

## PetPoint Report: April 2011

The PetPoint Adoption Report is a monthly gauge of U.S. pet owner demand for dogs and cats available for adoption. Data is aggregated via PetPoint Animal Management Software, a “SaaS” (Software as a Service) application developed and launched in 2005. PetPoint is the most widely used animal management application in animal welfare.

The PetPoint report for April aggregates data from 964 animal welfare organizations (“AWOs”) in the United States and compares it to data from 2010. For the purposes here, AWOs are defined as animal control agencies, SPCAs, humane societies and rescue groups. Only data from AWOs whose data was available in both April 2010 and April 2011 have been included.

The report includes data on 129,733 dogs and cats that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 117,622 dogs and cats that left AWOs over the same period (referred to as Outcomes). Only data for dogs and cats is reported here. AWOs from 47 states (excluding Alaska, Delaware and Rhode Island), Washington D.C. and U.S. Virgin Islands are represented in this report.

### Intakes

#### *Cats*

- Intakes of cats into AWOs totaled 59,414 during April, a decline of 7% from April 2010.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 21,625, a decline of 3% from April 2010.
- Cats returned to shelters from owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 1,664, up 8% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 26,428, a decline of 12% vs. April 2010.
- 6,510 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, a decrease of 8% over last year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement organizations totaled 3,060 during April, an increase of 11% from April 2010.

#### *Dogs*

- Intakes of dogs totaled 70,319 in April, a decrease of 1% vs. April 2010.
- Owner surrenders totaled 22,294, an increase of 1%.
- Returns of pets previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 3,465, an increase of 2%.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 24,608, a decline of 4%.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 13,674, a decline of 4%.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 10% to 6,278.

## Outcomes

### *Cats*

- In April 2011, a total of 48,055 cats left AWOs, down 5% from April 2010.
- 19,897 were adopted, up 3% over 2010.
- Euthanasia totaled 21,455, a decline of 12% vs. April last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations totaled 4,444, an increase of 7%.
- 1,180 cats were returned to their owners, down 7% from April 2010.
- A total of 1,079 cats died (excluding euthanasia) while in AWOs during April 2011, a decrease of 20% from 2010.

### *Dogs*

- 69,567 dogs left AWOs during April 2011, a 2% decrease to April 2010.
- Adoptions increased 1% to 32,683.
- Euthanasia declined 6% to 20,201.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 1% to 7,055.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 8,743, a decline of 4% compared with April 2010.
- The number of dogs that died while in shelters totaled 885 (excluding euthanasia), a decrease of 5% over 2010.

### Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$66.82 in April 2011, a decrease of 5% vs. April last year.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age, averaged \$43.71, and a decline of 14% vs. April 2010.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$124.93, a 5% increase to April 2010.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$93.51, an increase of 2% vs. last year.

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