

## PetPoint Report: February 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 February aggregates data from 904 animal welfare organization (“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 February 2010 and February 2011 have been included.

The report includes data on 100,978 dogs and cats that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 102,961 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 46 states (excluding Alaska, Delaware, Rhode Island and Hawaii), Washington D.C. and U.S. Virgin Islands are represented in this report.

### Intakes

#### *Cats*

- Intakes of cats into AWOs totaled 38,180 during February, a decline of 6% from February 2010.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 15,462, down 2% from February 2010.
- Cats returned to shelters from owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 1,676, an increase of 8% over the same period in 2010.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 15,157, a decline of 11% vs. February 2010.
- 4,115 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, a decrease of 14% over last year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement organization totaled 1,770 during February, an increase of 10% from February 2010.

#### *Dogs*

- Intakes of dogs totaled 62,798 in February, a decrease of 4% vs. February 2010.
- Owner surrenders totaled 20,800, a decline of 3%.
- Returns of pets previously adopted from the same organization totaled 3,055, a decrease of 6%.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 21,673, a decline of 6%.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 12,267, a decrease of 5%.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 8% to 5,003.

## Outcomes

### *Cats*

- In February 2011, a total of 40,423 cats left AWOs, down 6% from February 2010.
- 21,191 were adopted, a decline of 3% over 2010.
- Euthanasia totaled 14,796, a decline of 10% vs. February last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organization totaled 2,707, an increase of 4%.
- 1,195 cats were returned to their owners, even with February 2010.
- A total of 534 cats died (excluding euthanasia) while in AWOs during February 2011, a decline of 51% from 2010.

### *Dogs*

- 62,538 dogs left AWOs during February 2011, a 4% decrease to February 2010.
- Adoptions declined 3% to 30,558.
- Euthanasia declined 11% to 17,663.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organization increased 16% to 6,508.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 6,956, a decline of 1% compared with February 2010.
- The number of dogs that died while in shelters totaled 853 (excluding euthanasia), a decrease of 4% over 2010.

## Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$63.35 in February 2011, a decrease of 7% vs. February last year.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age, averaged \$44.21, and a decline of 13% vs. February 2010.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$123.14, a 4% increase to February 2010.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$88.56, a decrease of 4% vs. last year.

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