

PetPoint Report: June 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 June PetPoint Report aggregates data from 1189 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 June 2018 and June 2019 have been included.

The report includes data on 181,196 cats and dogs that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 168,692 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 99,467 during June 2019, which represents a 0.7% decrease from June 2018.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 26,737, a decrease of 6.1% from June 2018.
- Cats returned by owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 2,695, an increase of 3.7% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 51,594, which represents a 0.8% increase from June 2018.
- In June 2019, 12,221 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, an increase of 0.6% over the previous year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 7.5% during June 2019 to 6,220.

Dogs

- Total intakes of all dogs equaled 81,729 during June 2019, a decrease of 2.4% from June 2018.
- Owner surrenders totaled 19,628, a decrease of 6.6% from June 2018.
- Returns of dogs previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 4,737, a decrease of 0.5% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 28,468, a decrease of 0.9% from June 2018.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 18,350 in June 2019, a decrease of 4.8% over the previous year.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 5.5% during June 2019 to 10,546.

Outcomes

Cats

- In June 2019, 86,466 cats left AWOs, which represents a 2.0% decrease from June 2018.
- 49,947 cats were adopted in June 2019, which represents a 1.9% increase year over year.
- Euthanasia totaled 20,053, a decline of 11.6% from June of last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 4.2% to 10,254.
- 2,481 cats were returned to their owners, a decrease of 7.5% compared to June 2018.
- The number of cats that died while in AWOs totaled 3,731 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 7.4% decrease from June 2018 to June 2019.

Dogs

- In June 2019, 82,226 dogs left AWOs, a decrease of 1.7% from June 2018.
- 45,659 dogs were adopted in June 2019, which represents a 2.5% increase from the previous year.
- Euthanasia totaled 9,966, a decline of 12.2% from June of last year.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations decreased 4.9% to 12,471.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 13,420, which represents a 1.8% increase compared to June 2018.
- The number of dogs that died while in AWOs totaled 710 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 51.8% decrease from June 2018 to June 2019.

Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$80 in June 2019, which represents a 3.6% decrease from June 2018.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age averaged \$48, no change compared to June of last year.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$177, which represents a 1.1% increase from June 2018.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$106, no change compared to June of last year.

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