

PetPoint Report: April 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 April PetPoint Report aggregates data from 1121 animal welfare organizations (“AWOs”) in the United States and compares it to data from the same month in 2020. 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 April 2020 and April 2021 have been included.

The report includes data on 126,933 cats and dogs that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 106,867 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 64,715 during April 2021, which represents a 91.2% increase from April 2020.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 19,670, an increase of 122.6% from April 2020.
- Cats returned by owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 1,913, an increase of 87.2% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 28,480, which represents a 71.7% increase from April 2020.
- In April 2021, 10,600 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, an increase of 106.3% over the previous year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 79.5% during April 2021 to 4,052.

Dogs

- Total intakes of all dogs equaled 62,218 during April 2021, an increase of 60.5% from April 2020.
- Owner surrenders totaled 15,906, an increase of 79.9% from April 2020.
- Returns of dogs previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 3,745, an increase of 50.3% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 19,653, an increase of 40.0% from April 2020.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 15,315 in April 2021, an increase of 76.2% over the previous year.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 61.6% during April 2021 to 7,599.

Outcomes

Cats

- In April 2021, 45,651 cats left AWOs, which represents a 61.8% increase from April 2020.
- 27,844 cats were adopted in April 2021, which represents a 51.9% increase year over year.
- Euthanasia totaled 5,436, an increase of 51.0% from April of last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 103.7% to 9,126.
- 1,823 cats were returned to their owners, an increase of 124.2% compared to April 2020.
- The number of cats that died while in AWOs totaled 1,422 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 43.2% increase from April 2020 to April 2021.

Dogs

- In April 2021, 61,216 dogs left AWOs, increase of 36.4% from April 2020.
- 34,236 dogs were adopted in April 2021, which represents a 30.0% increase from the previous year.
- Euthanasia totaled 5,084, an increase of 42.6% from April of last year.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 35.6% to 10,043.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 11,386, which represents a 57.9% increase compared to April 2020.
- The number of dogs that died while in AWOs totaled 467 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 27.2% increase from April 2020 to April 2021.

Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$86 in April 2021, which represents an 11.7% increase from April 2020.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age averaged \$57, which represents a 7.5% increase compared to April of last year.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$216, which represents a 24.1% increase from April 2020.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$122, which represents a 16.2% increase compared to April of last year.

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