

PetPoint Report: May 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 May PetPoint Report aggregates data from 1136 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 May 2019 and May 2020 have been included.

The report includes data on 115,742 cats and dogs that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 96,072 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 65,969 during May 2020, which represents a 33.4% decrease from May 2019.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 18,408, a decrease of 33.1% from May 2019.
- Cats returned by owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 1,452, a decrease of 42.6% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 33,114, which represents a 32.4% decrease from May 2019.
- In May 2020, 9,286 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, a decrease of 30.7% over the previous year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement agencies decreased 44.7% during May 2020 to 3,709.

Dogs

- Total intakes of all dogs equaled 49,773 during May 2020, a decrease of 39.3% from May 2019.
- Owner surrenders totaled 12,922, a decrease of 35.5% from May 2019.
- Returns of dogs previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 2,971, a decrease of 35.7% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 17,238, a decrease of 39.3% from May 2019.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 10,804 in May 2020, a decrease of 40.7% over the previous year.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies decreased 45.4% during May 2020 to 5,838.

Outcomes

Cats

- In May 2020, 44,600 cats left AWOs, which represents a 36.1% decrease from May 2019.
- 28,150 cats were adopted in May 2020, which represents a 22.9% decrease year over year.
- Euthanasia totaled 6,184, a decline of 61.6% from May of last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations decreased 34.0% to 7,629.
- 1,152 cats were returned to their owners, a decrease of 51.9% compared to May 2019.
- The number of cats that died while in AWOs totaled 1,485 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 54.6% decrease from May 2019 to May 2020.

Dogs

- In May 2020, 51,472 dogs left AWOs, a decrease of 35.7% from May 2019.
- 30,038 dogs were adopted in May 2020, which represents a 29.7% decrease from the previous year.
- Euthanasia totaled 4,141, a decline of 57.0% from May of last year.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations decreased 36.8% to 8,284.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 8,650, which represents a 37.4% decrease compared to May 2019.
- The number of dogs that died while in AWOs totaled 359 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 50.1% decrease from May 2019 to May 2020.

Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$80 in May 2020, which represents a 2.4% decrease from May 2019.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age averaged \$52, which represents a 2.0% increase compared to May of last year.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$172, which represents a 4.4% decrease from May 2019.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$104, which represents a 1.9% decrease compared to May of last year.

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