

PetPoint Report: September 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 September PetPoint Report aggregates data from 1265 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 September 2016 and September 2017 have been included.

The report includes data on 178,530 cats and dogs that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 177,712 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 91,471 during September 2017, which represents a 0.7% decrease from September 2016.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 25,217, a decrease of 5.4% from September 2016.
- Cats returned by owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 2,858, a decrease of 2.6% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 44,482, which represents a 2.6% decrease from September 2016.
- In September 2017, 13,584 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, an increase of 28.3% over the previous year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement agencies decreased 14.6% during September 2017 to 5,330.

Dogs

- Total intakes of all dogs equaled 87,059 during September 2017, a decrease of 1.7% from September 2016.
- Owner surrenders totaled 19,173, a decrease of 8.1% from September 2016.
- Returns of dogs previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 4,870, an increase of 3.6% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 28,594, a decrease of 5.3% from September 2016.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 24,043 in September 2017, an increase of 13.2% over the previous year.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies decreased 10.1% during September 2017 to 10,379.

Outcomes

Cats

- In September 2017, 89,039 cats left AWOs, which represents a 0.1% increase from September 2016.
- 52,950 cats were adopted in September 2017, which represents a 10.2% increase year over year.
- Euthanasia totaled 20,500, a decline of 21.0% from September of last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 12.2% to 9,895.
- 2,386 cats were returned to their owners, a decrease of 2.8% compared to September 2016.
- The number of cats that died while in AWOs totaled 3,308 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 9.3% decrease from September 2016 to September 2017.

Dogs

- In September 2017, 88,673 dogs left AWOs, increase of 0.3% from September 2016.
- 48,775 dogs were adopted in September 2017, which represents a 6.4% an increase from the previous year.
- Euthanasia totaled 10,787, a decline of 23.0% from September of last year.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 7.6% to 15,109.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 13,274, which represents a 3.2% decrease compared to September 2016.
- The number of dogs that died while in AWOs totaled 728 (excluding euthanasia), which represents an 8.4% decrease from September 2016 to September 2017.

Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$77 in September 2017, which represents a 6.9% increase from September 2016.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age averaged \$46, which represents a 9.5% increase compared to September of last year.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$167, which represents a 12.8% increase from September 2016.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$101, which represents a 7.4% increase compared to September of last year.

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