

## PetPoint Report: May 2016

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 May PetPoint Report aggregates data from 1,205 animal welfare organizations (“AWOs”) in the United States and compares it to data from the same month in 2015. 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 May 2015 and May 2016 have been included.

The report includes data on 180,076 cats and dogs that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 151,745 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 48 states, as well as Washington D.C. and the U.S. Virgin Islands are represented in this report; AWOs from North Dakota and West Virginia are excluded.

### Intakes

#### *Cats*

- Total intakes of all cats into AWOs equaled 95,601 during May 2016, which represents a 0.2% decrease from May 2015.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 28,613, a decrease of 2.2% from May 2015.
- Cats returned by owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 2,511, an increase of 1.0% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 43,779, which represents a 3.2% decrease from May 2015.
- In May 2016, 13,477 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, an increase of 13.9% over the previous year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 3.4% during May 2016 to 7,221.

#### *Dogs*

- Total intakes of all dogs equaled 84,475 during May 2016, a decrease of 3.2% from May 2015.
- Owner surrenders totaled 21,351, a decrease of 7.5% from May 2015.
- Returns of dogs previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 4,856, an increase of 3.5% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 27,401, a decrease of 6.0% from May 2015.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 21,176 in May 2016, an increase of 2.2% over the previous year.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 0.5% during May 2016 to 9,691.

## Outcomes

### *Cats*

- In May 2016, 69,678 cats left AWOs, which represents a 5.4% decrease from May 2015.
- 33,772 cats were adopted in May 2016, which represents a 2.3% increase year over year.
- Euthanasia totaled 21,306, a decline of 19.3% from May of last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 2.9% to 9,443.
- 1,946 cats were returned to their owners, an increase of 12.7% compared to May 2015.
- The number of cats that died while in AWOs totaled 3,211 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 4.9% decrease from May 2015 to May 2016.

### *Dogs*

- In May 2016, 82,067 dogs left AWOs, a decrease of 5.3% from May 2015.
- 44,512 dogs were adopted in May 2016, which represents a 2.3% decrease from the previous year.
- Euthanasia totaled 11,894, a decline of 25.3% from May of last year.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations decreased 0.2% to 12,272.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 12,648, which represents a 4.1% increase compared to May 2015.
- The number of dogs that died while in AWOs totaled 741 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 0.7% decrease from May 2015 to May 2016.

## Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$73 in May 2016, which represents a 4.3% increase from May 2015.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age averaged \$44, which represents a 4.8% increase compared to May of last year.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$148, which represents a 6.5% increase from May 2015.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$98, which represents a 6.5% increase compared to May of last year.

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