

PetPoint Report: December 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 December PetPoint Report aggregates data from 1138 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 December 2020 and December 2021 have been included.

The report includes data on 106,570 cats and dogs that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 125,923 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 47,054 during December 2021, which represents a 2.4% increase from December 2020.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 14,570, an increase of 3.2% from December 2020.
- Cats returned by owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 2,043, an increase of 6.6% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 20,015, which represents a 3.7% increase from December 2020.
- In December 2021, 7,701 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, a decrease of 2.8% over the previous year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 0.7% during December 2021 to 2,725.

Dogs

- Total intakes of all dogs equaled 59,516 during December 2021, an increase of 6.6% from December 2020.
- Owner surrenders totaled 13,472, no change from the previous year.
- Returns of dogs previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 3,493, an increase of 18.2% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 22,419, an increase of 20.4% from December 2020.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 12,780 in December 2021, a decrease of 11.3% over the previous year.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 15.9% during December 2021 to 7,352.

Outcomes

Cats

- In December 2021, 64,725 cats left AWOs, which represents a 4.5% increase from December 2020.
- 49,125 cats were adopted in December 2021, which represents a 4.4% increase year over year.
- Euthanasia totaled 5,773, an increase of 17.1% from December of last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations decreased 8.3% to 6,849.
- 1,848 cats were returned to their owners, an increase of 12.8% compared to December 2020.
- The number of cats that died while in AWOs totaled 1,130 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 29.7% increase from December 2020 to December 2021.

Dogs

- In December 2021, 61,198 dogs left AWOs, increase of 8.5% from December 2020.
- 34,739 dogs were adopted in December 2021, which represents an 8.3% increase from the previous year.
- Euthanasia totaled 6,365, an increase of 36.2% from December of last year.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations decreased 9.2% to 8,991.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 10,604, which represents a 14.9% increase compared to December 2020.
- The number of dogs that died while in AWOs totaled 499 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 3.3% increase from December 2020 to December 2021.

Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$83 in December 2021, which represents no change from December 2020.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age averaged \$54, which represents a 3.8% increase compared to December of last year.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$190, which represents a 3.6% decrease from December 2020.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$104, which represents an 8.8% decrease compared to December of last year.

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