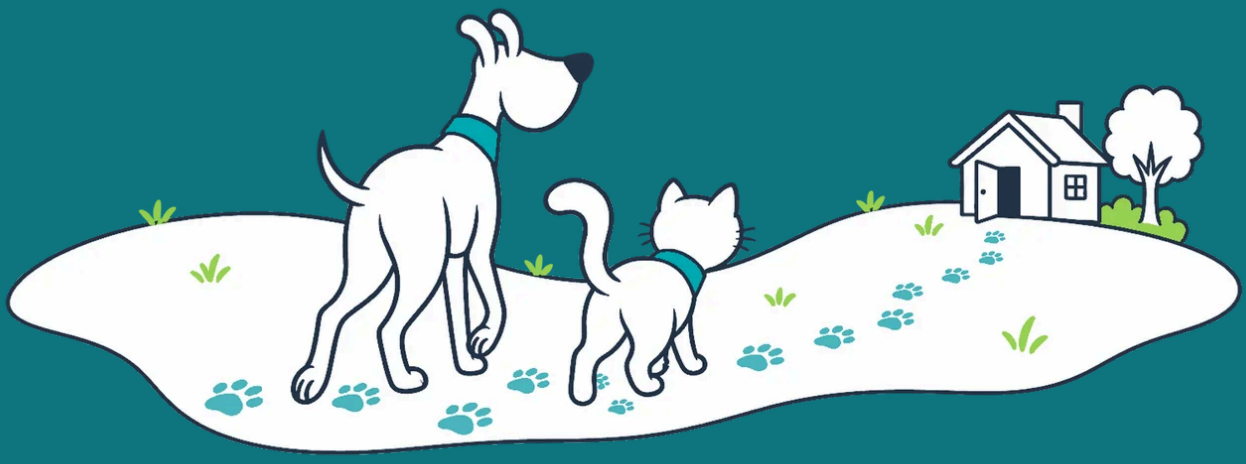
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2017

Pet adoption on Miwuki, in data

Annual report produced in 2026 · 2017 data



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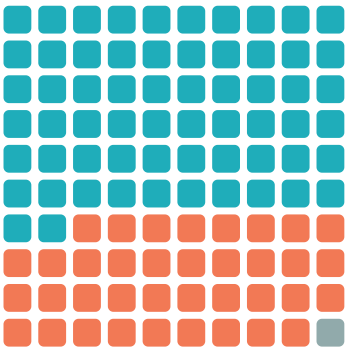
2017 in 60 seconds

6,604
listed cases (partial period)

2,353
recorded adoptions (partial period)

46 days
median: shelter dogs adopted within 180 days (partial period)

37.3%
of cases are cats (partial period)



Out of every 100 listed cases

- **62** dogs (62.1%)
- **37** cats (37.3%)
- **1** other species (0.6%)

Key findings

1. Cases listed in 2017 → **H-2017-01**
2. Dogs and cats in 2017 → **H-2017-02**
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> **How to read this report.** It describes the activity recorded on Miwuki in Spain, not abandonment or adoption across Spain. “Association” does not imply causation. Partial periods and percentages with a small base are marked.

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Key findings

The year's main conclusions, each with its figure and its limitation.



FINDING H-2017-01 · Descriptive partial period

Cases listed in 2017

In 2017, **6,604** animal cases were listed for adoption on Miwuki in Spain: **4,103** dogs, **2,462** cats and **39** of other species.



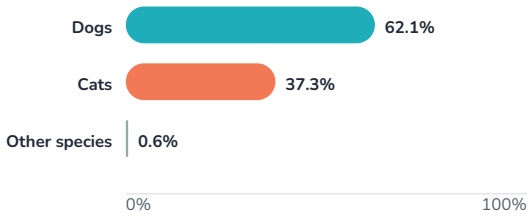
Indicator IND-01: Listed cases · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

Limitation. It measures cases listed on Miwuki, not abandonment or shelter intakes across Spain.

FINDING H-2017-02 · Descriptive partial period

Dogs and cats in 2017

In 2017, cats made up **37.3%** of the cases listed on Miwuki in Spain; dogs made up **62.1%**.



Base (cases): 6,604

Indicator IND-02: Listed cases by species · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

Limitation. It describes the make-up of the cases listed on Miwuki; it does not show how many dogs or cats are looking for a home across Spain.

FINDING H-2017-05 · Descriptive partial period

Recorded adoptions

In 2017, **2,353** adoptions of animals listed in Spain were recorded on Miwuki, corresponding to **2,353** distinct cases.

2,353

adoptions recorded in 2017

Indicator IND-05: Recorded adoptions · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

Limitation. These are the adoptions that publishers record on the platform; some adoptions may not be recorded. A case may have more than one adoption if the animal is adopted more than once.

FINDING H-2017-07 · Descriptive partial period

Hard-to-place animals

In 2017, **2.7%** of the cases listed by shelters on Miwuki in Spain carried the “hard to place” flag, which is set by the publisher. On Miwuki only shelters use it.

2.7%

of shelter cases were flagged as “hard to place”

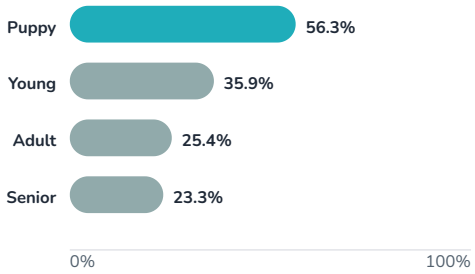
Indicator IND-15: Hard-to-place cases · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

> **Limitation.** The flag is optional and each publisher may use it differently.

FINDING H-2017-08 · Association, not causation partial period

Age and adoption

Among the dogs listed by shelters on Miwuki in Spain in 2017, **56.3%** of puppies had an adoption recorded within 180 days of listing, compared with **25.4%** of adults.



Base (cases): Puppy 1,387 · Young 1,390 · Adult 928 · Senior 146

Indicator IND-21: Adoption within the first days after listing · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

> **Limitation.** Descriptive association in shelter cases: it does not show that age is the cause. It only counts adoptions recorded on Miwuki.

More findings for this year

H-2017-11 · **Association, not causation** partial period

PPP dogs

Among the dogs listed by shelters on Miwuki in Spain in 2017, **2.1%** of those with the PPP flag had an adoption recorded within 180 days, compared with **41.7%** of the rest.

Limitation: Descriptive association: the PPP flag tends to go with size and age, and adopting a PPP dog requires a licence. It only counts adoptions recorded on Miwuki.

H-2017-12 · **Association, not causation** partial period

Age in years

Among the shelter dogs listed on Miwuki in Spain in 2017, **53.6%** of those under one year old, **26.2%** of those aged three to five and **31.7%** of those aged nine or older were adopted within 180 days.

Limitation: Age is calculated from the date of birth in the profile, which is often estimated. Association, not causation.

H-2017-13 · **Association, not causation** partial period

Dogs with leishmaniasis

In 2017, **10.1%** of the dogs listed by shelters on Miwuki in Spain with the leishmaniasis flag were adopted within 180 days, compared with **42.2%** of the rest.

Limitation: The flag is set by the publisher. Association, not causation.

H-2017-19 · **Descriptive** partial period

Days to adoption

Among the shelter dogs listed on Miwuki in Spain in 2017 and adopted within 180 days, half were adopted in under **32** days if they were puppies and in under **75** days if they were adults.

Limitation: It only counts cases adopted within that period and adoptions recorded on Miwuki.

H-2017-23 · **Descriptive**

Christmas

At Christmas 2017 (from 15 December to 6 January), animal cases were listed on Miwuki in Spain at a rate 40.1% fewer per day than in the previous three weeks, and adoptions were recorded at a rate 7.8% fewer per day than in the previous three weeks.

Limitation: It describes the calendar, not its causes.

H-2017-37 · **Descriptive** partial period

Adopted within their first six months

Of the dogs listed by shelters on Miwuki in 2017, **41.2%** had an adoption recorded within 180 days of listing; of the cats, **43.0%**.

Limitation: It only counts the adoptions that shelters record on Miwuki, and how much they record changes over the years: years are not compared.

02
The animals

What was listed: species, publisher, age, size, breed, profile and origin.



How many dogs and cats?

4,103 partial period
dogs listed

2,462 partial period
cats listed

37.3% partial period
of cases were cats

In 2017, **4,103** partial period dogs and **2,462** partial period cats were listed. Cats made up **37.3%** partial period of cases.

Who lists them?



In 2017, only shelters and other organisations (associations, rescuers, feral cat colonies and public administrations) were listing. Private individuals started listing in December 2018.

How old and how big are they?

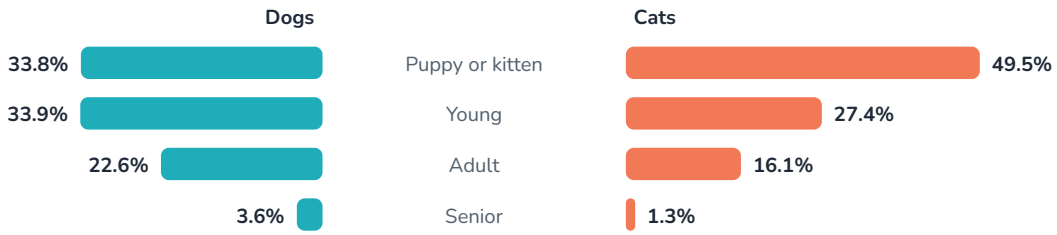
Among dogs listed in 2017, **3.6%** partial period were seniors; among cats, **1.3%** partial period. Puppies made up **33.8%** partial period of dogs and kittens **49.5%** partial period of cats.

From the date of birth in the profile, **36.3%** partial period of dogs were under one year old when listed and **3.0%** partial period were nine or older. Among cats, **52.2%** partial period were under one year old.

By size, as stated by the publisher: **29.5%** partial period of dogs were small, **46.5%** partial period medium-sized and **21.3%** partial period large. We do not analyse size for cats because, as recorded, it barely varies.

Age when listed: dogs and cats, 2017

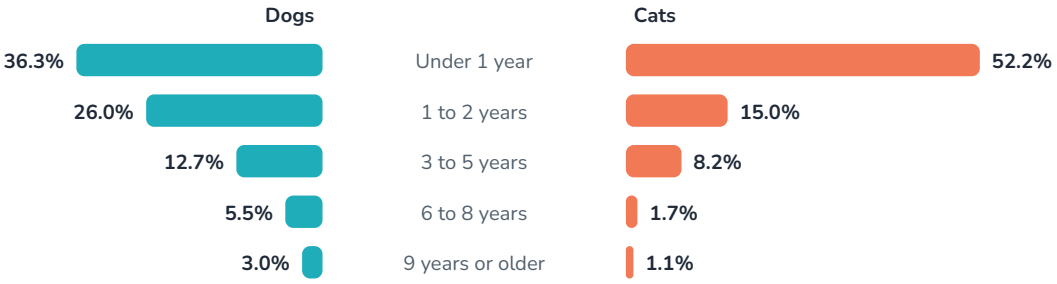
Percentage of dogs and of cats listed that year. Age estimated by whoever listed the animal.



Indicator IND-12: Age group when listed · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

Age in years when listed: dogs and cats, 2017

From the date of birth in the profile.



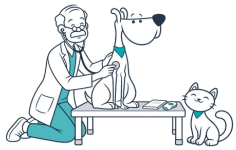
Indicator IND-24: Age in years when listed · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

Which breeds are listed?

1.2% partial period of listed dogs carried the potentially dangerous dog (PPP) flag, which requires the adopter to hold a licence.

Breed was not mandatory in the profile until June 2023, so we do not analyse it for 2017.





Health, temperament and identification

66.5%
partial period
of shelter dogs, microchipped

46.9%
partial period
of shelter cats, microchipped

44.9%
partial period
of shelter dogs, neutered

2.9%
partial period
of dogs flagged with leishmania

Flags set by the publisher.

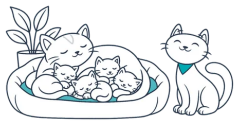
According to the profile, when listed, **66.5%** partial period of shelter dogs and **46.9%** partial period of shelter cats had a microchip. **44.9%** partial period of shelter dogs and **46.1%** partial period of shelter cats were sterilised.

2.9% partial period of dogs were flagged with leishmaniasis. Among cats, **2.1%** partial period were flagged with feline immunodeficiency and **1.1%** partial period with feline leukaemia.

These flags are set by the publisher.

Where do shelter animals come from?

In 2017 almost all shelter cases have the same origin (“taken in by the shelter”), so this information is only analysed from 2019.



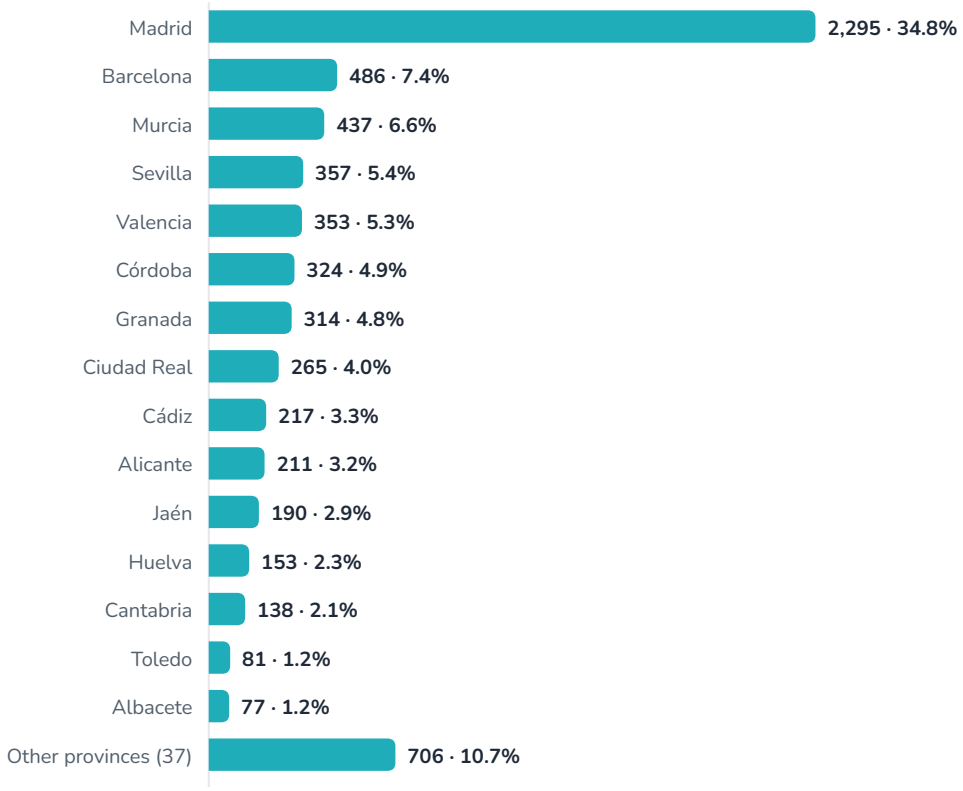
Where were cases listed?

Breakdown by province of the cases listed in 2017. It describes activity on Miwuki, not the incidence of abandonment. Provinces with few cases change a lot from one year to the next.

Listed cases by province, 2017

Activity on Miwuki, not the incidence of abandonment. The 15 provinces with the most cases and the rest together; the full list is on the website.

Listed cases by province, 2017



Indicator IND-16: Cases listed by province · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

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Why do they need a new home?

The reasons private individuals give and how much housing weighs.



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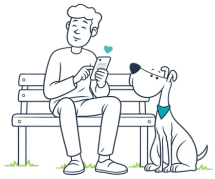
Who wants to adopt

Requests and what people who want to adopt are looking for.



How much interest do they attract?

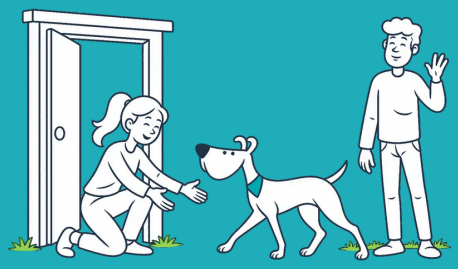
In 2017 the platform did not yet record adoption requests with their date: they exist from June 2023.



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Outcomes

Recorded adoptions and returns, waiting times and the profiles that find it hardest.



How many adoptions and returns were recorded?

2,353 partial period
recorded adoptions

2,353 partial period
different cases adopted

83.7% partial period
of 2017 cases, adopted at the cut-off date

Only adoptions recorded on Miwuki.

In 2017, **2,353** partial period adoptions of animals listed in Spain were recorded, corresponding to **2,353** partial period distinct cases. These are the adoptions that publishers record on Miwuki; some adoptions may not be recorded.

Of the cases listed in 2017, **83.7%** partial period were marked as adopted on the cut-off date. These cases have had several years to find a family, so the percentage is not compared with other years.

Returns have been recorded regularly since June 2023, so we do not analyse them for 2017.

How long does it take to find a home?

32 partial period
days to adoption: puppies

75 partial period
median days until an adult dog is adopted

Platform data: they describe what happens, not its causes.

An adoption platform sees a part of the journey that other studies do not: how long each animal takes to find a family.

- **The wait.** Among shelter dogs listed in 2017 and adopted within 180 days, half of the puppies found a family in under **32** partial period days and half of the adults in under **75** partial period.

They describe what happens on the platform, not its causes.

Which profiles find it hardest?

Who finds a home sooner?

56.3% partial period

of puppies adopted within 180 days



25.4% partial period
of adult dogs

23.3% partial period
of senior dogs

Association, not causation: adoptions recorded by shelters.

Among dogs listed by shelters in 2017, **56.3%** partial period of puppies had a recorded adoption 180 days after listing, compared with **25.4%** partial period of adults and **23.3%** partial period of seniors. Among cats, **59.8%** partial period of kittens compared with **17.1%** partial period of adults.

By age in years, **26.2%** partial period of dogs aged three to five and **31.7%** partial period of those aged nine or older were adopted within 180 days. Among those adopted within that period, half of the dogs were adopted in under **46** partial period days (puppies: **32** partial period; adults: **75** partial period).

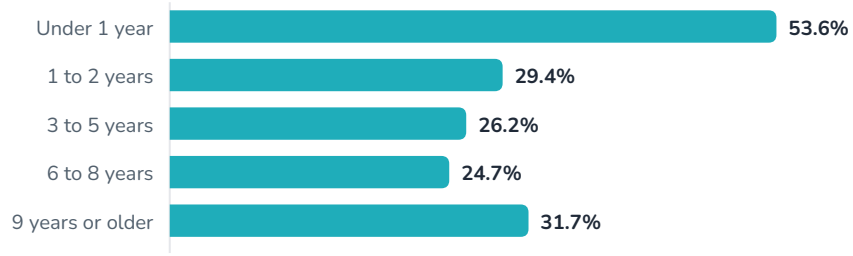
With the “hard to place” flag, **0.0%** of dogs were adopted within 180 days, compared with **42.1%** partial period of the rest. With the PPP flag, **2.1%** partial period, compared with **41.7%** partial period. With leishmaniasis, **10.1%** partial period, compared with **42.2%** partial period.

These are associations, not causes: the profile alone does not explain the difference, and we only count the adoptions that shelters record on Miwuki. We compare profiles within 2017, not 2017 with other years, because how much shelters record changes over time.

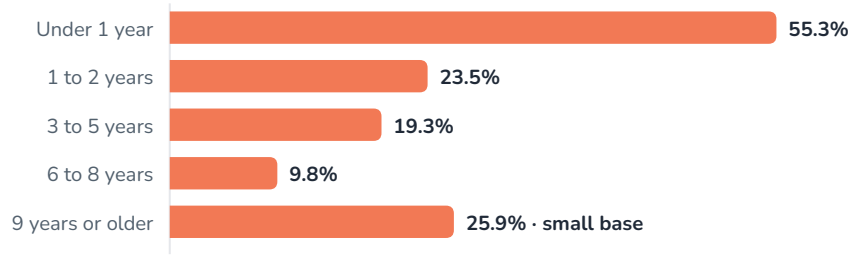
Adopted within 180 days by age in years (shelters, 2017)

Cases listed by shelters in 2017 with an adoption recorded within the following 180 days.

Adopted within 180 days by age in years (shelters, 2017) · Dogs



Adopted within 180 days by age in years (shelters, 2017) · Cats

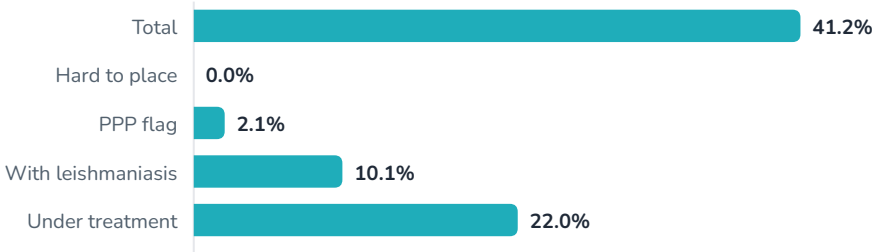


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Adopted within 180 days: all dogs and some profiles (shelters, 2017)

Associations, not causes. Percentages based on fewer than thirty cases carry a “small base” warning.

Adopted within 180 days: all dogs and some profiles (shelters, 2017) · Dogs



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06

Through the year and what to do

The year month by month and our recommendations.



Month by month

To compare months of different lengths, we show the daily average of each month.

- **Christmas** (from 15 December 2017 to the following 6 January): listed cases, 40.1% fewer per day than in the previous three weeks; recorded adoptions, 7.8% fewer per day than in the previous three weeks.

Listed cases per day, by month

Daily average of each month.

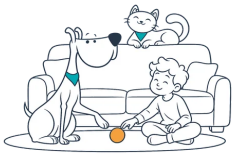
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Indicator IND-01: Listed cases · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

Recommendations



- **For families:** give adults, seniors and animals flagged as hard to place a chance. Their temperament is already known and they are looking for a home too.
- **For publishers:** complete the profile and record adoptions and returns on Miwuki, including the reason. A complete profile is good practice; this report does not measure its effect.
- **For Miwuki:** document every change in the way data are recorded and keep this report's definitions so that years can be compared.

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About these data

Technical summary, available data, what they do not allow us to conclude, citation and downloads.

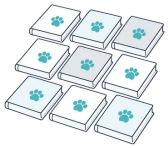


Technical summary

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It reconstructs what happened on Miwuki in Spain in 2017 with the report's current definitions and the data available at the cut-off date. It only includes what the platform recorded that year: when a data item did not exist yet, we say so.

What data exist for 2017 and what changed



- **The launch year.** Miwuki officially opened to the public in February 2017. Before that, from November 2016, there was only a test phase with a few shelters, which is not included: case figures start on 12 February 2017, the launch day, and do not cover the whole year. Adoptions have been recorded since March 2017.
- **Shelters only.** Only shelters and other organisations were listing: private individuals arrived in December 2018.
- **A simpler profile.** Temperament, vaccination and deworming have been recorded since December 2018.
- **No summer comparison.** Activity grew month by month during the first year, so for 2017 we do not compare summer with the other months.

What can we not conclude yet?

These data describe what happens on Miwuki, but they do not answer everything.

What these data do not allow us to conclude

- **How many animals are abandoned in Spain.** Listing a case on Miwuki is not the same as an abandonment, and many organisations and families do not use the platform.
- **Why the figures change.** Fewer cases or fewer requests may be due to many factors, such as how many organisations use Miwuki or changes to the platform itself. We describe what happens, not its causes.
- **What share of requests ends in an adoption.** Requests and adoptions are counted separately and do not form a funnel.
- **Why some profiles are adopted sooner than others.** We show differences by age, size or the hard-to-place flag, but not their causes: photos, description, the organisation or the area also play a part.
- **Whether COVID-19 increased adoptions.** This is a hypothesis we are studying with controls; for now it is not a conclusion.
- **Who adopts.** Most recorded adoptions do not include data about the adopter.
- **Whether private owners' animals find a home sooner or later than shelter animals.** Most private owners do not record their animal's adoption on Miwuki, so their figure is a minimum.
- **Where there is more abandonment.** The breakdown by province reflects where Miwuki is used, not the incidence of abandonment, and the origin stated by shelters describes their cases, not the whole of Spain.
- **The size of dogs compared with years before June 2023,** because the way it is recorded changed.

Methodological annex

Definitions, coverage, recording changes and data protection: see the methodology page.

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