

## PetPoint Report: February 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 February PetPoint Report aggregates data from 1,190 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 February 2015 and February 2016 have been included.

The report includes data on 128,542 cats and dogs that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 132,041 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 48,403 during February 2016, which represents a 9.0% increase from February 2015.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 16,155, an increase of 8.2% from February 2015.
- Cats returned by owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 2,484, an increase of 13.7% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 17,765, which represents a 4.5% increase from February 2015.
- In February 2016, 7,972 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, an increase of 14.0% over the previous year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 21.6% during February 2016 to 4,027.

#### *Dogs*

- Total intakes of all dogs equaled 80,139 during February 2016, an increase of 5.8% from February 2015.
- Owner surrenders totaled 20,851, a decrease of 0.2% from February 2015.
- Returns of dogs previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 4,805, an increase of 9.7% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 24,153, an increase of 2.5% from February 2015.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 21,453 in February 2016, an increase of 12.0% over the previous year.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 14.7% during February 2016 to 8,877.

## Outcomes

### *Cats*

- In February 2016, 51,551 cats left AWOs, which represents a 5.7% increase from February 2015.
- 33,572 cats were adopted in February 2016, which represents an 11.2% increase year over year.
- Euthanasia totaled 10,280, a decline of 10.1% from February of last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 10.8% to 5,475.
- 1,528 cats were returned to their owners, an increase of 2.8% compared to February 2015.
- The number of cats that died while in AWOs totaled 696 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 6.3% decrease from February 2015 to February 2016.

### *Dogs*

- In February 2016, 80,490 dogs left AWOs, an increase of 5.8% from February 2015.
- 47,524 dogs were adopted in February 2016, which represents an 11.2% increase from the previous year.
- Euthanasia totaled 9,716, a decline of 20.8% from February of last year.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 12.1% to 12,363.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 10,380, which represents an 11.7% increase compared to February 2015.
- The number of dogs that died while in AWOs decreased to 507 (excluding euthanasia) in February 2016, compared to 766 (excluding euthanasia) in February 2015.

## Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$64 in February 2016, which represents a 3.2% increase from February 2015.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age averaged \$42, which represents no change compared to February of last year.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$145, which represents a 5.1% increase from February 2015.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$93, which represents a 1.1% increase compared to February of last year.

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