

## PetPoint Report: Year to Date 2020

The PetPoint Report is a yearly 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 PetPoint Report aggregates data from 1283 animal welfare organizations (“AWOs”) in the United States and compares it to data from the same month in 2019. 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 2019 and 2020 have been included.

The report includes data on 962,784 cats and dogs that entered AWOs during the year (referred to as Intakes) and 934,814 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 476,885 during 2020, which represents a 21.4% decrease from 2019.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 139,071, a decrease of 20.2% from 2019.
- Cats returned by owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 15,092, a decrease of 24.9% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 222,711, which represents a 23.4% decrease from 2019.
- In 2020, 71,360 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, a decrease of 13.7% over the previous year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement agencies decreased 26.6% during 2020 to 28,651.

#### *Dogs*

- Total intakes of all dogs equaled 485,899 during 2020, a decrease of 24.3% from 2019.
- Owner surrenders totaled 119,916, a decrease of 23.9% from 2019.
- Returns of dogs previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 27,593, a decrease of 24.4% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 164,869, a decrease of 25.0% from 2019.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 116,550 in 2020, a decrease of 21.1% over the previous year.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies decreased 29.0% during 2020 to 56,971.

## Outcomes

### *Cats*

- In 2020, 442,079 cats left AWOs, which represents a 19.0% decrease from 2019.
- 292,704 cats were adopted in 2020, which represents an 11.1% decrease year over year.
- Euthanasia totaled 58,534, a decline of 46.6% from of last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations decreased 7.2% to 65,564.
- 12,891 cats were returned to their owners, a decrease of 27.0% compared to 2019.
- The number of cats that died while in AWOs totaled 12,386 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 33.3% decrease from 2019 to 2020.

### *Dogs*

- In 2020, 492,735 dogs left AWOs, a decrease of 21.9% from 2019.
- 280,277 dogs were adopted in 2020, which represents a 18.9% decrease from the previous year.
- Euthanasia totaled 43,730, a decline of 39.4% from of last year.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations decreased 17.1% to 85,454.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 79,418, which represents a 23.9% decrease compared to 2019.
- The number of dogs that died while in AWOs totaled 3,856 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 31.0% decrease from 2019 to 2020.

## Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$82 in 2020, which represents a 1.2% increase from 2019.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age averaged \$52, which represents a 4.0% increase compared to of last year.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$185, which represents a 3.4% increase from 2019.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$109, which represents a 1.9% increase compared to of last year.

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