

## PetPoint Report: September 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 September PetPoint Report aggregates data from 1211 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 September 2017 and September 2018 have been included.

The report includes data on 165,725 cats and dogs that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 163,460 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 84,232 during September 2018, which represents a 5.9% decrease from September 2017.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 23,012, a decrease of 7.3% from September 2017.
- Cats returned by owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 2,827, an increase of 5.8% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 43,104, which represents a 2.2% decrease from September 2017.
- In September 2018, 10,478 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, a decrease of 18.7% over the previous year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement agencies decreased 4.6% during September 2018 to 4,811.

#### *Dogs*

- Total intakes of all dogs equaled 81,493 during September 2018, a decrease of 4.2% from September 2017.
- Owner surrenders totaled 18,447, a decrease of 3.6% from September 2017.
- Returns of dogs previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 4,617, an increase of 1.1% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 29,566, an increase of 2.4% from September 2017.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 18,837 in September 2018, a decrease of 17.2% over the previous year.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 2.7% during September 2018 to 10,026.

## Outcomes

### *Cats*

- In September 2018, 81,955 cats left AWOs, which represents a 4.8% decrease from September 2017.
- 49,566 cats were adopted in September 2018, which represents a 0.5% decrease year over year.
- Euthanasia totaled 17,308, a decline of 17.6% from September of last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations decreased 5.0% to 9,149.
- 2,637 cats were returned to their owners, an increase of 11.8% compared to September 2017.
- The number of cats that died while in AWOs totaled 3,295 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 0.5% increase from September 2017 to September 2018.

### *Dogs*

- In September 2018, 81,505 dogs left AWOs, a decrease of 4.8% from September 2017.
- 43,681 dogs were adopted in September 2018, which represents a 5.5% decrease from the previous year.
- Euthanasia totaled 10,056, a decline of 7.9% from September of last year.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations decreased 4.8% to 14,035.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 13,025, which represents a 0.2% increase compared to September 2017.
- The number of dogs that died while in AWOs totaled 708 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 2.9% decrease from September 2017 to September 2018.

## Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$81 in September 2018, which represents a 6.6% increase from September 2017.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age averaged \$47, which represents a 2.2% increase compared to September of last year.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$179, which represents a 7.2% increase from September 2017.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$109, which represents a 7.9% increase compared to September of last year.

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