# Case Study

Pet Supplies Plus Boosts In-Store Sales by Enabling Franchisees to Easily Send Local Email Marketing



Pet Supplies Plus is one of the largest specialty pet food retailers in the United States. Founded in 1988, Pet Supplies Plus is a franchisor and operator of pet specialty stores, which now serves over 30 states, with 600+ stores split across more than 100 franchisees.



## The Challenge

### **Local Marketing at Scale**

On a corporate level, Pet Supplies Plus runs a highly integrated, sophisticated email marketing program. With promotional, lifecycle, triggered, and transactional campaigns landing in customers' inboxes on a regular basis, they have built a reliable marketing channel that's data-driven and personalized.

However, Pet Supplies Plus' over 100 franchisees were much more limited in terms of the types of campaigns they could send out to customers of their local stores and the process was cumbersome. Due to the sheer number of franchisees and logistical complexities, Pet Supplies Plus giving local franchisees access to the corporate email marketing platform was not an option. After all, the corporate team would lose all control over branding and segmentation.

That meant that franchisees were stuck sending campaigns on their own, at the individual store-level, without the ability to analyze and optimize campaign performance. They also didn't have visibility into the corproate marketing calendar, which sometimes led to instances of customers receiving conflicting offers—one corporate, one local.

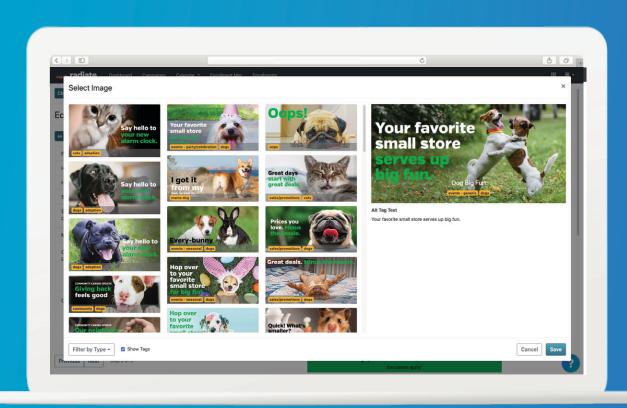


## The Solution

### Sageflo Bridges the Gap with a Simple, Streamlined Tool

To solve this issue, Pet Supplies Plus rolled out Sageflo to franchisees from coast to coast. Built as an easy-to-use web-based platform, Sageflo gives local franchisees access to on-brand design templates, copy, images, and audience segmentation—all approved by the corporate marketing team. This tool makes it easy for busy franchise owners to quickly build, deploy, and analyze emails across all their stores.

Plus, the calendar module allows the corporate team to share their marketing calendar, enabling franchisees to be more strategic about their cadence and content.





## The Results

#### Increased Quantity and Quality of Local Email Marketing

Over the first 12 months of using Sageflo, franchisees have seen:

19% increase in email click-to-open rate (CTOR)

2,000+ campaigns sent

increase in average basket size

And franchisees now have better access to reporting on how customers are interacting with their emails.

The benefits aren't limited to local franchisees. Pet Supplies Plus' corporate marketing team is also spending less time overseeing franchisee campaigns, giving them more time to focus on their strategic objectives.

## Sageflo took our franchise marketing to another level.

Before Sageflo, our franchisees were required to create individual emails for every store owned, making the process of sending community-focused emails incredibly inefficient. Performance reporting on these emails was limited to standard email engagement metrics and again, there was one report for each store!

Sageflo streamlined our franchisees' marketing efforts, making it easy to communicate with their stores at multiple levels, including district and whole ownership group, and providing access to more robust reporting. At the same time, it has improved the alignment between our corporate marketing team and franchise owners through standardized templates, shared marketing calendars, and targeted segment types.

Sageflo is one of the highlights of our franchise marketing platform at Pet Supplies Plus!

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## **Marketing Made Local**

#### **About Sageflo**

Sageflo Radiate is the distributed marketing solution that empowers franchise, multi-brand, and multi-location teams to easily send branded, local email and SMS. With Sageflo Radiate, enterprise companies scale their marketing at the local level, building community-focused connections, and driving customer loyalty and increased sales.

Sageflo is trusted by leading brands and seamlessly integrates with major ESPs and customer engagement platforms.

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