

PetPoint Report: June 2020

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 1149 animal welfare organizations (“AWOs”) in the United States and compares it to data from the same month in 2019. 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 2019 and June 2020 have been included.

The report includes data on 139,592 cats and dogs that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 120,216 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 82,259 during June 2020, which represents a 15.7% decrease from June 2019.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 23,042, a decrease of 12.9% from June 2019.
- Cats returned by owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 1,862, a decrease of 29.1% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 41,103, which represents a 19.1% decrease from June 2019.
- In June 2020, 11,340 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, a decrease of 2.1% over the previous year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement agencies decreased 19.1% during June 2020 to 4,912.

Dogs

- Total intakes of all dogs equaled 57,333 during June 2020, a decrease of 28.1% from June 2019.
- Owner surrenders totaled 14,578, a decrease of 24.8% from June 2019.
- Returns of dogs previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 3,104, a decrease of 32.9% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 19,662, a decrease of 29.0% from June 2019.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 13,193 in June 2020, a decrease of 24.7% over the previous year.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies decreased 35.4% during June 2020 to 6,796.

Outcomes

Cats

- In June 2020, 64,928 cats left AWOs, which represents a 23.5% decrease from June 2019.
- 41,570 cats were adopted in June 2020, which represents a 14.3% decrease year over year.
- Euthanasia totaled 9,714, a decline of 52.6% from June of last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 1.5% to 9,685.
- 1,691 cats were returned to their owners, a decrease of 31.9% compared to June 2019.
- The number of cats that died while in AWOs totaled 2,268 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 40.6% decrease from June 2019 to June 2020.

Dogs

- In June 2020, 55,288 dogs left AWOs, a decrease of 30.6% from June 2019.
- 30,551 dogs were adopted in June 2020, which represents a 30.5% decrease from the previous year.
- Euthanasia totaled 4,786, a decline of 50.3% from June of last year.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations decreased 20.3% to 9,644.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 9,900, which represents a 25.1% decrease compared to June 2019.
- The number of dogs that died while in AWOs totaled 407 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 43.9% decrease from June 2019 to June 2020.

Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$86 in June 2020, which represents a 6.2% increase from June 2019.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age averaged \$53, which represents an 8.2% increase compared to June of last year.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$174, which represents a 0.6% decrease from June 2019.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$112, which represents a 5.7% increase compared to June of last year.

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