 20, 2024, expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements.

Basis for Opinion

The Company’s management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management’s Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company’s internal control over financial reporting based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Definition and Limitations of Internal Control over Financial Reporting

A company’s internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company’s internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company’s assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP
Miami, Florida
March 20, 2024

We have served as the Company’s auditor since 2017.

Item 9B. Other Information

Rule 10b5-1 Plan Elections

During the thirteen weeks ended January 28, 2024, none of the Company's directors or officers adopted, modified, or terminated a "Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement" or a "non-Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement", as such terms are defined under Item 408 of Regulation S-K.

Item 9C. Disclosure Regarding Foreign Jurisdictions that Prevent Inspections

Not applicable.

PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

Incorporated herein by reference is the text found in this Annual Report on Form 10-K under the caption, "Information About Our Executive Officers". The remaining information regarding our directors, executive officers and corporate governance is incorporated herein by reference from the sections titled "Board of Directors and Corporate Governance — Board of Directors," "Security Ownership Information — Delinquent Section 16(a) Reports," "Board of Directors and Corporate Governance — Corporate Governance Guidelines and Code of Conduct and Ethics," and "Board of Directors and Corporate Governance — Board Committees" from our Definitive Proxy Statement for the 2024 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Proxy Statement") to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A within 120 days after the close of Fiscal Year 2023.

Item 11. Executive Compensation

Information on executive compensation is incorporated herein by reference from the sections titled "Board of Directors and Corporate Governance — Director Compensation," "Named Executive Officer Compensation — Compensation Discussion and Analysis," "Named Executive Officer Compensation — Compensation Tables," "Named Executive Officer Compensation — Employment Agreements and Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control," "Named Executive Officer Compensation — Compensation Related Risks," "Named Executive Officer Compensation — CEO Pay Ratio," "Board of Directors and Corporate Governance — Board Committees — Compensation Committee — Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation," and "Named Executive Officer Compensation — Compensation Committee Report" from our Proxy Statement to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A within 120 days after the close of Fiscal Year 2023.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

Information on security ownership of certain beneficial owners and management and related shareholder matters is incorporated herein by reference from the sections titled "Named Executive Officer Compensation — Compensation Tables — Equity Compensation Plan Information" and "Security Ownership Information — Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" from our Proxy Statement to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A within 120 days after the close of Fiscal Year 2023.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence

Information on certain relationships and related transactions and director independence is incorporated herein by reference from the sections titled "Board of Directors and Corporate Governance — Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions" and "Board of Directors and Corporate Governance — Director Independence" from our Proxy Statement to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A within 120 days after the close of Fiscal Year 2023.

Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

Information on principal accounting fees and services is incorporated herein by reference from the sections titled "Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm — Principal Accountant Fees and Services" and "Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm — Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures" from our Proxy Statement to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A within 120 days after the close of Fiscal Year 2023.

PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

- a. The following documents are filed as part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K:
1. **Consolidated Financial Statements** - Our consolidated financial statements are listed in the “Index to Consolidated Financial Statements and Schedule” under Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.
 2. **Financial Statement Schedules** - All schedules have been omitted because the required information is included in the consolidated financial statements or the notes thereto, or because it is not required.
 3. **Exhibits Required by Item 601 of Regulation S-K** - The information called for by this paragraph is set forth in Item 15(b) below.
- b. The documents listed in the Exhibit Index of this Annual Report on Form 10-K are incorporated by reference or are filed with this Annual Report on Form 10-K, in each case as indicated therein (numbered in accordance with Item 601 of Regulation S-K).

Exhibit No.	Exhibit Description	Incorporation by Reference			Filed Herewith	
		Form	File No.	Exhibit No.		
2.1	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of October 30, 2023, by and among Chewy, Inc., Chewy Kentucky Holding, LLC, Buddy Chester Sub Parent Holdco, Inc. and, solely for the purposes of certain articles identified therein, Buddy Chester Sub LLC.	8-K	001-38936	2.1	October 30, 2023	
3.1.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Chewy Inc.	8-K	001-38936	3.1	June 18, 2019	
3.1.2	Certificate of Amendment to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Chewy, Inc.	8-K	001-38936	3.1	July 20, 2023	
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Chewy, Inc.	8-K	001-38936	3.2	April 12, 2023	
4.1	Description of the Registrant's securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934					X
10.1	*Form of Director and Officer Indemnification Agreement	S-1/A	333-231095	10.2	June 3, 2019	
10.2	*Chewy, Inc. 2019 Omnibus Incentive Plan	S-8	333-232188	4.1	June 18, 2019	
10.3	*Form of Restricted Stock Unit Agreement	S-1/A	333-231095	10.11	June 3, 2019	
10.4	*Amended and Restated Executive Employment Agreement, dated June 1, 2019, between Sumit Singh and Chewy, Inc.	S-1/A	333-231095	10.8	June 3, 2019	
10.5	*Amended and Restated Offer Letter, dated January 8, 2024, between David Reeder and Chewy Inc.					X
10.6	*Executive Employment Agreement, dated June 2, 2019, between Mario Marte and Chewy, Inc.	S-1/A	333-231095	10.14	June 3, 2019	
10.7	*Executive Employment Agreement, dated June 2, 2019, between Susan Helfrick and Chewy, Inc.	S-1/A	333-231095	10.13	June 3, 2019	
10.8	Amended and Restated Investor Rights Agreement, dated as of October 30, 2023, by and among Chewy, Inc. and certain holders identified therein.	8-K	001-38936	10.1	October 30, 2023	
10.9	ABL Credit Agreement dated as of June 18, 2019, among Chewy Inc., Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent, and the Lenders (as defined therein) party thereto	8-K	001-38936	10.4	June 18, 2019	
10.10	Amendment No. 1 to the ABL Credit Agreement, dated as of August 27, 2021, among Chewy, Inc., the Lenders (as defined therein) from time to time party hereto, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as administrative agent, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as syndication agent.	8-K	001-38936	10.1	September 1, 2021	
10.11	Amendment No. 2 to the ABL Credit Agreement, dated as of January 26, 2023, among Chewy, Inc., the Lenders (as defined therein) from time to time party hereto, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as administrative agent, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as syndication agent.	8-K	001-38936	10.1	February 1, 2023	
10.12	*Chewy, Inc. 2022 Omnibus Incentive Plan	DEF 14A	001-38936	Filed as Appendix B	May 26, 2022	
10.13	*Form of Performance-Based Restricted Stock Unit Agreement	10-Q	001-38936	10.1	May 31, 2023	
10.14	*Form of Restricted Stock Unit Agreement	10-Q	001-38936	10.2	May 31, 2023	
10.15	*Form of Director Restricted Stock Unit Agreement	10-Q	001-38936	10.1	August 30, 2023	
10.16	*Director Deferred Compensation Plan	10-Q	001-38936	10.2	December 6, 2023	
10.17	*Executive Deferred Compensation Plan	10-Q	001-38936	10.3	December 6, 2023	
21.1	Significant Subsidiaries of Chewy, Inc.					X
23.1	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.					X
31.1	Certification of the Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.					X
31.2	Certification of the Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.					X
32.1	Certifications of the Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.					X
97.1	Chewy, Inc. Clawback Policy					X
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document - the instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data File because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document					X
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document					X
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document					X
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document					X
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document					X
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document					X
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101)					X

* Denotes management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement required to be filed as an exhibit hereto

Item 16. Form 10-K Summary

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