

PetPoint Report: Year-End 2016

This special edition PetPoint Report for Year-End 2016 offers a complete year over year comparison of U.S. pet owner demand for dogs and cats 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 Year-End PetPoint Report aggregates data from 1,411 animal welfare organizations (“AWOs”) in the United States and compares it to data from 2015. 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 2015 and 2016 have been included.

The report includes data on 1,937,502 cats and dogs that entered AWOs during 2016 (referred to as Intakes) and 1,909,185 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 913,691 during 2016, a decrease of 1.3% from 2015.
- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 277,280, a decrease of 3.3% from 2015.
- Cats returned by owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 33,023, an increase of 2.8% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 409,165, decreased 2.8% from 2015.
- In 2016, 126,912 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, an increase of 6.2% over the previous year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 1.5% during 2016 to 67,311.

Dogs

- Total intakes of all dogs equaled 1,023,811 during 2016, a decrease of 2.0% from 2015.
- Owner surrenders totaled 254,339, a decrease of 6.5% from 2015.
- Returns of dogs previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 58,587, an increase of 3.0% from the previous year.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 328,372, a decrease of 5.4% from 2015.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 264,577 in 2016, an increase of 4.7% over the previous year.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 1.7% during 2016 to 117,936.

Outcomes

Cats

- In 2016, 890,465 cats left AWOs, a decrease of 1.9% from 2015.
- 519,415 cats were adopted in 2016, which represented a 3.8% increase year over year.
- Euthanasia totaled 224,779, a decline of 15.0% from last year.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 4.8% to 92,418.
- 23,706 cats were returned to their owners, an increase of 1.8% compared to 2015.
- The number of cats that died while in AWOs totaled 30,147 (excluding euthanasia), which represents a 4.3% decrease from 2015 to 2016.

Dogs

- In 2016, 1,018,720 dogs left AWOs, a decrease of 1.7% from 2015.
- 562,005 dogs were adopted in 2016, which represents a 1.4% increase from the previous year.
- Euthanasia totaled 145,285, a decrease of 18.1% from last year.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 2.6% to 158,751.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 143,859, an increase of 2.8% compared to 2015.
- The number of dogs that died while in AWOs totaled 8,820 (excluding euthanasia), a decrease of 8.2% year over year.

Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$70 in 2016, which represents a 7.7% increase from 2015.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age averaged \$42, a 5.0% increase from 2015.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$149, a 8.0% increase from 2015.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$96, a increase of 4.3% compared to last year.

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