

PetPoint Report: February 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 February PetPoint Report aggregates data from 1206 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 February 2018 and February 2019 have been included.

The report includes data on 121,250 cats and dogs that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 124,547 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 46,764 during February 2019, which represents a 1.9% decrease from February 2018.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 14,899, a decrease of 5.6% from February 2018.
- Cats returned by owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 2,259, a decrease of 3.5% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 18,666, which represents a 2.3% increase from February 2018.
- In February 2019, 7,650 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, a decrease of 4.5% over the previous year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 0.3% during February 2019 to 3,290.

Dogs

- Total intakes of all dogs equaled 74,486 during February 2019, a decrease of 5.8% from February 2018.
- Owner surrenders totaled 18,484, a decrease of 6.9% from February 2018.
- Returns of dogs previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 4,291, a decrease of 10.3% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 24,364, a decrease of 4.3% from February 2018.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 18,961 in February 2019, a decrease of 5.7% over the previous year.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies decreased 5.3% during February 2019 to 8,386.

Outcomes

Cats

- In February 2019, 50,572 cats left AWOs, which represents a 1.8% decrease from February 2018.
- 33,765 cats were adopted in February 2019, which represents a 0.5% decrease year over year.
- Euthanasia totaled 7,623, a decline of 15.3% from February of last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 10.7% to 6,838.
- 1,727 cats were returned to their owners, a decrease of 0.5% compared to February 2018.
- The number of cats that died while in AWOs totaled 619 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 7.2% decrease from February 2018 to February 2019.

Dogs

- In February 2019, 73,975 dogs left AWOs, a decrease of 5.3% from February 2018.
- 42,475 dogs were adopted in February 2019, which represents a 4.1% decrease from the previous year.
- Euthanasia totaled 7,614, a decline of 15.5% from February of last year.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations decreased 2.9% to 12,451.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 10,841, which represents a 4.2% decrease compared to February 2018.
- The number of dogs that died while in AWOs totaled 594 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 16.7% decrease from February 2018 to February 2019.

Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$74 in February 2019, which represents a 4.2% increase from February 2018.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age averaged \$51, which represents a 6.3% increase compared to February of last year.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$188, which represents a 6.8% increase from February 2018.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$107, which represents a 2.9% increase compared to February of last year.

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