

PetPoint Report: June 2017

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 1,248 animal welfare organizations (“AWOs”) in the United States and compares it to data from the same month in 2016. 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 2016 and June 2017 have been included.

The report includes data on 198,369 cats and dogs that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 179,605 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, as well as Washington D.C. and the U.S. Virgin Islands are represented in this report; AWOs from North Dakota are excluded.

Intakes

Cats

- Total intakes of all cats into AWOs equaled 106,104 during June 2017, which represents a 0.1% decrease from June 2016.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 31,107, a decrease of 2.1% from June 2016.
- Cats returned by owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 2,721, a decrease of 5.3% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 51,755, which represents a 1.9% increase from June 2016.
- In June 2017, 13,328 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, an increase of 3.1% over the previous year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement agencies decreased 8.5% during June 2017 to 7,193.

Dogs

- Total intakes of all dogs equaled 92,265 during June 2017, an increase of 0.6% from June 2016.
- Owner surrenders totaled 22,863, a decrease of 2.0% from June 2016.
- Returns of dogs previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 4,941, an increase of 1.6% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 29,715, a decrease of 2.8% from June 2016.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 23,687 in June 2017, an increase of 7.5% over the previous year.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 1.4% during June 2017 to 11,059.

Outcomes

Cats

- In June 2017, 90,851 cats left AWOs, which represents a 2.1% decrease from June 2016.
- 49,632 cats were adopted in June 2017, which represents a 5.3% increase year over year.
- Euthanasia totaled 25,843, a decline of 11.1% from June of last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations decreased 9.3% to 9,248.
- 2,356 cats were returned to their owners, an increase of 0.4% compared to June 2016.
- The number of cats that died while in AWOs totaled 3,772 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 6.6% decrease from June 2016 to June 2017.

Dogs

- In June 2017, 88,754 dogs left AWOs, increase of 1.7% from June 2016.
- 47,746 dogs were adopted in June 2017, which represents a 6.4% increase from the previous year.
- Euthanasia totaled 12,998, a decline of 10.7% from June of last year.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations decreased 3.2% to 13,541.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 13,691, which represents a 4.0% increase compared to June 2016.
- The number of dogs that died while in AWOs totaled 778 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 7.6% increase from June 2016 to June 2017.

Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$73 in June 2017, which represents a 2.8% increase from June 2016.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age averaged \$42, which represents a 7.7% increase compared to June of last year.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$163, which represents a 4.5% increase from June 2016.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$100, which represents a 5.3% increase compared to June of last year.

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