

## PetPoint Report: May 2013

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 May PetPoint Report aggregates data from 1,116 animal welfare organizations (“AWOs”) in the United States and compares it to data from 2012. 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 May 2012 and May 2013 have been included.

The report includes data on 177,101 cats and dogs that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 153,266 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 49 states (excluding Delaware), Washington D.C. and the U.S. Virgin Islands are represented in this report.

### Intakes

#### *Cats*

- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 28,700, a decrease of 10% from May 2012.
- Cats returned to shelters from owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 2,173, an increase of 4% from the previous year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement agencies decreased 10% to 6,605.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 45,584, a decrease of 10%.
- 11,232 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, an increase of 8%.
- Total intakes of all cats into AWOs equaled 94,294 during May 2013, a decrease of 8% from May 2012.

#### *Dogs*

- Owner surrenders totaled 22,476, a decline of 12% from May 2012.
- Returns of dogs previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 4,340, an increase of 7% from the previous year.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies decreased 4% to 8,614.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 28,901, a decline of 8%.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 18,476, an increase of 4%.
- Total intakes of all dogs equaled 82,807 during May 2013, a decline of 6% from May 2012.

## Outcomes

### *Cats*

- 28,125 cats were adopted in May 2013, which represented a 3% increase year over year.
- A total of 2,545 cats died (excluding euthanasia) while in AWOs during May 2013, which represents a 5% decrease compared to May of last year.
- Euthanasia totaled 32,959, a decline of 21% from May last year.
- 1,784 cats were returned to their owners, an increase of 8% compared to May 2012.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 12% to 7,241.
- In May 2013, 72,654 cats left AWOs, a decrease of 9% from May 2012.

### *Dogs*

- 40,018 dogs were adopted in May 2013, which represented a 5% increase from the previous year.
- The number of dogs that died while in shelters totaled 720 (excluding euthanasia), a decline of 21% over 2012.
- Euthanasia totaled 18,917, a decrease of 22% from May last year.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 10,583, a decrease of 1% compared to May 2012.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 11% to 10,374.
- In May 2013, 80,612 dogs left AWOs during May 2013, a decline of 3% from May 2012.

## Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$68 in May 2013, which represents a decrease of 1% from May 2012.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age averaged \$42, which represents no change compared to May of last year.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$128, an 8% increase over May 2012.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$93, an increase of 5% compared to May of last year.

PetPoint reports are published monthly on the third Monday of each month, excluding holidays, in which case they are published the following business day.

For more information or to find out how you can subscribe for regional, state, quarterly or annual data, please contact:

Brad Grucelski  
Vice President, PetPoint Solutions  
Pethealth Inc.  
bradg@petpoint.com  
(866) 630.7387 ext. 284