

PetPoint Report: May 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 May aggregates data from 869 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 May 2010 and May 2011 have been included.

The report includes data on 155,842 dogs and cats that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 138,202 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 82,629 during May, a decline of 6% from May 2010.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 28,351, a decline of 7% from May 2010.
- Cats returned to shelters from owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 1,762, up 11% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 40,531, a decline of 7% vs. May 2010.
- 8,139 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, even with May 2010.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement organizations totaled 3,846 during May, an increase of 4% from May 2010.

Dogs

- Intakes of dogs totaled 73,213 in May, an increase of 4% vs. May 2010.
- Owner surrenders totaled 22,648, an increase of 3%.
- Returns of pets previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 3,469, an increase of 8%.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 14,367, a decline of 1%.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 14,367, an increase of 7%.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 14% to 6,533.

Outcomes

Cats

- In May 2011, a total of 67,271 cats left AWOs, down 4% from May 2010.
- 23,031 were adopted, down 2% over 2010.
- Euthanasia totaled 36,033, a decline of 8% vs. May last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations totaled 4,815, an increase of 7%.
- 1,401 cats were returned to their owners, up 8% from May 2010.
- A total of 1,991 cats died (excluding euthanasia) while in AWOs during May 2011, a decrease of 3% from 2010.

Dogs

- 70,931 dogs left AWOs during May 2011, a 4% increase to May 2010.
- Adoptions decreased 1% to 31,587.
- Euthanasia increased 8% to 21,911.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 15% to 7,234.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 9,173, an increase of 5% compared with May 2010.
- The number of dogs that died while in shelters totaled 1,026 (excluding euthanasia), an increase of 30% over 2010.

Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$70 in May 2011, a decrease of 6% vs. May last year.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age, averaged \$43, and a decline of 16% vs. May 2010.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$122, a 4% increase to May 2010.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$95, an increase of 2% vs. last year.

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