

PetPoint Report: Year-End 2015

This special edition PetPoint Report for Year-End 2015 offers a complete year over year comparison of U.S. pet owner demand for dogs and cats 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 Year-End PetPoint Report aggregates data from 1,371 animal welfare organizations (“AWOs”) in the United States and compares it to data from 2014. 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 2014 and 2015 have been included.

The report includes data on 1,889,936 cats and dogs that entered AWOs during 2015 (referred to as Intakes) and 1,879,774 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 884,173 during 2015, a decrease of 3.6% from 2014.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 274,633, a decrease of 2.2% from 2014.
- Cats returned by owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 30,667, an increase of 2.6% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 402,138, decreased 6.2% from 2014.
- In 2015, 113,864 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, an increase of 4.5% over the previous year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement agencies decreased 8.3% during 2015 to 62,871.

Dogs

- Total intakes of all dogs equaled 1,005,763 during 2015, a decrease of 3.1% from 2014.
- Owner surrenders totaled 260,615, a decrease of 4.5% from 2014.
- Returns of dogs previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 54,735, an increase of 2.6% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 330,834, a decrease of 5.9% from 2014.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 250,814 in 2015, an increase of 4.5% over the previous year.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies decreased 9.7% during 2015 to 108,765.

Outcomes

Cats

- In 2015, 872,622 cats left AWOs, a decrease of 1.8% from 2014.
- 487,810 cats were adopted in 2015, which represented a 6.0% increase year over year.
- Euthanasia totaled 250,288, a decline of 16.6% from last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 5.5% to 82,914.
- 22,356 cats were returned to their owners, a decrease of 0.7% compared to 2014.
- The number of cats that died while in AWOs totaled 29,254 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 5.5% increase from 2014 to 2015.

Dogs

- In 2015, 1,007,152 dogs left AWOs, a decrease of 1.6% from 2014.
- 547,249 dogs were adopted in 2015, which represents a 2.6% increase from the previous year.
- Euthanasia totaled 172,174, a decrease of 16.5% from last year.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 3.6% to 145,371.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 133,459, an increase of 0.1% compared to 2014.
- The number of dogs that died while in AWOs totaled 8,899 (excluding euthanasia), a decrease of 12.0% year over year.

Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$65 in 2015, which represents a 3.2% increase from 2014.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age averaged \$40, a 2.4% decrease from 2014.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$139, a 7.8% increase from 2014.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$93, an increase of 1.1% compared to last year.

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