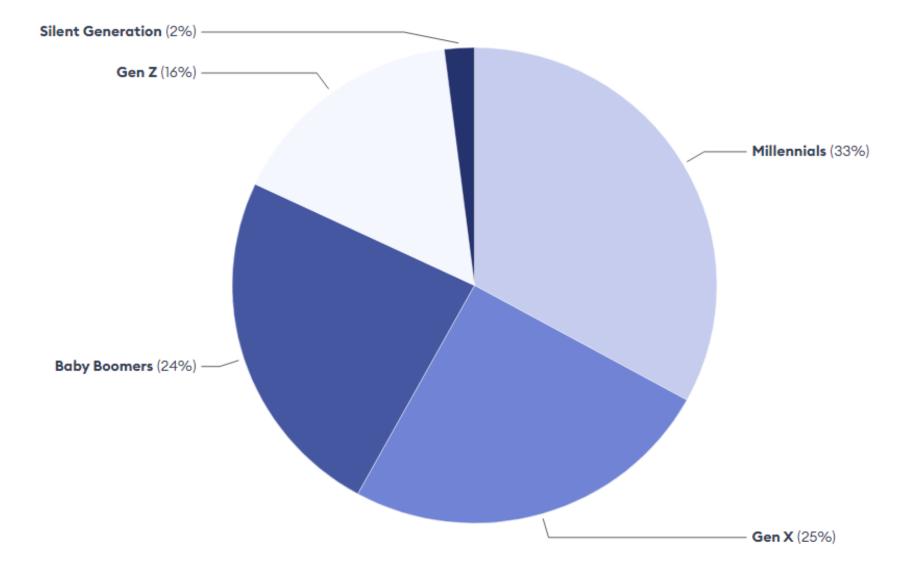


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#### Share of Current Pet Owners by Generation



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## **Polluted Pets**

- Contaminated with 48 of 70 industrial chemicals tested.
- 43 chemicals at levels higher than those found in people.
  - 2.4x higher levels of non-stick chemicals.
  - 23x more fire retardants (PBDEs).
  - > 5x the amounts of mercury.
- 23 chemicals reported in pets for the first time.





#### **Polluted Pets- Dogs**

- Cancer: dogs have higher rates of cancer than humans.
- Study found 11 carcinogens.
- Cancer is second leading cause of death in dogs.
- Higher rates of cancer than humans.







## **Polluted Pets- Cats**

- 15 chemicals toxic to the endocrine system.
- Flame retardants (EDCs) associated with feline hyperthyroidism.
- Increasing # of consumer products parallels increasing levels of hyperthyroidism.
- Pets = "early warning systems" for human health.







#### How are pets exposed?

- Grooming activities
- Eating scraps
- Food- processing and packaging chemicals.
- Chew toys
- Pet bedding





# Little Regulation

- Chemical companies do not have to prove products are safe before they are sold.
- Few standards that limit chemical contamination in pet food, pet toys.

(FDA CVM 2008a,b).





#### What we can do

- Wipe paws to eliminate exposure.
- Regular bathing
- Maintain a consistent floor cleaning routine.
- Bedding that doesn't contain harmful chemicals.
- Food





# Pet Shopping Cart

#### - Pet Mat

- Pet Mitt and Towel
- Pet 2 in 1 Shampoo and Conditioner
- Deodorizer
- Mop System with Duster Mop Pad
- Entry Mat

