

## PetPoint Report: October 2018

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 October PetPoint Report aggregates data from 1215 animal welfare organizations (“AWOs”) in the United States and compares it to data from the same month in 2017. 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 October 2017 and October 2018 have been included.

The report includes data on 171,938 cats and dogs that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 171,505 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 85,927 during October 2018, which represents a 2.3% decrease from October 2017.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 23,099, a decrease of 6.2% from October 2017.
- Cats returned by owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 2,748, a decrease of 3.7% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 44,471, which represents a 2.0% increase from October 2017.
- In October 2018, 10,227 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, a decrease of 11.4% over the previous year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 0.8% during October 2018 to 5,382.

#### *Dogs*

- Total intakes of all dogs equaled 86,011 during October 2018, a decrease of 1.6% from October 2017.
- Owner surrenders totaled 19,798, a decrease of 0.5% from October 2017.
- Returns of dogs previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 4,799, a decrease of 3.1% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 31,331, an increase of 4.9% from October 2017.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 19,220 in October 2018, a decrease of 11.7% over the previous year.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies decreased 0.1% during October 2018 to 10,863.

## Outcomes

### *Cats*

- In October 2018, 86,232 cats left AWOs, which represents a 1.3% decrease from October 2017.
- 52,491 cats were adopted in October 2018, which represents a 2.8% increase year over year.
- Euthanasia totaled 18,654, a decline of 11.6% from October of last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations decreased 2.0% to 8,994.
- 2,944 cats were returned to their owners, an increase of 15.1% compared to October 2017.
- The number of cats that died while in AWOs totaled 3,149 (excluding euthanasia), which represents an 8.7% decrease from October 2017 to October 2018.

### *Dogs*

- In October 2018, 85,273 dogs left AWOs, increase of 0.5% from October 2017.
- 44,629 dogs were adopted in October 2018, which represents a 2.9% decrease from the previous year.
- Euthanasia totaled 11,353, an increase of 4.5% from October of last year.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 3.6% to 14,080.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 14,415, which represents a 4.8% increase compared to October 2017.
- The number of dogs that died while in AWOs totaled 796 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 9.6% increase from October 2017 to October 2018.

## Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$80 in October 2018, which represents a 2.6% increase from October 2017.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age averaged \$47, which represents a 2.2% increase compared to October of last year.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$178, which represents a 9.9% increase from October 2017.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$101, which represents a 1.0% decrease compared to October of last year.

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