

PetPoint Report: September 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 September 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 September 2020 and September 2021 have been included.

The report includes data on 133,694 cats and dogs that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 130,246 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 72,542 during September 2021, which represents a 5.2% decrease from September 2020.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 19,161, a decrease of 7.4% from September 2020.
- Cats returned by owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 2,179, an increase of 8.2% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 36,188, which represents a 6.1% decrease from September 2020.
- In September 2021, 10,337 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, a decrease of 1.8% over the previous year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement agencies decreased 0.5% during September 2021 to 4,677.

Dogs

- Total intakes of all dogs equaled 61,152 during September 2021, an increase of 4.7% from September 2020.
- Owner surrenders totaled 13,793, an increase of 1.2% from September 2020.
- Returns of dogs previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 3,361, an increase of 11.0% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 22,498, an increase of 11.5% from September 2020.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 13,483 in September 2021, a decrease of 4.6% over the previous year.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 7.8% during September 2021 to 8,017.

Outcomes

Cats

- In September 2021, 70,051 cats left AWOs, which represents a 0.7% increase from September 2020.
- 46,967 cats were adopted in September 2021, which represents a 4.2% increase year over year.
- Euthanasia totaled 9,296, a decline of 6.5% from September of last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations decreased 8.5% to 9,067.
- 2,083 cats were returned to their owners, an increase of 4.2% compared to September 2020.
- The number of cats that died while in AWOs totaled 2,638 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 0.4% increase from September 2020 to September 2021.

Dogs

- In September 2021, 60,195 dogs left AWOs, increase of 7.0% from September 2020.
- 32,139 dogs were adopted in September 2021, which represents a 5.9% increase from the previous year.
- Euthanasia totaled 5,987, an increase of 24.9% from September of last year.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 2.1% to 10,351.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 11,255, which represents a 6.7% increase compared to September 2020.
- The number of dogs that died while in AWOs totaled 463 (excluding euthanasia), which represents an 11.3% increase from September 2020 to September 2021.

Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$90 in September 2021, which represents a 4.7% increase from September 2020.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age averaged \$56, which represents a 5.7% increase compared to September of last year.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$190, which represents a 7.3% decrease from September 2020.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$115, which represents a 1.7% decrease compared to September of last year.

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