Endless Aisles®

Onboarding Guide



Choose the Right Solution for Your Business

Special Ordering

GREAT FOR RETAILERS WHO

- Are starting to think about online & home delivery
- Want to save time & resources on special orders

Have limited time to manage an online store

Want to offer additional products & services to their customers

Web Integration

GREAT FOR RETAILERS WHO

- Have considered e-commerce but need an easier, more affordable solution
- Have time to put towards branded content, pricing, & promotions
- Have the resources to market to their customer base & drive traffic to their online store
- Want to use our scaled fulfillment or offer in-store pickup

Special Ordering Guide



A Guide to Help You Succeed with Special Ordering

Many of you experience customers walking out of your store empty handed because you do not have the product they are looking for on your shelves. In a world where consumers expect to find exactly what they need instantly, it becomes increasingly important to offer that convenience to your customers.

Endless Aisles *Special Ordering* is the better way to special order for both your customers, and your business.

Getting Started with Special Ordering

Before you can use Endless Aisles Special Ordering, you'll need to sign up for more information on Endless Aisles at **EndlessAisles.io**. We want to ensure that your questions and curiosities are answered before you onboard. Once you are confident in your decision, you'll start onboarding for Endless Aisles.

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Account Set Up

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Creating and Connecting a Stripe Account

Endless Aisles Special Ordering uses Stripe, the leading payment processor that securely collects customer payments. Before you can use Special Ordering, you will need to create and connect a Stripe account. There will be instructions on how to link your Stripe and Endless Aisles accounts upon login. Once completed, we will verify your catalog and test your account.



Finishing Onboarding

Once your account is set up, you will receive an email with login credentials to **EndlessAisles.io**. You will then officially have access to the thousands of products available in the Endless Aisles catalog. You'll also be able to create additional logins for your store clerks or other team members within the **Admin** section.

We have created several YouTube videos that walk you through the different features of Endless Aisles. You and your staff can also attend one of our weekly webinars, where you can ask live questions to the Endless Aisles Team. You can access these links at **EndlessAisles.io/Resources.**



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Setting Your Retail Prices

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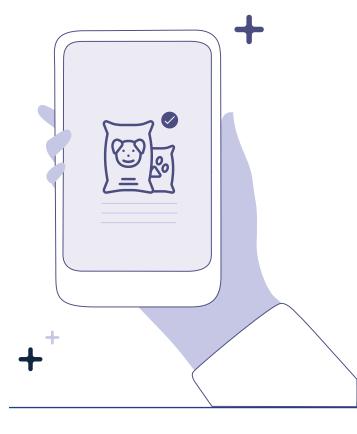
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Marketing Your Extended Catalog & Home Delivery Services

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Sign Up For Endless Marketing powered by Promoboxx

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Simply create an account and start engaging your customers online. It's available to you at no cost, and any pet retailer can sign up. You can learn more about Endless Marketing powered by Promoboxx at **EndlessAisles.io/Marketing**.

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Web Integration & Endless Aisles Lite Guide



A Guide to Help Your Online Store Succeed

Many of you recognize that consumers are quickly moving their wallets online as demand for online shopping and home-delivery become a critical component of convenience in today's hectic lifestyle.

It has never been easier, or more affordable, for a pet specialty retailer to build an online shopping experience for their customers. When we think about e-commerce, we frame it as a pie with four key pieces: Platform, Digital Merchandising Information, Fulfillment, and most importantly, Marketing.

We have the first three pieces covered with Shopify and the capabilities of Endless Aisles, but there are still a number of areas where you need to lean in and take the reins. We can help get the golf ball to the putting green, but you need to get it into the hole.

Getting Started with Web Integration & Endless Aisles Lite

Web Integration and Endless Aisles Lite are compatible with Shopify, the leading e-commerce platform for small to medium sized businesses. Not only does Shopify offer all the critical components you'll need to ensure your online store runs smoothly, it also has an app store with thousands of apps to make your site even more powerful (think auto-ship, product recommendations, email capture, and more).



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At the same time, we recommend exploring the services of our Web Integration partner, **Pet Store Websites**. They are experts in setting up websites and online stores for pet retailers like you. Not only do they build out your site to reflect your store's unique brand and offering, but they also help you maintain your site so that your customers keep coming back. We'll walk through the steps of setting up your Shopify site in a little bit.



Web Integration Account Set Up

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Shopify Set Up

Pet Store Websites supports many of the below steps, but if you are not using their services, you'll need to do this on your own.

- •Set up your shopify account and plan √We recommend the **Shopify plan** due to its increased capabilities, however Basic Shopify can also be used.
- •Review Shopify's "Step-by-Step Checklist"
- •Outline your content
- √Images: store, staff, homepage banners
- √Testimonials
- √Services
- √Locations
- √Brand spotlights or landing pages

to merchandise on your online store.

- •Download the Endless Aisles plugin for Shopify √We push the catalog to the backend of your site (all products will be unpublished) √Later, you'll price and publish the items you'd like
- •Select a theme
- √Based on content, navigation structure, and preferred product page layout
- √We recommend the **ShowTime Theme** for its ease of use and customizable content.
- Determine navigation structure
- √Key content categories
- √Dropdown options
- Publish products
- √Review the Endless Aisles products and publish the ones that reflect your store's merchandising strategy.

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- •Categorize your products
- √All the products we send to your store have a collection (dog or cat) and several descriptive tags attached to them.

This will help you to <u>build product collections</u>. √If you are using *Web Integration*, we also strongly recommend you use the <u>Filterize App</u> to help organize your products. Filterize is a private app built by our Web Integration partner, Pet Store Websites.

> √Filterize will make site navigation UX more seamless, and is included in Pet Store Websites' monthly fee. To get access to the app, please email:

sales@petstorewebsites.com.

- Determine the flat rate shipping fee (this only applies to *Web Integration*)

 √This flat rate shipping fee is what you pass on to your customers. You can read about our flat rate shipping fee suggestions in our **Shipping and Handling** FAQ.
- Configure your taxes √Configuring your taxes is one of the last steps before you begin testing your site. You can find a step-by-step guide to configuring your taxes in **Shopify's Help Center.**
- Set up key admin settings
- √Fraud settings
- √Checkout settings
- √Fulfillment settings
- √Tax/Payment settings
- Determine & download additional plugins to power your site (examples below)
- √Email capture
- √Email marketing service provider
- √Product recommendations
- √Lovalty
- √Appointment booking
- √Auto-ship/recurring orders
- √Product reviews
- √Exit intent modal
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What to Expect Once You Go Live

There are a number of things you'll want to do on an ongoing basis. We have outlined our suggestions below:

Daily

•Check sales and any orders that are coming in √Ensure that orders are being fulfilled either through Endless Aisles or from your store. If you have published items that are not available through Endless Aisles (e.g. Fromm, Farm Supplies) you'll need to fulfill those orders yourself or set them aside for in-store pickup.

√Review key metrics to determine which promotions you might want to run. You can easily create discount codes in your Shopify Admin.

√Ensure any issues (e.g. out of stocks or discontinuations) with auto-ship orders are addressed and communicated to your customers.

 Check your support email √Address any customer questions or issues √If you are using *Web Integration*, submit any credit requests via

the **Endless Aisles Credit Request Form**, accessible in our **FAQs**.



•Log into your Endless Aisles Price Control section √Review any retail prices that may need to be adjusted

√New products

√Wholesale changes (only if using *Web Integration*)

√MAP changes

•Review your promotional calendar

√Create any coupons needed in your Shopify Admin

√Create any barcodes in your POS for in-store redemptions

√Create any banners or content for your site

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•Check **Endless Marketing powered by Promoboxx** for new ready-to-use content

√Schedule new marketing content to post to your social channels

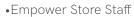
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Monthly

- •Build out your promotional calendar
- √Events
- √Coupons/offers
- √Blog posts
- •Review key metrics
- √Identify any opportunities
- √Identify trends or successful traffic drivers



√Share any wins and do any training to make sure they understand why you are investing in your online store √Ensure your staff is promoting your website in-store

- √Shelf talkers
- √Signage
- √T-Shirts
- √Bag Stuffers
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Offer Convenience and Grow Your Business



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of U.S. prohouseholds own in



projected growth in pet industry by 2023



of millennials prefer to buy certain pet products online



OVER 275K

products delivered by retailers like you!



"I truly love that my small local store is able to ship great products to customers."

ARISTOPETS

"Endless Aisles
allows us to sell more
products on our
website than
ever before."

PETS ON BROADWAY

"Endless Aisles provides us with competitive shipping rates to compete with larger online retailers."

ALL IS WELL PETS

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