

## PetPoint Report: May 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 May PetPoint Report aggregates data from 1178 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 May 2018 and May 2019 have been included.

The report includes data on 184,509 cats and dogs that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 152,917 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 100,792 during May 2019, which represents a 1.2% increase from May 2018.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 27,765, an increase of 0.1% from May 2018.
- Cats returned by owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 2,618, an increase of 0.6% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 49,506, which represents a 1.6% increase from May 2018.
- In May 2019, 14,135 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, a decrease of 3.4% over the previous year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 13.4% during May 2019 to 6,768.

#### *Dogs*

- Total intakes of all dogs equaled 83,717 during May 2019, a decrease of 1.9% from May 2018.
- Owner surrenders totaled 20,225, a decrease of 8.2% from May 2018.
- Returns of dogs previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 4,773, a decrease of 0.1% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 29,032, an increase of 3.1% from May 2018.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 18,939 in May 2019, a decrease of 6.6% over the previous year.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 6.8% during May 2019 to 10,748.

## Outcomes

### *Cats*

- In May 2019, 71,047 cats left AWOs, which represents a 2.4% increase from May 2018.
- 37,794 cats were adopted in May 2019, which represents a 6.2% increase year over year.
- Euthanasia totaled 15,849, a decline of 0.8% from May of last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 6.2% to 11,877.
- 2,397 cats were returned to their owners, no change from the previous year.
- The number of cats that died while in AWOs totaled 3,130 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 27.0% decrease from May 2018 to May 2019.

### *Dogs*

- In May 2019, 81,870 dogs left AWOs, a decrease of 0.2% from May 2018.
- 44,080 dogs were adopted in May 2019, which represents a 1.2% increase from the previous year.
- Euthanasia totaled 9,675, a decline of 6.9% from May of last year.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 1.0% to 13,439.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 13,929, which represents a 1.1% increase compared to May 2018.
- The number of dogs that died while in AWOs totaled 747 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 24.7% decrease from May 2018 to May 2019.

## Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$81 in May 2019, which represents a 2.4% decrease from May 2018.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age averaged \$51, which represents a 4.1% increase compared to May of last year.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$179, which represents no change from the previous year.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$106, which represents a 1.9% decrease compared to May of last year.

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