

PetPoint Report: May 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 May PetPoint Report aggregates data from 1,264 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 May 2016 and May 2017 have been included.

The report includes data on 185,596 cats and dogs that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 154,052 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 97,918 during May 2017, which represents a 2.3% decrease from May 2016.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 28,335, a decrease of 4.7% from May 2016.
- Cats returned by owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 2,606, a decrease of 1.5% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 46,689, which represents a 0.1% increase from May 2016.
- In May 2017, 13,775 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, a decrease of 2.2% over the previous year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement agencies decreased 7.9% during May 2017 to 6,513.

Dogs

- Total intakes of all dogs equaled 87,678 during May 2017, a decrease of 1.0% from May 2016.
- Owner surrenders totaled 21,747, a decrease of 2.0% from May 2016.
- Returns of dogs previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 5,100, an increase of 0.5% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 28,599, a decrease of 3.5% from May 2016.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 21,831 in May 2017, an increase of 2.1% over the previous year.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 1.1% during May 2017 to 10,401.

Outcomes

Cats

- In May 2017, 69,167 cats left AWOs, which represents a 4.4% decrease from May 2016.
- 36,294 cats were adopted in May 2017, which represents a 2.5% increase year over year.
- Euthanasia totaled 18,120, a decline of 16.2% from May of last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations decreased 2.8% to 9,382.
- 2,173 cats were returned to their owners, an increase of 2.8% compared to May 2016.
- The number of cats that died while in AWOs totaled 3,198 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 9.1% decrease from May 2016 to May 2017.

Dogs

- In May 2017, 84,885 dogs left AWOs, a decrease of 0.6% from May 2016.
- 45,960 dogs were adopted in May 2017, which represents a 0.5% increase from the previous year.
- Euthanasia totaled 10,648, a decline of 10.4% from May of last year.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 1.0% to 13,509.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 13,975, which represents a 2.6% increase compared to May 2016.
- The number of dogs that died while in AWOs totaled 793 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 1.0% increase from May 2016 to May 2017.

Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$77 in May 2017, which represents a 6.9% increase from May 2016.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age averaged \$47, which represents a 9.3% increase compared to May of last year.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$163, which represents a 7.9% increase from May 2016.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$100, which represents a 4.2% increase compared to May of last year.

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