

## **PetPoint Report: December 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 December aggregates data from 884 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 December 2009 and December 2010 have been included.

The report includes data on 108,021 dogs and cats that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 120,884 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 44,540 during December, a decline of 7% from December 2009.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 17,245, down 5% from December 2009.
- Cats returned to shelters from owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 1,638, an increase of 4% over the same period in 2009.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 19,203, a decline of 11% vs. December 2009.
- 4,696 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, a decrease of 8% over last year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement organizations totaled 1,758 during December, an increase of 22% from December 2009.

#### *Dogs*

- Intakes of dogs totaled 63,481 in December, a decrease of 4% vs. December 2009.
- Owner surrenders totaled 20,117, a decline of 3%.
- Returns of pets previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 2,952, a decline of 4%.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 22,673, a decline of 6%.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 13,136, a decrease of 2%.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 4% to 4,603.

## Outcomes

### *Cats*

- In December 2010, a total of 56,582 cats left AWOs, down 4% from December 2009.
- 31,327 were adopted, a decline of 1% over 2009.
- Euthanasia totaled 20,295, a decline of 8% vs. December last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations totaled 2,708, an increase of 3%.
- 1,092 cats were returned to their owners, even with December 2009.
- A total of 1,160 cats died (excluding euthanasia) while in AWOs during December 2010, a decline of 20% from 2009.

### *Dogs*

- 64,262 dogs left AWOs during December, a 32% decrease to December 2009.
- Adoptions declined 2% to 32,092.
- Euthanasia declined 12% to 17,758.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 18% to 6,725.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 6,733, a decline of 4% compared with December 2009.
- The number of dogs that died while in shelters totaled 954 (excluding euthanasia), a decrease of 1% over 2009.

## Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$63.91 in December 2010, an increase of 2% vs. December last year.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age, averaged \$41.61, and a decline of 9% vs. December 2009.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$116.99, a 4% increase to December 2009.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$90.65, an increase of 5% vs. last year.

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