

PetPoint Report: April 2018

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 April PetPoint Report aggregates data from 1232 animal welfare organizations (“AWOs”) in the United States and compares it to data from the same month in 2017. 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 April 2017 and April 2018 have been included.

The report includes data on 157,351 cats and dogs that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 135,678 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 72,944 during April 2018, which represents a 5.3% increase from April 2017.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 21,319, an increase of 1.9% from April 2017.
- Cats returned by owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 2,382, a decrease of 3.1% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 32,560, which represents a 2.1% increase from April 2017.
- In April 2018, 12,109 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, an increase of 23.1% over the previous year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 9.1% during April 2018 to 4,574.

Dogs

- Total intakes of all dogs equaled 84,407 during April 2018, an increase of 0.5% from April 2017.
- Owner surrenders totaled 20,781, a decrease of 2.5% from April 2017.
- Returns of dogs previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 4,705, a decrease of 2.1% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 26,999, an increase of 0.9% from April 2017.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 22,249 in April 2018, an increase of 6.3% over the previous year.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies decreased 4.8% during April 2018 to 9,673.

Outcomes

Cats

- In April 2018, 53,322 cats left AWOs, which represents a 1.9% increase from April 2017.
- 30,428 cats were adopted in April 2018, which represents a 4.5% increase year over year.
- Euthanasia totaled 10,287, a decline of 13.6% from April of last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 13.1% to 8,798.
- 2,119 cats were returned to their owners, an increase of 11.8% compared to April 2017.
- The number of cats that died while in AWOs totaled 1,690 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 3.3% increase from April 2017 to April 2018.

Dogs

- In April 2018, 82,356 dogs left AWOs, a decrease of 2.2% from April 2017.
- 45,800 dogs were adopted in April 2018, which represents a 1.3% decrease from the previous year.
- Euthanasia totaled 8,806, a decline of 15.3% from April of last year.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 4.3% to 13,800.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 13,217, which represents a 2.0% decrease compared to April 2017.
- The number of dogs that died while in AWOs totaled 733 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 10.9% increase from April 2017 to April 2018.

Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$74 in April 2018, which represents a 4.2% increase from April 2017.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age averaged \$49, which represents a 4.3% increase compared to April of last year.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$177, which represents a 5.4% increase from April 2017.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$105, which represents a 1.9% increase compared to April of last year.

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