

## PetPoint Report: 2021

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 Year End PetPoint Report aggregates data from 1280 animal welfare organizations (“AWOs”) in the United States and compares it to data from 2020 and 2021. For the purposes here, AWOs are defined as animal control agencies, SPCAs, humane societies and rescue groups. Only data from AWOs operating PetPoint during 2020 and 2021 have been included.

The report includes data on 1,520,713 cats and dogs that entered AWOs during the year (referred to as Intakes) and 1,468,404 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 781,590 during 2021, which represents a 7.5% increase from 2020.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 224,249, an increase of 7.5% from 2020.
- Cats returned by owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 25,213, an increase of 10.2% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 368,992, which represents a 7.5% increase from 2020.
- In 2021, 113,869 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, an increase of 4.8% over the previous year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 12.1% during 2021 to 49,267.

#### *Dogs*

- Total intakes of all dogs equaled 739,123 during 2021, an increase of 4.2% from 2020.
- Owner surrenders totaled 177,008, an increase of 3.5% from 2020.
- Returns of dogs previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 41,940, an increase of 8.2% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 259,418, an increase of 6.8% from 2020.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 168,327 in 2021, a decrease of 1.6% over the previous year.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 8.3% during 2021 to 92,430.

## Outcomes

### *Cats*

- In 2021, 745,702 cats left AWOs, which represents a 5.0% increase from 2020.
- 503,876 cats were adopted in 2021, which represents a 5.0% increase year over year.
- Euthanasia totaled 97,165, an increase of 4.7% from of last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 2.1% to 98,702.
- 22,708 cats were returned to their owners, an increase of 9.6% compared to 2020.
- The number of cats that died while in AWOs totaled 23,251 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 17.4% increase from 2020 to 2021.

### *Dogs*

- In 2021, 722,702 dogs left AWOs, increase of 1.5% from 2020.
- 395,587 dogs were adopted in 2021, which represents a 0.8% decrease from the previous year.
- Euthanasia totaled 68,725, an increase of 9.0% from 2020.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations decreased 2.1% to 120,574.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 131,720, which represents an 8.7% increase compared to 2020.
- The number of dogs that died while in AWOs totaled 6,096 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 7.6% increase from 2020 to 2021.

## Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$86 in 2021, which represents a 3.6% increase from 2020.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age averaged \$56, which represents a 7.7% increase compared to 2020.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$198, which represents a 3.7% increase from 2020.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$116, which represents a 3.6% increase compared to 2020.

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