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ZOOMARK 2023, LET THE SHOW EXPERIENCE BEGIN!

Record numbers for Zoomark's 20th birthday.

Zoomark, the international pet food and pet care show, is back, bigger than ever. Scheduled for **15th-17th May 2023 at BolognaFiere**, it is ready to make its mark, with record numbers.

With only a few weeks to go, exhibitors are still rushing to sign up. As things currently stand, this edition of Zoomark is set to be **the biggest ever, occupying 68,000 sqm**, and no less than **7 halls** (16, 21, 22, 25, 26, 29 and 30).

All the major pet industry players have already confirmed their presence in Bologna: more than **1,056 exhibitors** have chosen Zoomark as their official showcase. **75% of them come from abroad**, from a total of **57 countries**, and they represent the full range of pet industry product categories.

The growth of the event is evidenced by the number of **foreign delegations**, which now stands at **9**, with groups from the USA, China, Canada, Brazil, UK, Greece, Czech Republic, India and Thailand.

Mega trends and innovations in hall 16

Hall 16 will host two of the most interesting and innovative areas of Zoomark 2023: **NEXT** and **Pet Vision**.

NEXT is the brand-new area devoted to **Start-Ups**: an opportunity for them to introduce themselves to the pet business community for the first time. In this space dedicated to young businesses, visitors will find a host of new ideas and inspiration from the cutting-edge of the industry.

The **Pet Vision** area offers insight into **five mega trends** set to shape the pet market in the near future, namely:

- **Value for money**: products and services that offer an **optimum quality to price ratio**, to help consumers in this period of high inflation, without compromising on brand experience;
- **Green transition**: products and services that stand out for their genuine **environmental sustainability and social responsibility**;
- **Healthy & functional**: products and services for **health and functional purposes**, designed to fulfil specific needs;
- **Tailor-made**: bespoke products and services that are **highly specialized and customized**, specially created to meet precise needs of pets and owners;
- **Spoil me more**: products and services that treat pets to **extra-special attention**.

The competition

These five categories will also be the focus of a brand new **competition** judged by a **jury of high-profile international trade journalists**, which on 16th May will pick the best (and most innovative) products launched at Zoomark.

The jury will evaluate and award the product or service that stands out the most for its **qualitative, technological and innovation features and content**, and for its consistency with the trend for which it was registered.

For each of the five megatrends, one product will go to the top step of the podium, while the second and third

place winners will receive a special mention.

Aqua project

After the success of past editions, this year's event sees the return of Aqua Project, a **high-tech** display area created to spotlight the **aquarium industry**. In this area, set up in **hall 29**, distributors and retailers will be able to meet with major companies in the industry and attend aquascaping seminars.

Aqua Project is a spectacular focal point of the Zoomark Show Experience, showcasing next generation and design-led fish and reptile tanks, and attention-grabbing scapes created by the main Italian and international firms.

The programme of events. The much-awaited release of the 2023 Assalco-Zoomark Report

The three days of Zoomark will see a host of **educational and refresher** events for exhibitors and attendees alike.

The **opening conference** on the morning of **15th May** will also include the keenly anticipated presentation of the new Assalco-Zoomark Report.

The programme of events at Zoomark includes meetings for **distributors** and **International Sessions** focussing on rapidly developing markets and regions. There will be no shortage of **scientific conferences** on animal health and nutrition, and seminars on techniques for **boosting sales** and capitalising on the latest technologies.

Euromonitor is hosting a key event on **pet market trends in Europe**, then there are the **pet store** educational events organised by **ACAD** (the Association of Pet Stores and Groomers), and a round table discussion hosted by the **PLA** - Plant Litter Association.

A birthday to celebrate together

Since it was first established, Zoomark has served pet industry professionals in both good times and bad (such as the pandemic). Year after year it has strengthened its role as point of reference for companies seeking to embrace innovation, to become, **in 2023, Europe's leading pet industry event**.

2023 sees the **milestone 20th edition** of the show and Zoomark is gearing up to celebrate on the **evening of 15th May**, at the end of the first day. Exhibitors and visitors are invited to take part in a relaxed, informal celebration that offers a chance to get together and build new professional connections, remember past editions, think about the present and make plans for the future.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Where

BolognaFiere Exhibition Center

Times

Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th May: 9.00 a.m.-6.00 p.m.

Wednesday 17th May: 9.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m.

Entrances

Ovest Costituzione (Piazza della Costituzione, 4B)

Nord (Via Ondina Valla)

Tickets

25.00 euro for one day

40.00 euro for three days

To purchase, click here: <http://www.zoomark.it/en/visit/eticketing-service/7054.html>