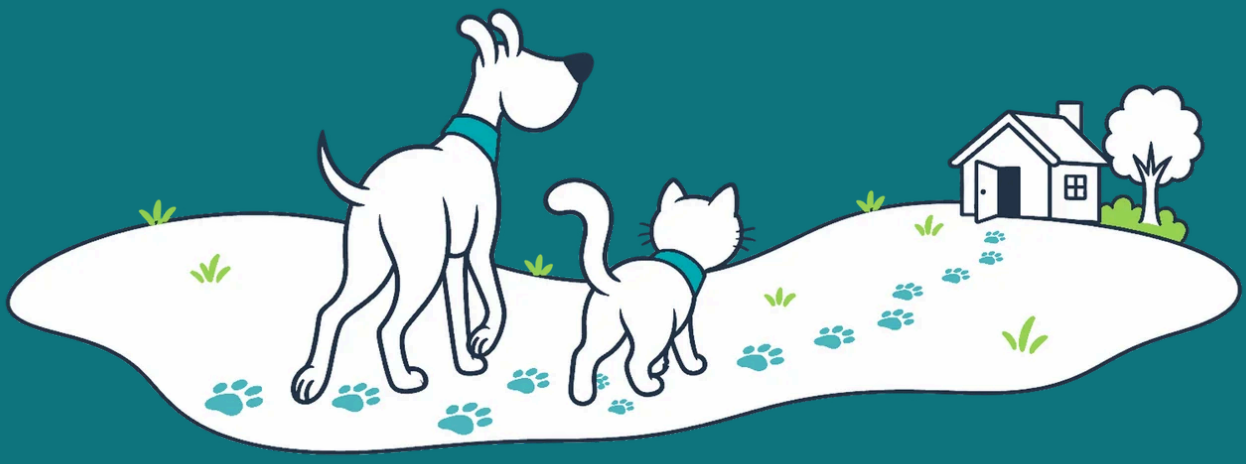
MIWUKI REPORT ON PET ADOPTION IN SPAIN

# 2023

# Pet adoption on Miwuki, in data

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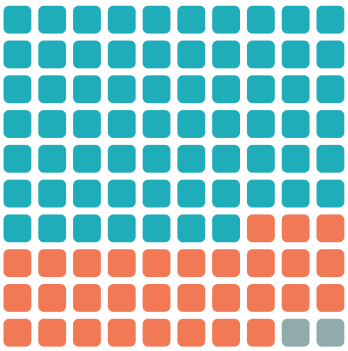
# 2023 in 60 seconds

**11,090**
listed cases
9.7% fewer than in 2022

**6,650**
recorded adoptions
12.3% fewer than in 2022

**23 days**
median: shelter dogs adopted within 180 days

**10,107**
adoption requests partial period
5,430 people



### Out of every 100 listed cases

- **67** dogs (66.9%)
- **31** cats (31.4%)
- **2** other species (1.6%)

## Key findings

1. Cases listed in 2023 → **H-2023-01**
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# Key findings

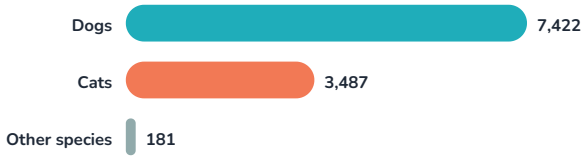
**The year's main conclusions, each with its figure and its limitation.**



FINDING H-2023-01 · Descriptive

## Cases listed in 2023

In 2023, **11,090** animal cases were listed for adoption on Miwuki in Spain, 9.7% fewer than in 2022: **7,422** dogs, **3,487** cats and **181** of other species.



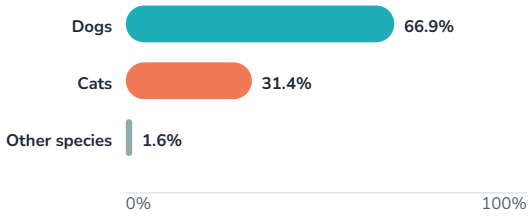

Indicator IND-01: Listed cases · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

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

FINDING H-2023-02 · Descriptive

## Dogs and cats in 2023

In 2023, cats made up **31.4%** of the cases listed on Miwuki in Spain, 5.1 percentage points lower than in 2022; dogs made up **66.9%**.




Base (cases): 11,090

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-2023-04 · Descriptive partial period

## Adoption requests

In 2023, **5,430** people sent **10,107** adoption requests to animals listed on Miwuki in Spain.

**10,107**

**adoption requests in 2023, from 5,430 people**

Indicator IND-08: Adoption requests · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

**Limitation.** A request is not an adoption, and one person may ask for several animals. Request data are available from June 2023.

FINDING H-2023-05 · Descriptive

## Recorded adoptions

In 2023, **6,650** adoptions of animals listed in Spain were recorded on Miwuki, corresponding to **6,464** distinct cases, 12.3% fewer than in 2022 in number of adoptions.

# 6,650

**adoptions recorded in 2023, 12.3% fewer than in 2022**

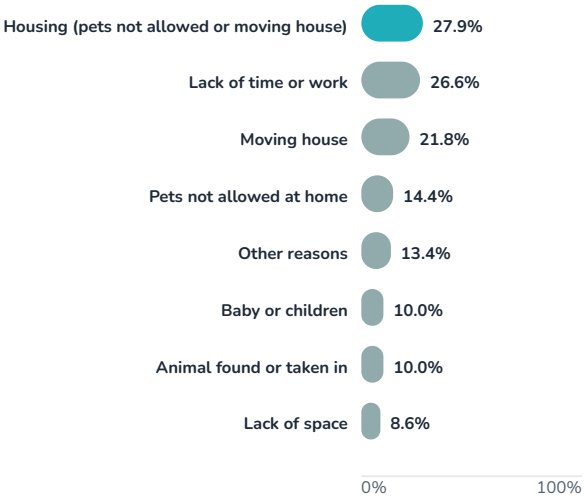
Indicator IND-05: Recorded adoptions · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

> **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-2023-24 · Descriptive partial period

## Housing in private individuals' reasons

In 2023, **27.9%** of the private individuals who explained in writing why they were looking for a new home for their animal on Miwuki mentioned housing: **14.4%** a home where pets are not allowed and **21.8%** moving house.




Base (written reasons): 2,327

Indicator IND-23: Reasons written by private individuals · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

> **Limitation.** It is the reason stated by the publisher, and a text can mention several topics. It does not measure how many people give up adopting because of housing.

# More findings for this year

H-2023-03 · Descriptive

### Shelters and private individuals

In 2023, **41.2%** of the cases listed on Miwuki in Spain were listed by private individuals looking for a new home for their animal, and **58.8%** by shelters and other organisations.

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.

H-2023-06 · Descriptive partial period

### Recorded returns

In 2023, **106** returns of adopted animals originally listed in Spain were recorded on Miwuki.

Limitation: This is not a return rate, because it is not linked to the adoptions of a specific period. Returns have been recorded regularly since June 2023.

H-2023-07 · Descriptive

### Hard-to-place animals

In 2023, **7.9%** 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-2023-08 · Association, not causation

### Age and adoption

Among the dogs listed by shelters on Miwuki in Spain in 2023, **88.6%** of puppies had an adoption recorded within 180 days of listing, compared with **44.4%** of adults (44.2 percentage points lower).

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

H-2023-09 · Association, not causation

### Hard to place

In 2023, **28.9%** of the dogs listed by shelters on Miwuki in Spain with the “hard to place” flag were adopted within 180 days, compared with **70.7%** of the rest (41.8 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-2023-10 · Association, not causation partial period

### The first month

In 2023, **13.7%** of the dogs listed on Miwuki in Spain with the “hard to place” flag received at least one adoption request in their first month, compared with **32.3%** of the rest.

Limitation: A request is not an adoption. Photos, description and how visible the profile is also matter.

H-2023-11 · Association, not causation

### PPP dogs

Among the dogs listed by shelters on Miwuki in Spain in 2023, **45.4%** of those with the PPP flag had an adoption recorded within 180 days, compared with **68.8%** of the rest (23.4 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-2023-12 · Association, not causation

### Age in years

Among the shelter dogs listed on Miwuki in Spain in 2023, **85.3%** of those under one year old, **44.4%** of those aged three to five and **42.2%** 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-2023-13 · Association, not causation

### Dogs with leishmaniasis

In 2023, **27.3%** of the dogs listed by shelters on Miwuki in Spain with the leishmaniasis flag were adopted within 180 days, compared with **68.1%** of the rest (40.8 percentage points lower).

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

H-2023-14 · Descriptive partial period

### Why they look for a new home, in their own words

In 2023, **26.6%** of the private individuals who explained in writing why they were looking for a new home for their animal mentioned a lack of time or work; **21.8%**, a move; and **14.4%**, a home where pets are not allowed.

Limitation: Automatic classification of the texts, checked against a blind-reviewed sample; it may fall short for some topics and one reason may cover several topics. Private individuals only, since June 2023.

H-2023-15 · Descriptive

### The reason private individuals choose

In 2023, **25.0%** of the private individuals who listed on Miwuki chose “lack of time or space” as the reason for looking for a new home for their animal, and **17.7%** a change of address.

Limitation: One option per case, from the platform list. Private individuals only.

H-2023-16 · Descriptive

### Microchip when listed

In 2023, according to the profile, **33.1%** of the cats listed by private individuals on Miwuki in Spain had a microchip, compared with **83.0%** of shelter cats.

Limitation: Stated by the publisher when creating the profile.

H-2023-17 · Descriptive partial period

### Adopting in another province

In 2023, **31.1%** of adoption requests for dogs listed on Miwuki in Spain came from people in another province; for cats, **15.0%**.

Limitation: Province from the person's profile; it does not show where the animal ends up living.

H-2023-18 · Descriptive partial period

### No requests in the first quarter

**64.3%** of the dogs listed on Miwuki in Spain in 2023 received no request through the platform in their first 90 days; among seniors, **79.7%**.

Limitation: Organisations also receive interest through other channels: it does not mean that nobody was interested.

H-2023-19 · Descriptive

### Days to adoption

Among the shelter dogs listed on Miwuki in Spain in 2023 and adopted within 180 days, half were adopted in under **16** days if they were puppies and in under **49** days if they were adults (33 days more).

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

H-2023-23 · Descriptive

### Christmas

At Christmas 2023 (from 15 December to 6 January), animal cases were listed on Miwuki in Spain at a rate 19.8% fewer per day than in the previous three weeks, and adoptions were recorded at a rate 9.2% more per day than in the previous three weeks.

Limitation: It describes the calendar, not its causes.

H-2023-26 · Association, not causation

### Who waits longest

Among shelter dogs listed on Miwuki in Spain in 2023 and adopted within 180 days, half of those flagged as “hard to place” were adopted in under **52** days, compared with **16** days for puppies and **38** for PPP dogs.

Limitation: It only counts shelter dogs adopted within 180 days, and the flag is set by the publisher. It is an association, not a cause.

H-2023-27 · Descriptive partial period

### Who sends requests

In 2023, according to their profile, **61.8%** of the people who sent adoption requests through Miwuki were women and **33.3%** men; **24.4%** were aged between twenty-five and thirty-four.

Limitation: Stated by the person in their profile; it describes those who request, not those who adopt.

H-2023-28 · Descriptive

### Budget and hours alone

In 2023, **57.3%** of the people who filled in the “Perfect pet” form to adopt a dog said they would spend “whatever is needed” each month, and **62.9%** that the dog would be alone for under four hours a day.

Limitation: It is what form respondents say, not what they do later, and only those who fill in the form answer.

H-2023-29 · Descriptive partial period

### Adopting in pairs

In 2023, **1.5%** of dogs and **5.9%** of cats listed on Miwuki in Spain had to be adopted together with another animal; **70.4%** of those dogs received no request in their first 90 days.

Limitation: The flag is set by the publisher. We do not know how many of these adoptions actually take place together.

H-2023-30 · **Descriptive**

### Private owners rehome older animals

In 2023, **28.4%** of the dogs listed by private owners on Miwuki were under one year old, compared with **44.0%** of shelter dogs. Among cats, **50.6%** compared with **55.7%**.

Limitation: Age is calculated from the date of birth in the profile, which is often estimated.

H-2023-31 · **Descriptive**

### More males among private owners' dogs

In 2023, **61.8%** of the dogs listed by private owners on Miwuki were male, compared with **55.1%** of shelter dogs.

Limitation: Stated by the publisher; we do not know why more males are rehomed.

H-2023-33 · **Descriptive**

### Private owners' cases left open

Of the cases listed by private owners in 2023, **79.0%** were still “up for adoption” on the cut-off date and **19.3%** appeared as adopted; in shelters, **84.3%** appeared as adopted.

Limitation: Many private owners do not close the case: we do not know whether the animal was adopted outside Miwuki, stayed at home or was withdrawn, so their adoptions are not compared with those of shelters.

H-2023-34 · **Descriptive**

### First dog, more hours alone

In 2023, **51.1%** of the people about to have their first dog said in “Perfect pet” that it would be alone for under four hours a day, compared with **65.5%** of those who had had a dog before.

Limitation: Only people who fill in “Perfect pet” answer it, and it is what they expect, not what happens later.

H-2023-35 · **Descriptive**

### More space, bigger dogs

In 2023, **30.6%** of people living in a large home with a balcony, patio or terrace were looking for a large dog, compared with **11.8%** of those living in a small one without them.

Limitation: Only people who fill in “Perfect pet” answer it, and several sizes can be ticked.

H-2023-36 · **Descriptive**

### Where shelter animals come from

In 2023, **16.5%** of the cases listed by shelters on Miwuki were recorded as “found in the street” and **54.7%** as “taken in by the shelter”.

Limitation: Stated by the publisher, and the list mixes origin and reason.

H-2023-37 · **Descriptive**

### Adopted within their first six months

Of the dogs listed by shelters on Miwuki in 2023, **67.5%** had an adoption recorded within 180 days of listing; of the cats, **61.2%**.

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 2022?

### Cases listed in 2023: 9.7% fewer than in 2022

**11,090**
listed cases

**6,650**
recorded adoptions

We compare 2023 with 2022. When a change on the platform or an incomplete year prevents a comparison, we say so. Proportions are compared in percentage points.

- Listed cases: 9.7% fewer than in 2022.
- Cases from shelters and other organisations: 12.0% fewer than in 2022.

- Cases from private individuals: 6.3% fewer than in 2022.
- Recorded adoptions: 12.3% fewer than in 2022.

These differences describe what happened on the platform. On their own, they do not explain their causes.

# 02

# The animals

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



## How many dogs and cats?

**Cats: 5.1 percentage points lower than in 2022**

| 7,422 | 3,487 | 31.4% |
|---|---|---|
| dogs listed | cats listed | of cases were cats |

In 2023, **7,422** dogs and **3,487** cats were listed. Cats made up **31.4%** of cases, 5.1 percentage points lower than in 2022.

## Who lists them?



| 6,525 | 4,565 | 41.2% |
|---|---|---|
| cases from shelters and other organisations | cases from private individuals | of cases were listed by private individuals |

In 2023, **58.8%** of cases were listed by shelters and other organisations, and **41.2%** by private individuals who cannot keep their animal.

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?

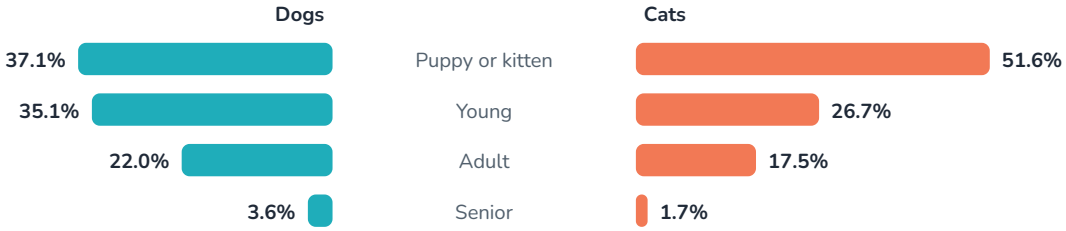
Among dogs listed in 2023, **3.6%** were seniors; among cats, **1.7%**. Puppies made up **37.1%** of dogs and kittens **51.6%** of cats.

From the date of birth in the profile, **37.0%** of dogs were under one year old when listed and **5.3%** were nine or older. Among cats, **54.1%** were under one year old.

In 2023 the way dog size is measured changed: since June it has been taken from the breed. That is why we do not compare it with other years.

### Age when listed: dogs and cats, 2023

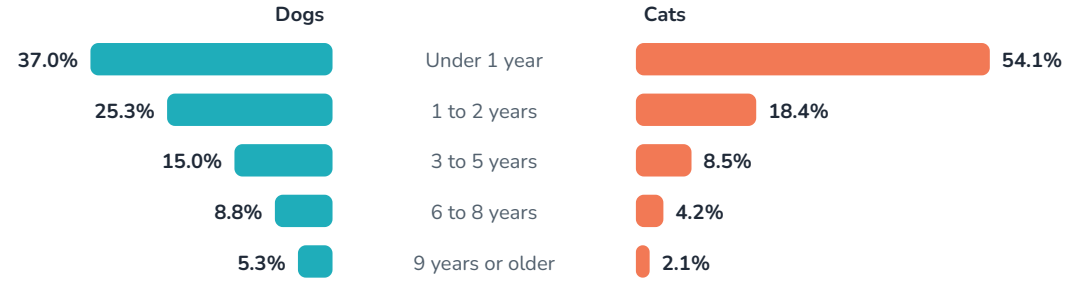
Percentage of dogs and of cats listed that year. Age estimated by whoever listed the animal.




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, 2023

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?

**7.6%** of dogs had the PPP flag

**54.8%**
partial period
were mixed breed

**9.5%**
partial period
were PPP breeds

**8.8%**
partial period
were hunting breeds



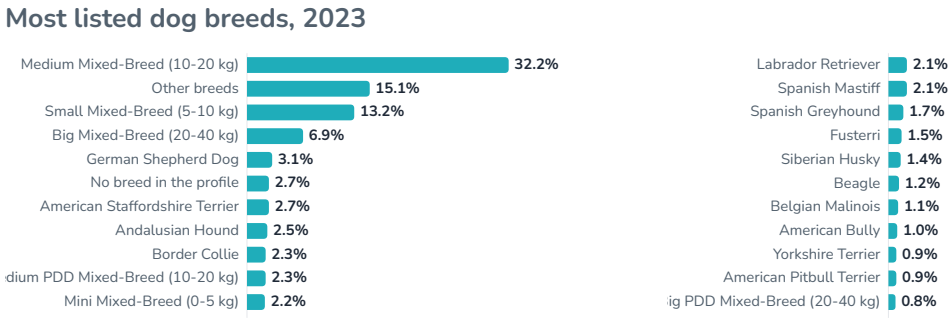
**More listed does not mean more abandoned.**

**7.6%** of listed dogs carried the potentially dangerous dog (PPP) flag, which requires the adopter to hold a licence.

By breed (since June 2023, when breed became mandatory), **54.8%** (partial period) of dogs were mixed breeds, **9.5%** (partial period) PPP breeds and **8.8%** (partial period) hunting breeds (greyhounds, podencos, scent hounds and pointing dogs). More listed does not mean more abandoned.

### Most listed dog breeds, 2023

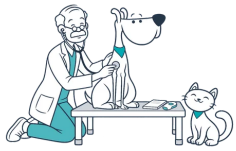
Breed stated in the profile.




Indicator IND-26: Breeds listed · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

## Health, temperament and identification





**80.4%**
of shelter dogs, microchipped

**83.0%**
of shelter cats, microchipped

**55.2%**
of shelter dogs, neutered

**1.3%**
of dogs flagged with leishmania

**53.6%**
of dogs get on well with children

**Flags set by the publisher.**

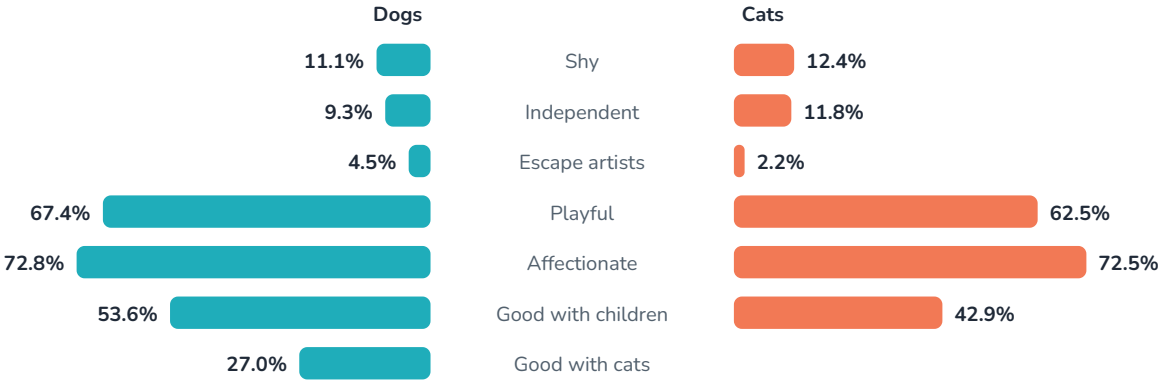
According to the profile, when listed, **80.4%** of shelter dogs and **83.0%** of shelter cats had a microchip; among those from private individuals, **80.7%** of dogs and **33.1%** of cats. **55.2%** of shelter dogs and **63.7%** of shelter cats were sterilised.

**1.3%** of dogs were flagged with leishmaniasis. Among cats, **1.0%** were flagged with feline immunodeficiency and **1.2%** with feline leukaemia.

According to publishers, **53.6%** of dogs get on with children, **27.0%** get on with cats and **11.1%** are shy. **1.5%** of dogs and **5.9%** of cats had to be adopted together with another animal.

### Temperament and compatibility in the profile: dogs and cats, 2023

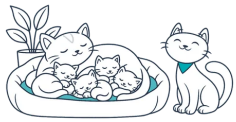
Percentage of dogs and of cats listed with each flag. Flags are set by the publisher.




Indicator IND-32: Temperament and compatibility in the profile · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

These flags are set by the publisher.

## Where do shelter animals come from?



**54.7%**
recorded as “taken in by the shelter”

**16.5%**
recorded as “found in the street”

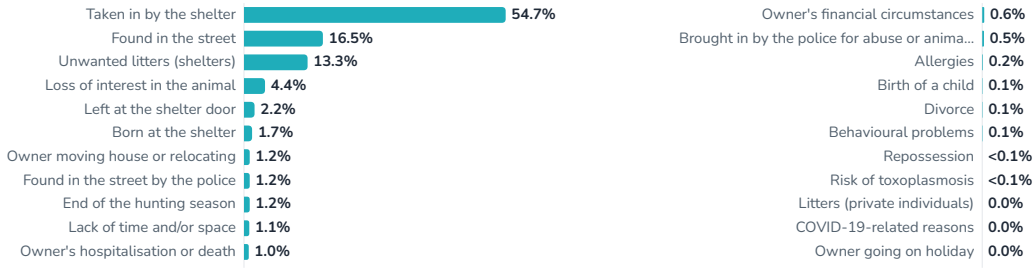
**13.3%**
recorded as an unwanted litter

**Stated by the publisher; the list mixes origin and reason.**

When listing, shelters state where the animal comes from. In 2023, **54.7%** of their cases were recorded as “taken in by the shelter”, **16.5%** as “found in the street” and **13.3%** as an unwanted litter. It is stated by the publisher and the list mixes origin and reason.

### Origin of shelter animals, 2023

Percentage of cases listed by shelters and other organisations, by the origin they state when listing.



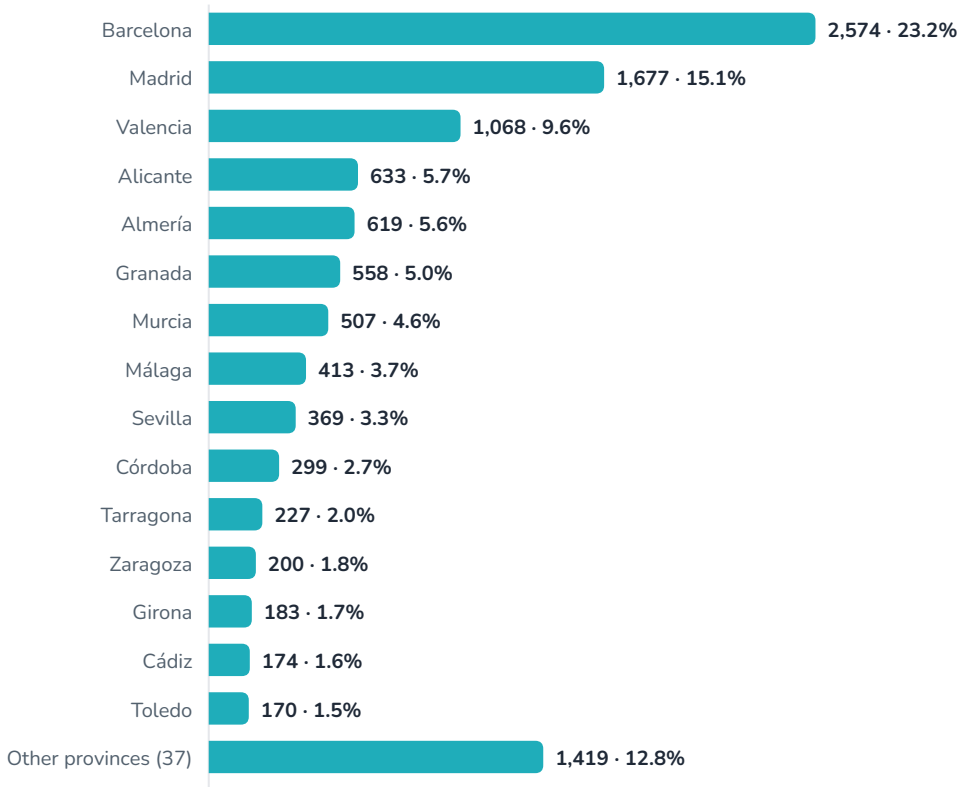

Indicator IND-14: Origin of shelter animals · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

## Where were cases listed?

Breakdown by province of the cases listed in 2023. 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, 2023

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.




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?



**25.0%**
chose “lack of time or space”

**17.7%**
chose a change of address

**7.8%**
chose allergies

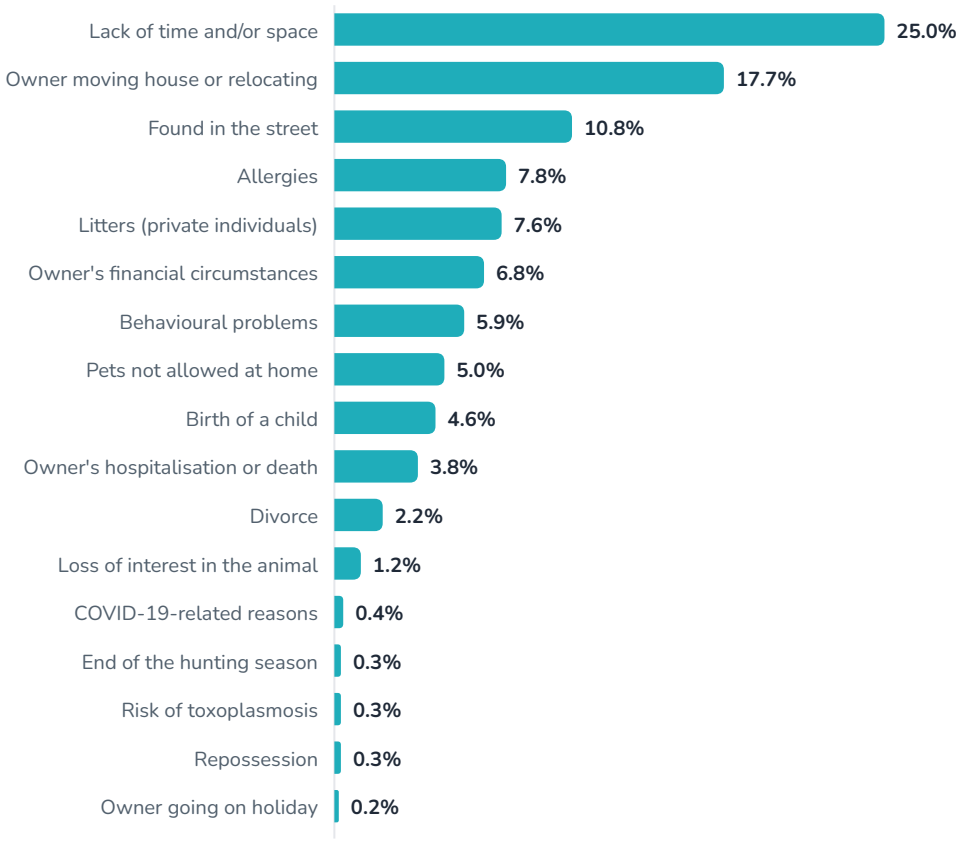
**21.8%**
partial period
of written reasons mention a move

**Stated by the publisher.**

When listing, the private individual chooses a reason from a list and, since June 2023, also explains it in their own words. In 2023, **25.0%** chose “lack of time or space”, **17.7%** a change of address, **7.8%** allergies, **7.6%** a litter and **4.6%** the birth of a child.

## Reason chosen by private individuals, 2023

One option per case, from the platform list.



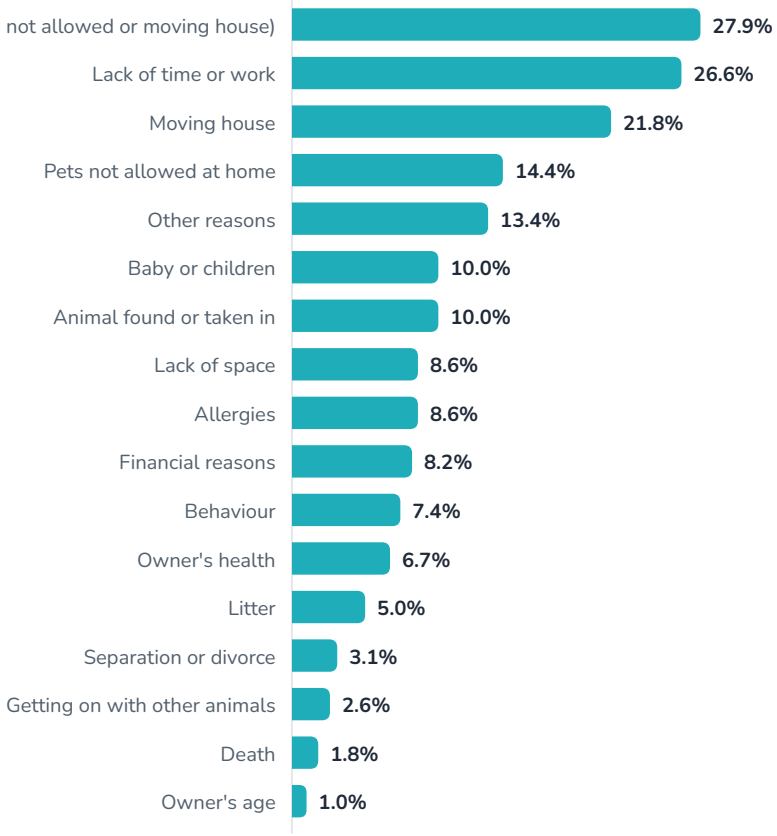

Indicator IND-38: Reason chosen by private individuals · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

In their own words, **26.6%** partial period of written reasons mention a lack of time or work, **21.8%** partial period a move, **14.4%** partial period a home where pets are not allowed, **10.0%** partial period a baby or children and **8.6%** partial period allergies. One reason may cover several topics. Texts are classified automatically and are never published.

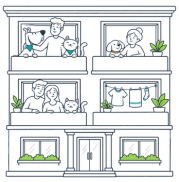
## Topics in the reasons written by private individuals, 2023

Percentage of written reasons mentioning each topic; one reason may mention several.

Topics in the reasons written by private individuals, 2023




Indicator IND-23: Reasons written 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

**27.9%** partial period **of written reasons mention housing**

**14.4%**
partial period
mention a home where pets are not allowed

**21.8%**
partial period
mention moving house

**5.0%**
chose “pets not allowed” from the list



**17.7%**
chose a change of address from the list

**It is the reason stated by the publisher.**

In 2023 (from June, when the written reason was first requested), **27.9%** partial period of the private individuals who explained in their own words why they were looking for a new home for their animal mentioned housing: **14.4%** partial period a home where pets are not allowed and **21.8%** partial period moving house. Among dogs, **29.2%** partial period; among cats, **22.8%** partial period.

From the platform list, **5.0%** chose “pets not allowed at home” and **17.7%** a change of address. The figures differ because only one option can be chosen from the list, whereas a single text can mention several topics.

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.

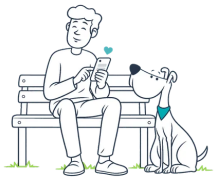
# 04

# Who wants to adopt

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



## How much interest do they attract?



**10,107** partial period
adoption requests

**5,430** partial period
people sent requests

**31.1%** partial period
of requests for dogs came from another province

**64.3%** partial period
of dogs got no requests within 90 days

**A request is not an adoption.**

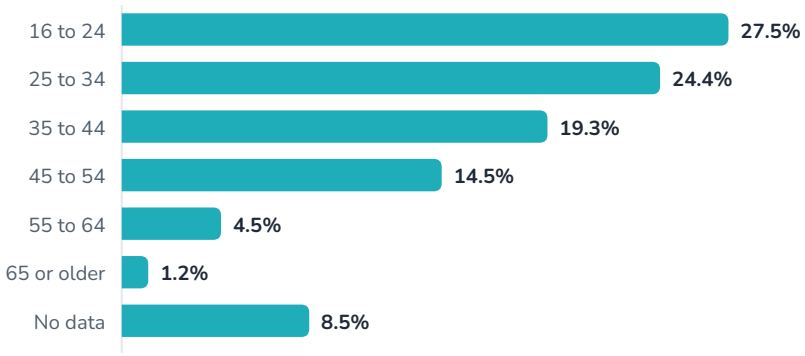
In 2023 (from 14 June 2023), **5,430** partial period people sent **10,107** partial period adoption requests. A request shows interest in a specific animal. It is not an adoption and does not allow us to calculate what share of requests ends in adoption.

**31.1%** partial period of requests for dogs and **15.0%** partial period of requests for cats came from people in another province. By age, **27.5%** partial period of the people sending requests were aged sixteen to twenty-four and **24.4%** partial period twenty-five to thirty-four. According to their profile, **61.8%** partial period were women and **33.3%** partial period were men.

In their first three months, **64.3%** partial period of listed dogs and **64.7%** partial period of listed cats received no request through Miwuki. Organisations also receive interest through other channels, so this does not mean that nobody was interested.

### Age of the people who sent requests, 2023

Distinct people in the year, by the age in their profile.




Indicator IND-27: Age of people sending requests · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

## What are people who want to adopt looking for?

**41.5%**
live in a large home with a balcony, patio or terrace

**41.7%**
already have another dog, a cat or another pet

**26.1%**
have young children at home

**17.7%**
are about to have their first dog

**Only people who fill in "Perfect pet".**

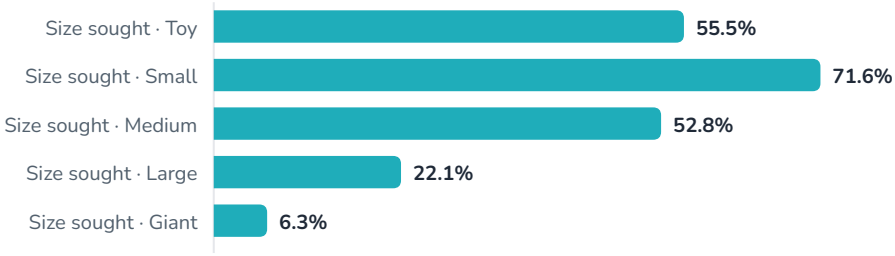
Among those who filled in the "Perfect pet" form in 2023 to adopt a dog, **41.5%** lived in a large home with a balcony, patio or terrace and **13.3%** in a small one without any of them. **41.7%** already had another dog, a cat or another pet at home, **26.1%** had young children and **9.5%** had moved house in the last two years. For **17.7%** it would be their first dog, and **62.9%** said the animal would be alone for less than four hours a day.

**71.6%** ticked that they were looking for a small dog, **52.8%** a medium-sized one and **22.1%** a large one (several sizes can be ticked). **30.6%** of those living in a large home with a balcony, patio or terrace were looking for a large one, compared with **11.8%** of those living in a small one without them.

## Size sought by people who want to adopt a dog, 2023

"Perfect pet" form. Several sizes can be ticked.

### Size sought by people who want to adopt a dog, 2023 · Dogs

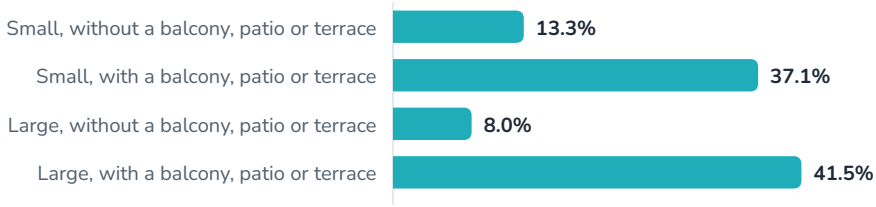



Indicator IND-33: What people who want to adopt are looking for · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

## Where people who want to adopt a dog live, 2023

"Perfect pet" form: percentage of forms to adopt a dog.

### Where people who want to adopt a dog live, 2023



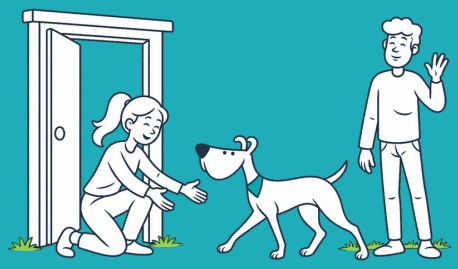

Indicator IND-33: What people who want to adopt are looking for · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

Only people who fill in the form answer it, so it does not represent everyone who adopts.

# 05

# Outcomes

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



## How many adoptions and returns were recorded?

**6,650**
recorded adoptions

**6,464**
different cases adopted

**57.5%**
of 2023 cases, adopted at the cut-off date

**106** partial period
recorded returns

**Only adoptions recorded on Miwuki.**

In 2023, **6,650** adoptions of animals listed in Spain were recorded, corresponding to **6,464** distinct cases. These are the adoptions that publishers record on Miwuki; some adoptions may not be recorded.

Of the cases listed in 2023, **57.5%** 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.

In 2023, **106** partial period returns were recorded from June, when they started being recorded regularly. This is not a return rate.

## How long does it take to find a home?

**52**
days to adoption: hard-to-place dogs

**16**
days to adoption: puppies

**49**
median days until an adult dog is adopted

**79.7%**
partial period
of senior dogs got no requests within 90 days

**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 and how many attract no interest.

- **The wait.** Among shelter dogs listed in 2023 and adopted within 180 days, half of the puppies found a family in under **16** days and half of the adults in under **49**; half of the hard-to-place dogs, in under **52**.

- **The invisible ones. 64.3%** partial period of dogs and **64.7%** partial period of cats listed received no request through Miwuki in their first 90 days; among senior dogs, **79.7%** partial period.

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

## Which profiles find it hardest?

### Who finds a home sooner?

**88.6%** **of puppies adopted within 180 days**

**44.4%**
of adult dogs

**40.8%**
of senior dogs

**28.9%**
of hard-to-place dogs



**Association, not causation: adoptions recorded by shelters.**

Among dogs listed by shelters in 2023, **88.6%** of puppies had a recorded adoption 180 days after listing, compared with **44.4%** of adults and **40.8%** of seniors. Among cats, **74.7%** of kittens compared with **38.4%** of adults.

By age in years, **44.4%** of dogs aged three to five and **42.2%** 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 **23** days (puppies: **16**; adults: **49**).

With the “hard to place” flag, **28.9%** of dogs were adopted within 180 days, compared with **70.7%** of the rest. With the PPP flag, **45.4%**, compared with **68.8%**. With leishmaniasis, **27.3%**, compared with **68.1%**.

Among dogs that had to be adopted together with another animal, **54.2%** small base; among those described as independent, **52.1%**; and among those that get on with cats, **76.3%**. Among cats, independent ones: **37.8%**, compared with **62.2%** of the rest.

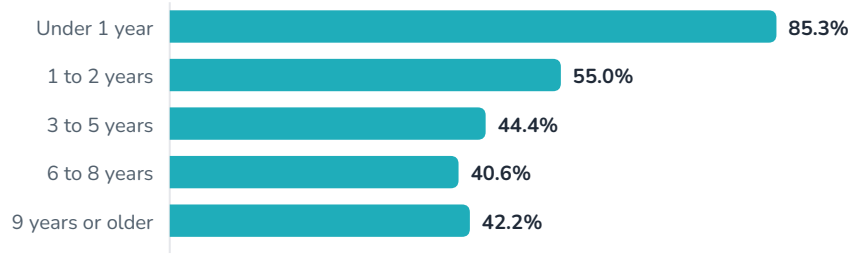
In their first month, **13.7%** partial period of dogs with the “hard to place” flag received at least one request, compared with **32.3%** partial period of the rest.

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 2023, not 2023 with other years, because how much shelters record changes over time.

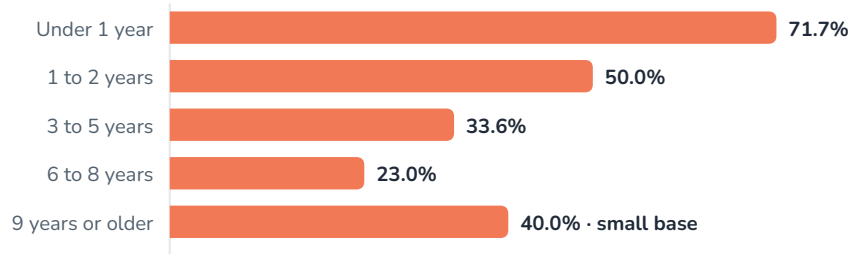
## Adopted within 180 days by age in years (shelters, 2023)

Cases listed by shelters in 2023 with an adoption recorded within the following 180 days.

### Adopted within 180 days by age in years (shelters, 2023) · Dogs




### Adopted within 180 days by age in years (shelters, 2023) · Cats

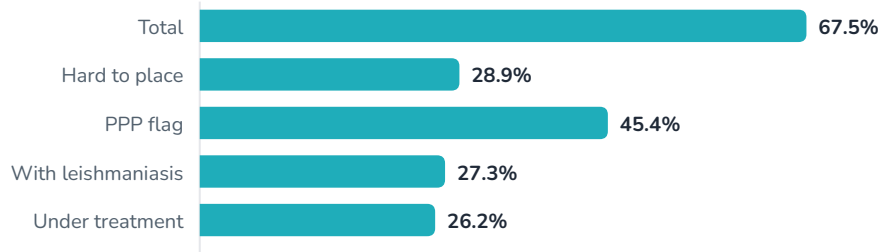



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## Adopted within 180 days: all dogs and some profiles (shelters, 2023)

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, 2023) · 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

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# 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, 12.2% more per day than the rest of the year; recorded adoptions, 2.4% fewer per day than the rest of the year.
- **Christmas** (from 15 December 2023 to the following 6 January): listed cases, 19.8% fewer per day than in the previous three weeks; recorded adoptions, 9.2% 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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2022 | 33.2 | 31.9 | 30.7 | 27.9 | 39.3 | 37.2 | 35.7 | 36.8 | 36.7 | 33.7 | 33.8 | 26.7 |
| 2023 | 27.6 | 31.6 | 35.6 | 32.4 | 37.4 | 24.0 | 36.5 | 30.3 | 28.2 | 29.8 | 29.0 | 22.1 |

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| Period | Value |
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| 2023 | Jan 27.6 · Feb 31.6 · Mar 35.6 · Apr 32.4 · May 37.4 · Jun 24.0 · Jul 36.5 · Aug 30.3 · Sep 28.2 · Oct 29.8 · Nov 29.0 · Dec 22.1 |

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.

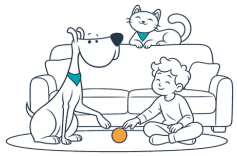
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Indicator IND-05: Recorded adoptions · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

# 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.**

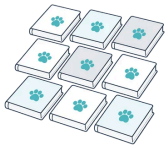


## Technical summary

**Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · 2023 data · produced in 2026 with data as of 22 October 2026 · publication date: 24 October 2026.**

It reconstructs what happened on Miwuki in Spain in 2023 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 2023 and what changed



**New platform in June 2023.** Since then: - private individuals explain in writing why they are looking for a new home for their animal; - breed is mandatory in the profile, which also records the health record book; - adoption requests are recorded with their date, from 14 June 2023; - dog size is taken from the breed; - returns are recorded regularly.

This is why, in 2023, these data only cover the second half of the year.

## 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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