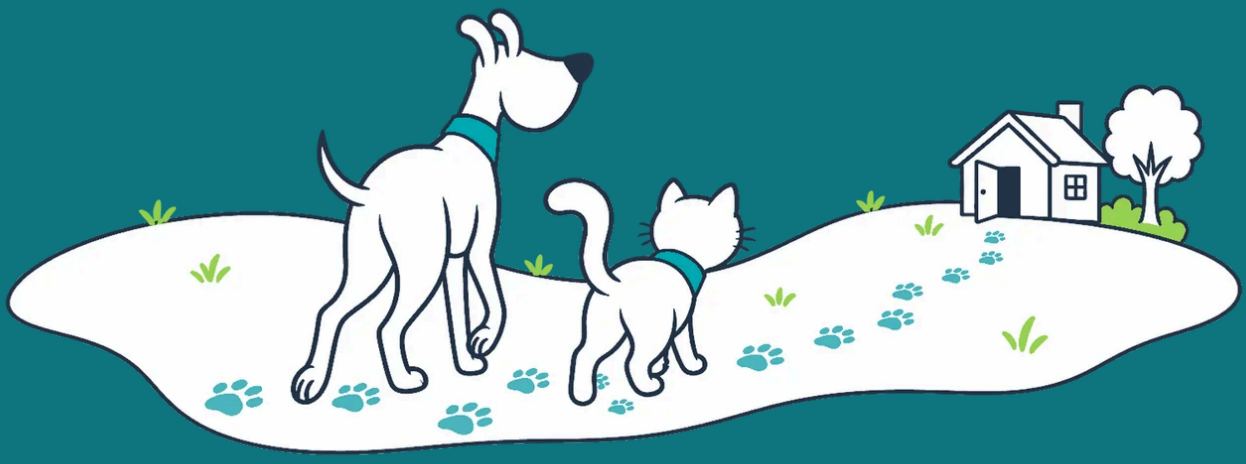
MIWUKI REPORT ON PET ADOPTION IN SPAIN

2018

Pet adoption on Miwuki, in data

Annual report produced in 2026 · 2018 data



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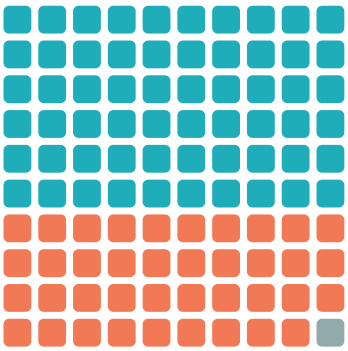
2018 in 60 seconds

10,968
listed cases

7,136
recorded adoptions

33 days
median: shelter dogs adopted within 180 days

38.7%
of cases are cats



Out of every 100 listed cases

- **60** dogs (60.4%)
- **39** cats (38.7%)
- **1** other species (0.9%)

Key findings

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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.

01

Key findings

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



FINDING H-2018-01 · Descriptive

Cases listed in 2018

In 2018, **10,968** animal cases were listed for adoption on Miwuki in Spain: **6,623** dogs, **4,247** cats and **98** of other species.



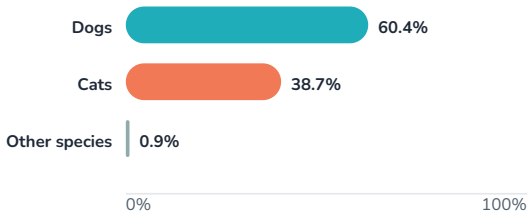
Indicator IND-01: Listed cases · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

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

FINDING H-2018-02 · Descriptive

Dogs and cats in 2018

In 2018, cats made up **38.7%** of the cases listed on Miwuki in Spain; dogs made up **60.4%**.



Base (cases): 10,968

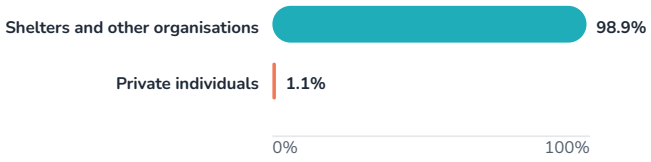
Indicator IND-02: Listed cases by species · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

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-2018-03 · Descriptive

Shelters and private individuals

In 2018, **1.1%** of the cases listed on Miwuki in Spain were listed by private individuals looking for a new home for their animal, and **98.9%** by shelters and other organisations.



Base (cases): 10,968

Indicator IND-03: Listed cases by type of publisher · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

Limitation. Private individuals have been listing animals on Miwuki since December 2018. “Shelters and other organisations” includes shelters, associations, rescuers, feral cat colonies and public administrations.

FINDING H-2018-05 · Descriptive

Recorded adoptions

In 2018, **7,136** adoptions of animals listed in Spain were recorded on Miwuki, corresponding to **7,114** distinct cases.

7,136

adoptions recorded in 2018

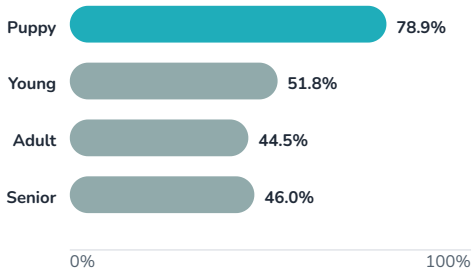
Indicator IND-05: Recorded adoptions · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

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-2018-08 · Association, not causation

Age and adoption

Among the dogs listed by shelters on Miwuki in Spain in 2018, **78.9%** of puppies had an adoption recorded within 180 days of listing, compared with **44.5%** of adults (34.4 percentage points lower).



Base (cases): Puppy 2,663 · Young 1,769 · Adult 1,482 · Senior 235

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-2018-07 · **Descriptive**

Hard-to-place animals

In 2018, **2.3%** 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.

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

H-2018-09 · **Association, not causation**

Hard to place

In 2018, **8.9%** of the dogs listed by shelters on Miwuki in Spain with the “hard to place” flag were adopted within 180 days, compared with **61.6%** of the rest (52.7 percentage points lower).

Limitation: Each shelter sets the flag voluntarily. It is an association, not a cause, and it only counts adoptions recorded on Miwuki.

H-2018-11 · **Association, not causation**

PPP dogs

Among the dogs listed by shelters on Miwuki in Spain in 2018, **19.4%** of those with the PPP flag had an adoption recorded within 180 days, compared with **61.0%** of the rest (41.6 percentage points lower).

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-2018-12 · **Association, not causation**

Age in years

Among the shelter dogs listed on Miwuki in Spain in 2018, **76.1%** of those under one year old, **43.2%** of those aged three to five and **36.8%** 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-2018-13 · **Association, not causation**

Dogs with leishmaniasis

In 2018, **15.0%** of the dogs listed by shelters on Miwuki in Spain with the leishmaniasis flag were adopted within 180 days, compared with **61.2%** of the rest (46.2 percentage points lower).

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

H-2018-19 · **Descriptive**

Days to adoption

Among the shelter dogs listed on Miwuki in Spain in 2018 and adopted within 180 days, half were adopted in under **25** days if they were puppies and in under **52** days if they were adults (27 days more).

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

H-2018-23 · **Descriptive**

Christmas

At Christmas 2018 (from 15 December to 6 January), animal cases were listed on Miwuki in Spain at a rate 58.7% more per day than in the previous three weeks, and adoptions were recorded at a rate 63.4% more per day than in the previous three weeks.

Limitation: It describes the calendar, not its causes.

H-2018-37 · **Descriptive**

Adopted within their first six months

Of the dogs listed by shelters on Miwuki in 2018, **60.2%** had an adoption recorded within 180 days of listing; of the cats, **57.2%**.

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

What changes compared with 2017?

We do not compare 2018 with 2017: Miwuki opened to the public in February 2017, so that year is not complete and the difference would mix the platform's start-up with what happened in 2018. The charts below show both years month by month, as daily averages.

02

The animals

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



How many dogs and cats?

6,623
dogs listed

4,247
cats listed

38.7%
of cases were cats

In 2018, **6,623** dogs and **4,247** cats were listed. Cats made up **38.7%** of cases, not comparable with 2017: Miwuki opened to the public in February 2017.

Who lists them?



10,844
cases from shelters and other organisations

124
cases from private individuals

1.1%
of cases were listed by private individuals

Private individuals only listed in December.

In 2018, **98.9%** of cases were listed by shelters and other organisations, and **1.1%** by private individuals who cannot keep their animal (only in December, when the platform opened listing to them).

These are two different situations: an organisation that takes in animals and a family looking for a new home for its own. That is why we show the two groups separately.

How old and how big are they?

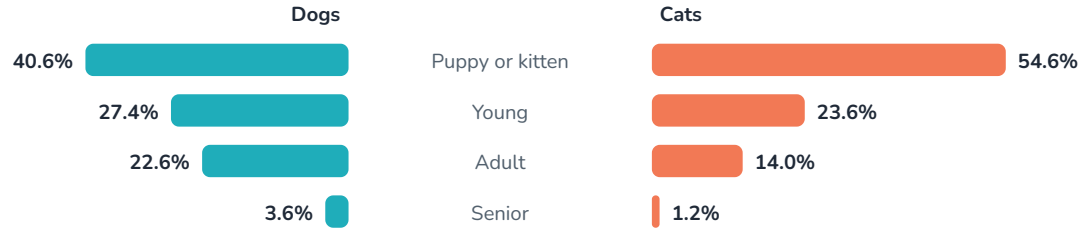
Among dogs listed in 2018, **3.6%** were seniors; among cats, **1.2%**. Puppies made up **40.6%** of dogs and kittens **54.6%** of cats.

From the date of birth in the profile, **43.2%** of dogs were under one year old when listed and **3.1%** were nine or older. Among cats, **55.3%** were under one year old.

By size, as stated by the publisher: **31.1%** of dogs were small, **45.1%** medium-sized and **20.3%** large. We do not analyse size for cats because, as recorded, it barely varies.

Age when listed: dogs and cats, 2018

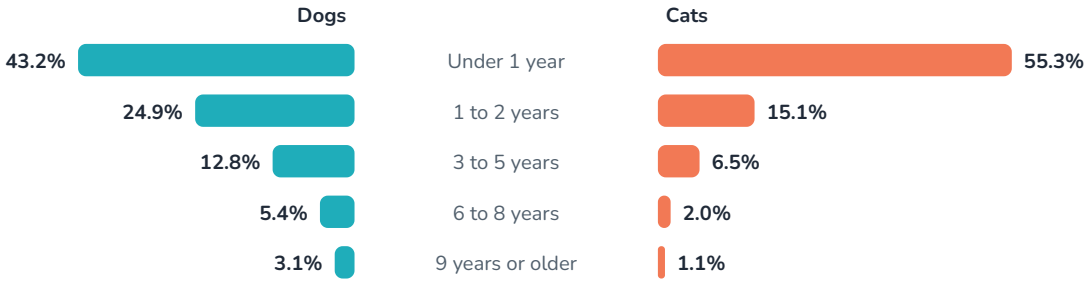
Percentage of dogs and of cats listed that year. Age estimated by whoever listed the animal.



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, 2018

From the date of birth in the profile.



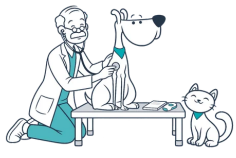
Indicator IND-24: Age in years when listed · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

Which breeds are listed?

2.1% 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 2018.





Health, temperament and identification

78.8%
of shelter dogs, microchipped

55.4%
of shelter cats, microchipped

50.6%
of shelter dogs, neutered

2.1%
of dogs flagged with leishmania

Flags set by the publisher.

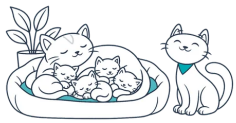
According to the profile, when listed, **78.8%** of shelter dogs and **55.4%** of shelter cats had a microchip. **50.6%** of shelter dogs and **43.8%** of shelter cats were sterilised.

2.1% of dogs were flagged with leishmaniasis. Among cats, **1.4%** were flagged with feline immunodeficiency and **1.2%** with feline leukaemia.

These flags are set by the publisher.

Where do shelter animals come from?

In 2018 almost all shelter cases have the same origin (“taken in by the shelter”), so this information is only analysed from 2019.



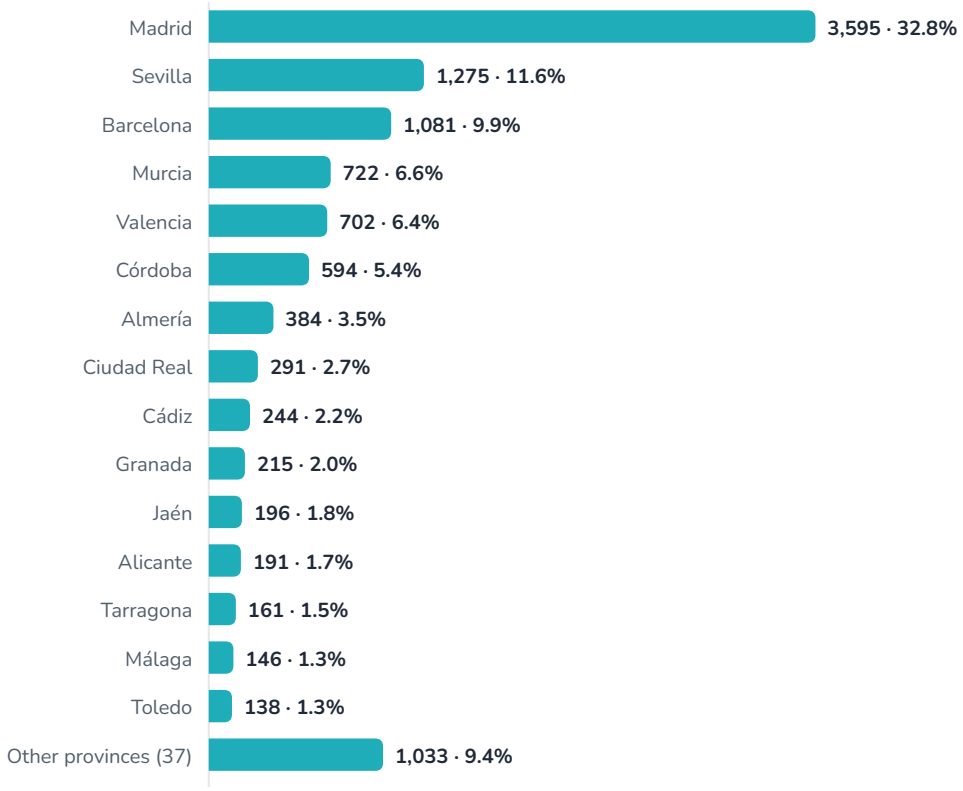
Where were cases listed?

Breakdown by province of the cases listed in 2018. 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, 2018

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, 2018



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

03

Why do they need a new home?

The reasons private individuals give and how much housing weighs.



What reasons do private individuals give?



27.4% partial period
chose “lack of time or space”

13.7% partial period
chose a change of address

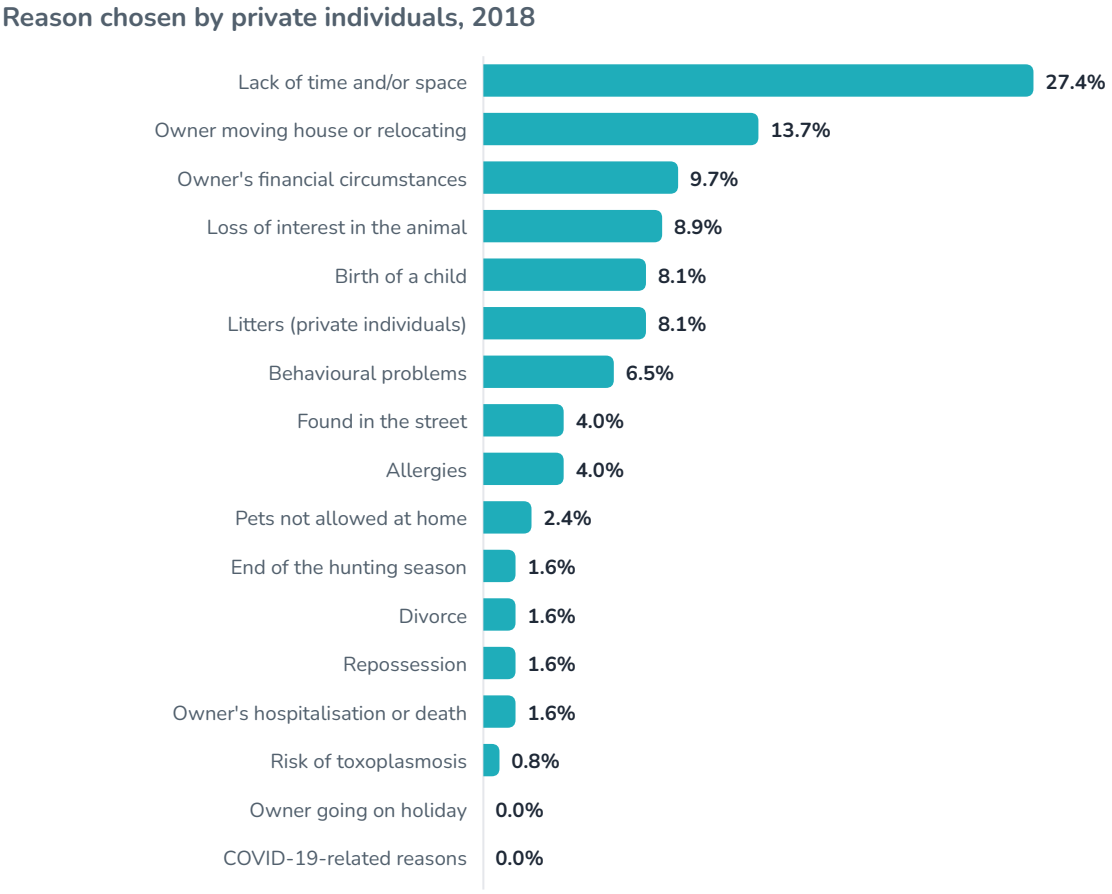
4.0% partial period
chose allergies

Stated by the publisher.

When listing, the private individual chooses a reason from a list. In 2018, **27.4%** partial period chose “lack of time or space”, **13.7%** partial period a change of address, **4.0%** partial period allergies, **8.1%** partial period a litter and **8.1%** partial period the birth of a child.

Reason chosen by private individuals, 2018

One option per case, from the platform list.



Indicator IND-38: Reason chosen by private individuals · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

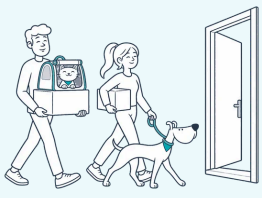
Housing and pets



What private individuals say about their home

2.4% partial period **chose "pets not allowed" from the list**

13.7% partial period
chose a change of address from the list



It is the reason stated by the publisher.

From the platform list (December only), **2.4%** partial period chose "pets not allowed at home" and **13.7%** partial period a change of address.

It is the reason stated by the publisher: it does not measure how many people give up adopting because of housing or how many animals are abandoned because of it.

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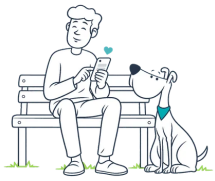
Who wants to adopt

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



How much interest do they attract?

In 2018 the platform did not yet record adoption requests with their date: they exist from June 2023.



05

Outcomes

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



How many adoptions and returns were recorded?

7,136
recorded adoptions

7,114
different cases adopted

87.1%
of 2018 cases, adopted at the cut-off date

Only adoptions recorded on Miwuki.

In 2018, **7,136** adoptions of animals listed in Spain were recorded, corresponding to **7,114** distinct cases. These are the adoptions that publishers record on Miwuki; some adoptions may not be recorded.

Of the cases listed in 2018, **87.1%** 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 2018.

How long does it take to find a home?

25
days to adoption: puppies

52
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 2018 and adopted within 180 days, half of the puppies found a family in under **25** days and half of the adults in under **52**; half of the hard-to-place dogs, in under **38** (small base).

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

Which profiles find it hardest?

Who finds a home sooner?

78.9% of puppies adopted within 180 days

44.5%
of adult dogs

46.0%
of senior dogs

8.9%
of hard-to-place dogs



Association, not causation: adoptions recorded by shelters.

Among dogs listed by shelters in 2018, **78.9%** of puppies had a recorded adoption 180 days after listing, compared with **44.5%** of adults and **46.0%** of seniors. Among cats, **67.6%** of kittens compared with **41.2%** of adults.

By age in years, **43.2%** of dogs aged three to five and **36.8%** 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 **33** days (puppies: **25**; adults: **52**).

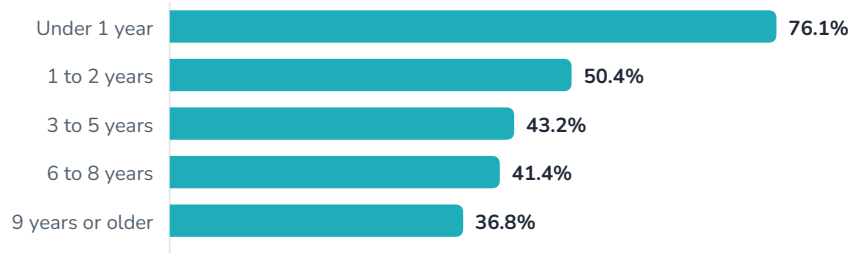
With the “hard to place” flag, **8.9%** of dogs were adopted within 180 days, compared with **61.6%** of the rest. With the PPP flag, **19.4%**, compared with **61.0%**. With leishmaniasis, **15.0%**, compared with **61.2%**.

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 2018, not 2018 with other years, because how much shelters record changes over time.

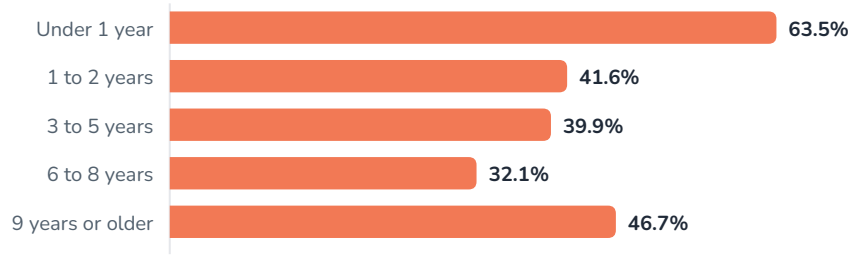
Adopted within 180 days by age in years (shelters, 2018)

Cases listed by shelters in 2018 with an adoption recorded within the following 180 days.

Adopted within 180 days by age in years (shelters, 2018) · Dogs



Adopted within 180 days by age in years (shelters, 2018) · Cats

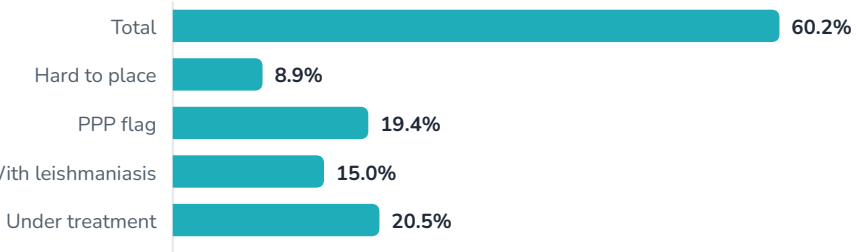


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Adopted within 180 days: all dogs and some profiles (shelters, 2018)

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, 2018) · Dogs



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

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.

- **Summer** (July and August): listed cases, 1.4% fewer per day than the rest of the year; recorded adoptions, 1.8% more per day than the rest of the year.
- **Christmas** (from 15 December 2018 to the following 6 January): listed cases, 58.7% more per day than in the previous three weeks; recorded adoptions, 63.4% more per day than in the previous three weeks.

Listed cases per day, by month

Daily average of each month.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2017	—	36.7	19.9	18.3	11.9	12.3	22.1	20.9	21.7	24.5	25.2	18.7
2018	28.0	34.2	26.1	26.9	36.9	37.2	31.8	27.6	29.0	30.0	31.9	21.5

▼ Data table

Period	Value
2017	Jan (not available) · Feb 36.7 · Mar 19.9 · Apr 18.3 · May 11.9 · Jun 12.3 · Jul 22.1 · Aug 20.9 · Sep 21.7 · Oct 24.5 · Nov 25.2 · Dec 18.7
2018	Jan 28.0 · Feb 34.2 · Mar 26.1 · Apr 26.9 · May 36.9 · Jun 37.2 · Jul 31.8 · Aug 27.6 · Sep 29.0 · Oct 30.0 · Nov 31.9 · Dec 21.5

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

Recorded adoptions per day, by month

Daily average of each month, by adoption date.

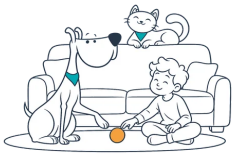
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2017	—	—	3.1	4.8	4.9	5.9	7.5	8.9	10.2	9.1	12.3	10.9
2018	15.9	15.6	17.6	19.2	18.0	18.8	18.9	20.8	24.1	21.2	23.5	20.9

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Period	Value
2017	Jan not available · Feb not available · Mar 3.1 · Apr 4.8 · May 4.9 · Jun 5.9 · Jul 7.5 · Aug 8.9 · Sep 10.2 · Oct 9.1 · Nov 12.3 · Dec 10.9
2018	Jan 15.9 · Feb 15.6 · Mar 17.6 · Apr 19.2 · May 18.0 · Jun 18.8 · Jul 18.9 · Aug 20.8 · Sep 24.1 · Oct 21.2 · Nov 23.5 · Dec 20.9

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

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.

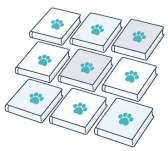


Technical summary

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It reconstructs what happened on Miwuki in Spain in 2018 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 2018 and what changed



- **Private individuals arrive.** In December 2018 the platform opened listing to private individuals: families looking for a new home for their animal. In 2018 they only appear in that month.
- **A fuller profile.** Since that same month, the profile records the animal's temperament and compatibility (for example, whether it is shy or gets on with children or cats), vaccination, deworming, allergies and whether it must be adopted together with another animal.

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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The definition of each indicator, with its limitations, is in the indicator dictionary of the methodology: **miwuki.com/en/adoption-report/methodology/**



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