

PetPoint Report: June 2012

The PetPoint Report is a monthly gauge of U.S. pet owner demand for cats and dogs available for adoption. Data is aggregated via the PetPoint Animal Management Software, a cloud-based application developed and launched in 2005. PetPoint is the most widely used animal management application in North American animal welfare.

The June PetPoint Report aggregates data from 1047 animal welfare organizations (“AWOs”) in the United States and compares it to data from 2011. For the purposes here, AWOs are defined as animal control agencies, SPCAs, humane societies and rescue groups. Only data from AWOs operating PetPoint during both June 2011 and June 2012 have been included.

The report includes data on 179,408 cats and dogs that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 169,391 cats and dogs that left AWOs over the same period (referred to as Outcomes). Only data for cats and dogs is reported here. AWOs from 46 states (excluding Alaska, Delaware, Hawaii, and Rhode Island), Washington D.C. and the U.S. Virgin Islands are represented in this report.

Intakes

Cats

- Intakes of stray cats totaled 49,768, a decline of 4% from June 2011.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 32,071, a decline of 7% from June 2011.
- 8,861 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, an increase of 7%.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement organizations totaled 6,485, an increase of 18%.
- Cats returned to shelters from owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 2,028, an increase of 2% from the previous year.
- Total intakes of all cats into AWOs equaled 99,213 during June 2012, a decline of 3% from June 2011.

Dogs

- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 29,635, a decline of 7%.
- Owner surrenders totaled 23,431, a decline of 10%.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 15,454, a decline of 2%.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies declined 3% to 7,834.
- Returns of dogs previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 3,841, an increase of 9%.
- Total intakes of all dogs equaled 80,195, a decline of 6% from June 2011.

Outcomes

Cats

- 35,725 cats were adopted in June, an increase of 10% year over year.
- Euthanasia totaled 46,635, a decline of 8% from June last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations totaled 4,996, a decline of 3%.
- 1,568 cats were returned to their owners, a decline of 10% from June 2011.
- A total of 2,687 cats died (excluding euthanasia) while in AWOs during June 2012, a decline of 10% from 2010.
- In June 2012, a total of 91,611 cats left AWOs, a decline of 1% from June 2011.

Dogs

- Adoptions increased 8% to 36,410.
- Euthanasia decreased 16% to 22,769.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations declined 6% to 8,098.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 9,723, a decline of 6% compared to June 2011.
- The number of dogs that died while in shelters totaled 780 (excluding euthanasia), a decline of 40% over 2011.
- 77,780 dogs left AWOs during June 2012, a decline of 4% from June 2011.

Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$66 in June 2012, a decline of 2% compared to June of last year.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age averaged \$39, a decline of 3% from June 2011.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$120, a 5% increase over June 2011.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$92, a decline of 1% from last year.

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