

PetPoint Report: June 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 June aggregates data from 905 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 June 2010 and June 2011 have been included.

The report includes data on 168,158 dogs and cats that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 159,054 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 91,905 during June, a decline of 8% from June 2010.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 32,707, a decline of 7% from June 2010.
- Cats returned to shelters from owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 1,921, up 2% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 45,608, a decline of 10% vs. June 2010.
- 7,416 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, up 6% from June 2010.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement organizations totaled 4,253 during June, a decrease of 4% from June 2010.

Dogs

- Intakes of dogs totaled 76,253 in June, a decrease of 3% vs. June 2010.
- Owner surrenders totaled 24,192, a decrease of 3%.
- Returns of pets previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 3,359, a decrease of 2%.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 27,593, a decline of 5%.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 14,262, an increase of 1%.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 1% to 6,847.

Outcomes

Cats

- In June 2011, a total of 85,335 cats left AWOs, down 3% from June 2010.
- 30,462 were adopted, up 9% over 2010.
- Euthanasia totaled 45,737, a decline of 13% vs. June last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations totaled 4,663, an increase of 20%.
- 1,644 cats were returned to their owners, up 16% from June 2010.
- A total of 2,829 cats died (excluding euthanasia) while in AWOs during June 2011, an increase of 13% from 2010.

Dogs

- 73,719 dogs left AWOs during June 2011, a 1% increase to June 2010.
- Adoptions increased 3% to 31,227.
- Euthanasia decreased 2% to 24,903.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 3% to 7,275.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 9,074, even with June 2010.
- The number of dogs that died while in shelters totaled 1,240 (excluding euthanasia), an increase of 43% over 2010.

Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$66 in June 2011, a decrease of 6% vs. June last year.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age, averaged \$40, and a decline of 15% vs. June 2010.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$117, a 3% decrease to June 2010.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$92, a decrease of 2% vs. last year.

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