

## PetPoint Report: April 2013

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 1,068 animal welfare organizations (“AWOs”) in the United States and compares it to data from 2012. 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 2012 and April 2013 have been included.

The report includes data on 98,660 cats and dogs that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 90,489 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 47 states (excluding Alaska, Delaware, and North Dakota), Washington D.C. and the U.S. Virgin Islands are represented in this report.

### Intakes

#### *Cats*

- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 13,550, a decrease of 9% from April 2012.
- Cats returned to shelters from owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 1,489, an increase of 11% from the previous year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement agencies decreased 7% to 3,239.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 19,008, a decrease of 11%.
- 5,775 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, an increase of 2%.
- Total intakes of all cats into AWOs equaled 43,061 during April 2013, a decrease of 8% from April 2012.

#### *Dogs*

- Owner surrenders totaled 15,621, a decline of 6% from April 2012.
- Returns of dogs previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 2,973, an increase of 7% from the previous year.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies decreased 7% to 5,300.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 18,888, a decline of 2%.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 12,817, an increase of 6%.
- Total intakes of all dogs equaled 55,599 during April 2013, a decrease of 2% from April 2012.

## Outcomes

### *Cats*

- 16,480 cats were adopted in April 2013, which represents a 7% increase year over year.
- A total of 976 cats died (excluding euthanasia) while in AWOs during April 2013, which represents a 7% decrease compared to April of last year.
- Euthanasia totaled 11,926, a decline of 19% from April last year.
- 1,040 cats were returned to their owners, an increase of 4% compared to April 2012.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 12% to 4,223.
- In April 2013, a total of 34,645 cats left AWOs during April 2013, a decrease of 4% from April 2012.

### *Dogs*

- 29,194 dogs were adopted in April 2013, which represents a 10% increase from the previous year.
- The number of dogs that died while in shelters totaled 620 (excluding euthanasia), an increase of 2% over 2012.
- Euthanasia totaled 11,446, a decrease of 22% from April last year.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 7,343, an increase of 4% compared to April 2012.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 13% to 7,241.
- In April 2013, a total of 55,844 dogs left AWOs during April 2013, an increase of 1% from April 2012.

## Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$63 in April 2013, which represents a decrease of 2% from April 2012.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age averaged \$44, which represents a decrease of 2% compared to April of last year.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$127, a 6% increase over April 2012.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$92, an increase of 2% compared to April of last year.

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