

PetPoint Report: September 2010

The PetPoint Adoption Report is a monthly gauge of U.S. pet owner demand for dogs and cats available for adoption. Data is aggregated via PetPoint Animal Management Software, a “SaaS” (Software as a Service) application developed and launched in 2005. PetPoint is the most widely used animal management application in animal welfare.

The PetPoint report for September aggregates data from 849 animal welfare organizations (“AWOs”) in the United States and compares it to data from 2009. For the purposes here, AWOs are defined as animal control agencies, SPCAs, humane societies and rescue groups. Only data from AWOs whose data was available in both September 2009 and September 2010 has been used.

The report includes data on 135,873 dogs and cats that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 134,330 dogs and cats that left AWOs over the same period (referred to as Outcomes). Only data for dogs and cats is reported here. AWOs from 46 states (excluding Alaska, Delaware, Rhode Island and Hawaii), Washington D.C. and U.S. Virgin Islands are represented in this report.

Intakes

Cats

- Intakes of cats into AWOs totaled 72,985 during September, a decline of 7% from September 2009.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 24,458, down 6% from September 2009.
- Cats returned to shelters from owners previously adopting from the same organisation totaled 1,732, an increase of 12% over the same period in 2009.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 37,705, a decline of 10% vs. September 2009.
- 6,513 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, an increase of 8% over last year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement organizations totaled 2,577 during September, a decline of 2% from September 2009.

Dogs

- Intakes of dogs totaled 62,888 in September, a decline of 4% vs. September 2009.
- Owner surrenders totaled 18,674, a decline of 5%.
- Returns of pets previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 3,046, an increase of 2%.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 23,268, a decline of 7%.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 13,133, a decline of 2%.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 5% to 4,767.

Outcomes

Cats

- In September 2010, a total of 71,059 cats left AWOs, a decline of 5% vs. September 2009.
- 25,412 were adopted, an increase of 3% over 2009.
- Euthanasia totaled 39,282, a decline of 10% vs September last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations totaled 2,941, a decline of 2%.
- 1,419 cats were returned to their owners, a number flat to September 2009.
- A total of 2,005 cats died (excluding euthanasia) while in AWOs during September 2010, a decline of 4% from 2009.

Dogs

- 63,271 dogs left AWOs during September, a number flat to September 2009.
- Adoptions increased 2% to 27,649.
- Euthanasia declined 7% to 21,115.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 16% to 6,035.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 7,635, an increase of 2%.
- The number of dogs that died while in shelters totaled 837 (excluding euthanasia), an increase of 31% over 2009.

Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$58.03 in September 2010, a decline of 11% vs September last year.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age, averaged \$41.62, a decline of 10% vs September 2009.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$115.08, a number flat to September 2009.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$88.11, a decline of 5% vs. last year.

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