

## **PetPoint Report: April 2012**

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 April PetPoint Report aggregates data from 1025 animal welfare organizations (“AWOs”) in the United States and compares it to data from 2011. 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 April 2011 and April 2012 have been included.

The report includes data on 140,292 cats and dogs that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 123,843 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 (excluding Alaska and Delaware), Washington D.C. and the U.S. Virgin Islands are represented in this report.

### Intakes

#### *Cats*

- Intakes of stray cats totaled 29,957, even with April 2011.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 20,945, a decline of 7% from April 2011.
- 7,998 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, an increase of 10%.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement organizations totaled 4,062, an increase of 6%.
- Cats returned to shelters from owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 1,895, up 1% from the previous year.
- Total intakes of all cats into AWOs equaled 64,857 during April 2012, a decline of 1% from April 2011.

#### *Dogs*

- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 26,070, a decline of 7%
- Owner surrenders totaled 21,998, a decline of 8%.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 16,455, an increase of 6%.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies declined 9% to 7,032.
- Returns of dogs previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 3,881, an increase of 5%.
- Total intakes of all dogs equaled 75,435, with a decline of 4% from April 2011.

## Outcomes

### *Cats*

- 20,844 cats were adopted in April, a decline of 3% year over year.
- Euthanasia totaled 21,055, a decline of 11% from April last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations totaled 4,892, an increase of 2%.
- 1,326 cats were returned to their owners, up 3% from April 2011.
- A total of 1,482 cats died (excluding euthanasia) while in AWOs during April 2012, an increase of 26% from 2010.
- In April 2012, a total of 49,599 cats left AWOs, down 5% from April 2011.

### *Dogs*

- Adoptions increased 1% to 36,118.
- Euthanasia decreased 12% to 19,220.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 5% to 8,627.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 9,383, a decline of 6% compared to April 2011.
- The number of dogs that died while in shelters totaled 896 (excluding euthanasia), a decline of 6% over 2011.
- 74,244 dogs left AWOs during April 2012, a 3% decline from April 2011.

### Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$66 in April 2012, a decline of 3% compared to April of last year.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age averaged \$45 and an increase of 2% from April 2011.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$123, a 2% increase to April 2011.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$94, a decline of 1% from last year.

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