

PetPoint Report: June 2018

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 1218 animal welfare organizations (“AWOs”) in the United States and compares it to data from the same month in 2017. 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 2017 and June 2018 have been included.

The report includes data on 188,867 cats and dogs that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 177,010 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 102,281 during June 2018, which represents a 4.6% decrease from June 2017.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 29,033, a decrease of 6.6% from June 2017.
- Cats returned by owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 2,674, an increase of 3.1% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 52,214, which represents a 3.0% decrease from June 2017.
- In June 2018, 12,526 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, a decrease of 0.9% over the previous year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement agencies decreased 17.1% during June 2018 to 5,834.

Dogs

- Total intakes of all dogs equaled 86,586 during June 2018, a decrease of 7.1% from June 2017.
- Owner surrenders totaled 21,578, a decrease of 7.6% from June 2017.
- Returns of dogs previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 4,970, an increase of 4.9% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 29,359, a decrease of 4.4% from June 2017.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 20,503 in June 2018, a decrease of 11.1% over the previous year.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies decreased 9.6% during June 2018 to 10,176.

Outcomes

Cats

- In June 2018, 90,076 cats left AWOs, which represents a 1.9% decrease from June 2017.
- 50,828 cats were adopted in June 2018, which represents a 4.6% increase year over year.
- Euthanasia totaled 22,451, a decline of 19.3% from June of last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 7.7% to 9,982.
- 2,769 cats were returned to their owners, an increase of 14.0% compared to June 2017.
- The number of cats that died while in AWOs totaled 4,046 (excluding euthanasia), which represents an 8.9% increase from June 2017 to June 2018.

Dogs

- In June 2018, 86,934 dogs left AWOs, a decrease of 2.3% from June 2017.
- 46,836 dogs were adopted in June 2018, which represents a 0.7% increase from the previous year.
- Euthanasia totaled 11,490, a decline of 17.8% from June of last year.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations decreased 0.1% to 13,596.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 13,525, which represents a 3.9% decrease compared to June 2017.
- The number of dogs that died while in AWOs totaled 1,487 (excluding euthanasia) in June 2018, compared to 792 (excluding euthanasia) in June 2017.

Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$82 in June 2018, which represents a 12.3% increase from June 2017.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age averaged \$47, which represents an 11.9% increase compared to June of last year.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$174, which represents an 8.1% increase from June 2017.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$105, which represents a 6.1% increase compared to June of last year.

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