

PetPoint Report: September 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 September PetPoint Report aggregates data from 1,149 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 September 2012 and September 2013 have been included.

The report includes data on 165,673 cats and dogs that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 160,660 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 48 states (excluding 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 26,907, a decrease of 1% from September 2012.
- Cats returned by owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 2,418, an increase of 5% from the previous year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement agencies decreased 7% during September 2013 to 5,906.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 42,772, which represented no change from September 2012.
- In September 2013, 8,184 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, a decrease of 4% over the previous year.
- Total intakes of all cats into AWOs equaled 86,187 during September 2013, a decrease of 1% from September 2012.

Dogs

- Owner surrenders totaled 20,805, a decrease of 4% from September 2012.
- Returns of dogs previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 4,068, an increase of 5% from the previous year.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies decreased 4% during September 2013 to 8,463.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 28,511, a decrease of 3% from September 2012.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 17,639 in September 2013, an increase of 5% over the previous year.
- Total intakes of all dogs equaled 79,486 during September 2013, a decrease of 1% from September 2012.

Outcomes

Cats

- 37,066 cats were adopted in September 2013, which represented a 2% increase year over year.
- The number of cats that died while in AWOs totaled 3,018 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 4% increase from September 2012 to September 2013.
- Euthanasia totaled 34,950, a decline of 8% from September of last year.
- 1,780 cats were returned to their owners, an increase of 3% compared to September 2012.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 6% to 5,853.
- In September 2013, 82,667 cats left AWOs, a decrease of 2% from September 2012.

Dogs

- 38,521 dogs were adopted in September 2013, which represents a 2% decrease from the previous year.
- The number of dogs that died while in AWOs totaled 736 (excluding euthanasia), an increase of 6% year over year.
- Euthanasia totaled 19,215, a decrease of 5% from September of last year.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 10,061, an increase of 2% compared to September 2012.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 1% to 9,460.
- In September 2013, 77,993 dogs left AWOs, a decrease of 2% from September 2012.

Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$65 in September 2013, which represents no change from September 2012.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age averaged \$38, which represents a 5% decrease compared to September of last year.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$126, a 3% increase from September 2012.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$94, an increase of 3% compared to September of last year.

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