

## PetPoint Report: Year-End 2017

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 Year-End PetPoint Report aggregates data from 1,432 animal welfare organizations (“AWOs”) in the United States and compares it to data from the previous year. 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 2016 and 2017 have been included.

The report includes data on 1,998,343 cats and dogs that entered AWOs during 2017 (referred to as Intakes) and 1,955,992 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 942,346 during 2017, which represents a 1.3% decrease from 2016.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 278,180, a decrease of 3.5% from 2016.
- Cats returned by owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 33,712, a decrease of 0.5% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 434,331, which represents a 1.1% decrease from 2016.
- In 2017, 136,188 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, an increase of 7.3% over the previous year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement agencies decreased 10.7% during 2017 to 59,935.

#### *Dogs*

- Total intakes of all dogs equaled 1,055,997 during 2017, a decrease of 1.7% from 2016.
- Owner surrenders totaled 253,511, a decrease of 4.3% from 2016.
- Returns of dogs previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 60,931, an increase of 0.7% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 341,391, a decrease of 3.6% from 2016.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 275,804 in 2017, an increase of 3.2% over the previous year.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies decreased 2.4% during 2017 to 124,360.

## Outcomes

### *Cats*

- In 2017, 911,423 cats left AWOs, which represents a 1.7% decrease from 2016.
- 554,794 cats were adopted in 2017, which represents a 3.6% increase year over year.
- Euthanasia totaled 200,160, a decline of 15.4% from last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 2.6% to 99,938.
- 25,749 cats were returned to their owners, an increase of 0.5% compared to 2016.
- The number of cats that died while in AWOs totaled 30,782 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 2.5% decrease from 2016 to 2017.

### *Dogs*

- In 2017, 1,044,569 dogs left AWOs, a decrease of 2.2% from 2016.
- 579,367 dogs were adopted in 2017, which represents a 0.3% decrease from the previous year.
- Euthanasia totaled 131,334, a decline of 13.2% from last year.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations decreased 0.8% to 168,445.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 156,277, which represents a 0.3% decrease compared to 2016.
- The number of dogs that died while in AWOs totaled 9,146 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 2.0% decrease year over year.

## Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$74 in 2017, which represents a 5.7% increase from 2016.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age averaged \$45, a 7.1% increase from 2016.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$165, a 9.3% increase from 2016.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$100, a 6.4% increase compared to last year.

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