

PetPoint Report: January 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 January PetPoint Report aggregates data from 1209 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 **January 2018** and **January 2019** have been included.

The report includes data on 136,494 cats and dogs that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 137,178 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 53,737 during **January 2019**, which represents a 0.7% decrease from **January 2018**.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 17,109, which represents no change from the previous year.
- Cats returned by owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 2,425, a decrease of 0.4% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 21,990, which represents a 3.8% increase from **January 2018**.
- In **January 2019**, 8,997 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, a decrease of 12.3% over the previous year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 1.8% during **January 2019** to 3,216.

Dogs

- Total intakes of all dogs equaled 82,757 during January 2019, a decrease of 5.9% from **January 2018**.
- Owner surrenders totaled 20,602, a decrease of 6.6% from **January 2018**.
- Returns of dogs previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 4,407, a decrease of 8.1% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 28,565, an increase of 4.0% from **January 2018**.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 19,648 in **January 2019**, a decrease of 17.6% over the previous year.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies decreased 2.5% during **January 2019** to 9,535.

Outcomes

Cats

- In **January 2019**, 58,938 cats left AWOs, which represents a 1.9% decrease from **January 2018**.
- 40,454 cats were adopted in **January 2019**, which represents a 0.1% increase year over year.
- Euthanasia totaled 8,607, a decline of 6.6% from **January** of last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations decreased 8.3% to 7,102.
- 1,941 cats were returned to their owners, an increase of 8.5% compared to **January 2018**.
- The number of cats that died while in AWOs totaled 834 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 9.7% decrease from **January 2018** to **January 2019**.

Dogs

- In **January 2019**, 78,240 dogs left AWOs, a decrease of 2.8% from **January 2018**.
- 42,292 dogs were adopted in **January 2019**, which represents a 2.2% decrease from the previous year.
- Euthanasia totaled 9,007, a decline of 11.9% from **January** of last year.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations decreased 6.2% to 14,188.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 12,150, which represents a 9.0% increase compared to **January 2018**.
- The number of dogs that died while in AWOs totaled 603 (excluding euthanasia) during **January 2019**, compared to 768 (excluding euthanasia) in **January 2018**.

Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged **\$78** in **January 2019**, which represents a 4.0% increase from **January 2018**.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age averaged **\$51**, which represents a 6.3% increase compared to **January** of last year.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged **\$186**, which represents a 15.5% increase from **January 2018**.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged **\$109**, which represents a 4.8% increase compared to **January** of last year.

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