

PetPoint Report: November 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 November PetPoint Report aggregates data from 1136 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 November 2020 and November 2021 have been included.

The report includes data on 114,463 cats and dogs that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 120,509 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 57,467 during November 2021, which represents a 7.5% increase from November 2020.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 16,599, an increase of 7.2% from November 2020.
- Cats returned by owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 2,140, an increase of 8.7% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 27,492, which represents a 10.8% increase from November 2020.
- In November 2021, 7,740 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, a decrease of 3.9% over the previous year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 11.2% during November 2021 to 3,496.

Dogs

- Total intakes of all dogs equaled 56,996 during November 2021, an increase of 8.2% from November 2020.
- Owner surrenders totaled 12,927, an increase of 4.9% from November 2020.
- Returns of dogs previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 3,205, an increase of 10.4% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 22,011, an increase of 21.4% from November 2020.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 11,649 in November 2021, a decrease of 10.6% over the previous year.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 14.8% during November 2021 to 7,204.

Outcomes

Cats

- In November 2021, 64,028 cats left AWOs, which represents no change from the previous year.
- 45,468 cats were adopted in November 2021, which represents a 0.4% decrease year over year.
- Euthanasia totaled 7,716, an increase of 1.0% from November of last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations decreased 3.7% to 7,025.
- 2,038 cats were returned to their owners, an increase of 12.0% compared to November 2020.
- The number of cats that died while in AWOs totaled 1,781 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 10.4% increase from November 2020 to November 2021.

Dogs

- In November 2021, 56,481 dogs left AWOs, increase of 6.5% from November 2020.
- 30,436 dogs were adopted in November 2021, which represents a 4.5% increase from the previous year.
- Euthanasia totaled 5,937, an increase of 28.8% from November of last year.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations decreased 7.2% to 8,737.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 10,927, which represents a 15.4% increase compared to November 2020.
- The number of dogs that died while in AWOs totaled 444 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 0.7% increase from November 2020 to November 2021.

Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$86 in November 2021, which represents a 1.1% decrease from November 2020.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age averaged \$55, which represents a 3.8% increase compared to November of last year.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$193, which represents a 3.0% decrease from November 2020.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$112, which represents a 4.3% decrease compared to November of last year.

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