

PetPoint Report: April 2019

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 1210 animal welfare organizations (“AWOs”) in the United States and compares it to data from the same month in 2018. 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 2018 and April 2019 have been included.

The report includes data on 155,141 cats and dogs that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 133,419 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 73,347 during April 2019, which represents a 2.1% increase from April 2018.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 20,518, a decrease of 1.9% from April 2018.
- Cats returned by owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 2,414, an increase of 5.1% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 33,956, which represents a 4.6% increase from April 2018.
- In April 2019, 11,584 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, a decrease of 1.8% over the previous year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 11.5% during April 2019 to 4,875.

Dogs

- Total intakes of all dogs equaled 81,794 during April 2019, a decrease of 0.3% from April 2018.
- Owner surrenders totaled 20,289, a decrease of 0.3% from April 2018.
- Returns of dogs previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 4,781, an increase of 6.2% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 27,484, an increase of 2.6% from April 2018.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 19,216 in April 2019, a decrease of 8.3% over the previous year.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 6.6% during April 2019 to 10,024.

Outcomes

Cats

- In April 2019, 53,513 cats left AWOs, which represents a 3.0% increase from April 2018.
- 29,331 cats were adopted in April 2019, which represents a 0.1% increase year over year.
- Euthanasia totaled 10,198, a decline of 1.9% from April of last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 19.8% to 10,245.
- 1,968 cats were returned to their owners, a decrease of 1.6% compared to April 2018.
- The number of cats that died while in AWOs totaled 1,771 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 4.6% increase from April 2018 to April 2019.

Dogs

- In April 2019, 79,906 dogs left AWOs, increase of 0.9% from April 2018.
- 43,087 dogs were adopted in April 2019, which represents a 1.7% decrease from the previous year.
- Euthanasia totaled 8,612, a decline of 0.9% from April of last year.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 4.9% to 13,752.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 13,795, which represents a 7.2% increase compared to April 2018.
- The number of dogs that died while in AWOs totaled 660 (excluding euthanasia), which represents an 8.1% decrease from April 2018 to April 2019.

Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$75 in April 2019, which represents no change from April 2018.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age averaged \$52, which represents a 4.0% increase compared to April of last year.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$177, which represents a 0.6% decrease from April 2018.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$109, which represents a 2.8% increase compared to April of last year.

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