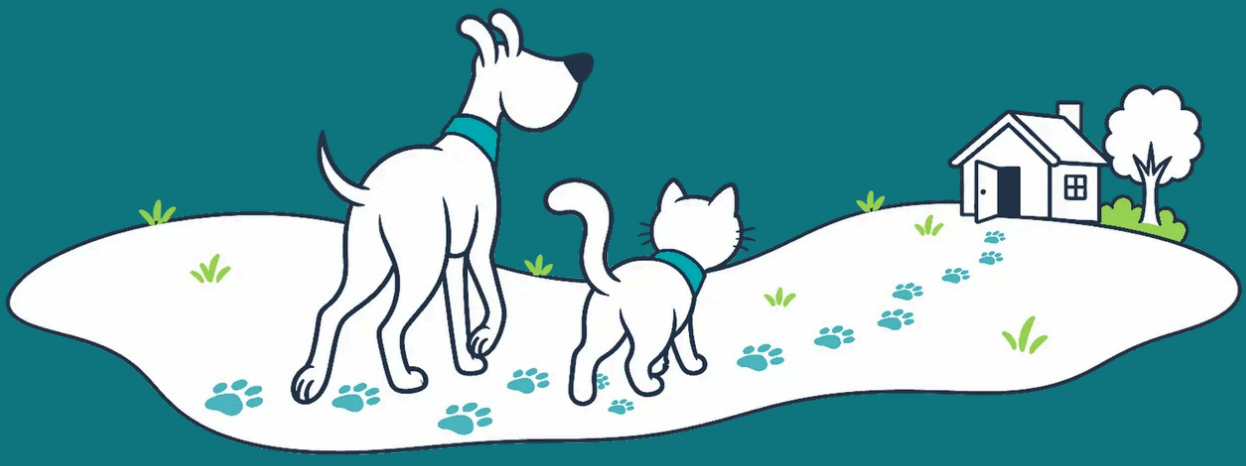
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2025

Pet adoption on Miwuki, in data

2026 edition · 2025 data



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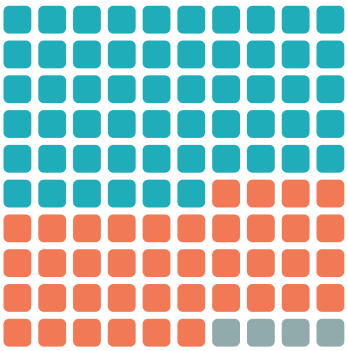
2025 in 60 seconds

8,902
listed cases
12.4% fewer than in 2024

5,076
recorded adoptions
11.4% fewer than in 2024

26 days
median: shelter dogs adopted within 180 days

14,354
adoption requests
24.9% fewer than in 2024



Out of every 100 listed cases

- **56** dogs (56.0%)
- **40** cats (40.0%)
- **4** other species (4.1%)

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-2025-01 · Descriptive

Cases listed in 2025

In 2025, **8,902** animal cases were listed for adoption on Miwuki in Spain, 12.4% fewer than in 2024: **4,981** dogs, **3,559** cats and **362** of other species.



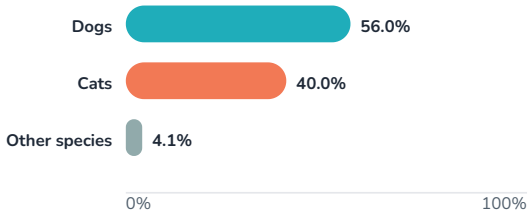
Indicator IND-01: Listed cases · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

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

FINDING H-2025-02 · Descriptive

Dogs and cats in 2025

In 2025, cats made up **40.0%** of the cases listed on Miwuki in Spain, 4.8 percentage points higher than in 2024; dogs made up **56.0%**.



Base (cases): 8,902

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-2025-04 · Descriptive

Adoption requests

In 2025, **7,193** people sent **14,354** adoption requests to animals listed on Miwuki in Spain, 24.9% fewer than in 2024 in number of requests.

14,354

adoption requests in 2025, from 7,193 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-2025-05 · Descriptive

Recorded adoptions

In 2025, **5,076** adoptions of animals listed in Spain were recorded on Miwuki, corresponding to **4,947** distinct cases, 11.4% fewer than in 2024 in number of adoptions.

5,076

adoptions recorded in 2025, 11.4% fewer than in 2024

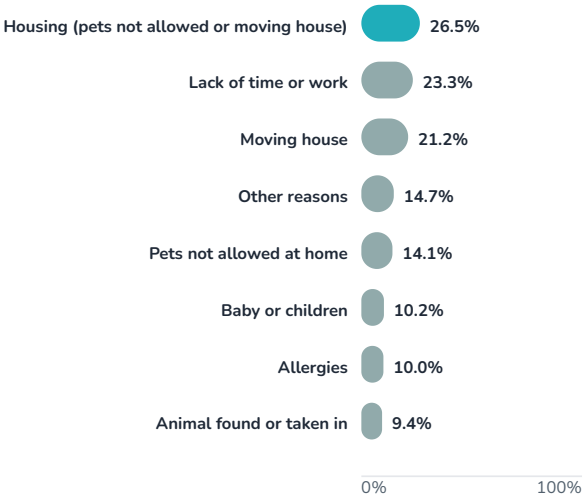
Indicator IND-05: Recorded adoptions · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

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-2025-24 · Descriptive

Housing in private individuals' reasons

In 2025, **26.5%** of the private individuals who explained in writing why they were looking for a new home for their animal on Miwuki mentioned housing: **14.1%** a home where pets are not allowed and **21.2%** moving house.



Base (written reasons): 3,672

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-2025-03 · **Descriptive**

Shelters and private individuals

In 2025, **48.1%** of the cases listed on Miwuki in Spain were listed by private individuals looking for a new home for their animal, and **51.9%** 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-2025-06 · **Descriptive**

Recorded returns

In 2025, **184** 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-2025-07 · **Descriptive**

Hard-to-place animals

In 2025, **6.7%** 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.

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

H-2025-08 · **Association, not causation**

Age and adoption

Among the dogs listed by shelters on Miwuki in Spain in 2025, **86.2%** of puppies had an adoption recorded within 180 days of listing, compared with **52.1%** of adults (34.1 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-2025-09 · **Association, not causation**

Hard to place

In 2025, **29.5%** of the dogs listed by shelters on Miwuki in Spain with the “hard to place” flag were adopted within 180 days, compared with **71.2%** of the rest (41.7 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-2025-10 · **Association, not causation**

The first month

In 2025, **8.6%** 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 **28.9%** of the rest (20.3 percentage points lower).

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

H-2025-11 · **Association, not causation**

PPP dogs

Among the dogs listed by shelters on Miwuki in Spain in 2025, **43.1%** of those with the PPP flag had an adoption recorded within 180 days, compared with **70.3%** of the rest (27.2 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-2025-12 · **Association, not causation**

Age in years

Among the shelter dogs listed on Miwuki in Spain in 2025, **84.2%** of those under one year old, **49.4%** of those aged three to five and **50.5%** 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-2025-13 · **Association, not causation**

Dogs with leishmaniasis

In 2025, **44.2%** of the dogs listed by shelters on Miwuki in Spain with the leishmaniasis flag were adopted within 180 days, compared with **69.3%** of the rest (25.1 percentage points lower).

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

H-2025-14 · **Descriptive**

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

In 2025, **23.3%** 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; **21.2%**, a move; and **14.1%**, 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-2025-15 · **Descriptive**

The reason private individuals choose

In 2025, **24.4%** 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 **18.7%** a change of address.

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

H-2025-16 · **Descriptive**

Microchip when listed

In 2025, according to the profile, **34.3%** of the cats listed by private individuals on Miwuki in Spain had a microchip, compared with **82.9%** of shelter cats.

Limitation: Stated by the publisher when creating the profile.

H-2025-17 · **Descriptive**

Adopting in another province

In 2025, **34.8%** of adoption requests for dogs listed on Miwuki in Spain came from people in another province; for cats, **19.6%**.

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

H-2025-18 · **Descriptive**

No requests in the first quarter

68.4% of the dogs listed on Miwuki in Spain in 2025 received no request through the platform in their first 90 days; among seniors, **85.0%**.

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

H-2025-19 · **Descriptive**

Days to adoption

Among the shelter dogs listed on Miwuki in Spain in 2025 and adopted within 180 days, half were adopted in under **17** days if they were puppies and in under **42** days if they were adults (25 days more).

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

H-2025-20 · **Descriptive**

What people look for and what is available

In 2025, **71.1%** of those who filled in the “Perfect pet” form to adopt a dog ticked that they were looking for a small one (several sizes could be ticked); among the dogs listed on Miwuki in Spain that year, **14.7%** were small.

Limitation: Only people who fill in the form answer it and several sizes can be ticked; it does not represent everyone who adopts.

H-2025-21 · **Descriptive**

Breeds

In 2025, **51.6%** of the dogs listed on Miwuki in Spain were mixed breeds, **10.7%** PPP breeds and **9.6%** hunting breeds.

Limitation: Breed stated in the profile. More listed does not mean more abandoned.

H-2025-23 · **Descriptive**

Christmas

At Christmas 2025 (from 15 December to 6 January), animal cases were listed on Miwuki in Spain at a rate 12.1% fewer per day than in the previous three weeks, and adoptions were recorded at a rate 8.9% more per day than in the previous three weeks.

Limitation: It describes the calendar, not its causes.

H-2025-26 · **Association, not causation**

Who waits longest

Among shelter dogs listed on Miwuki in Spain in 2025 and adopted within 180 days, half of those flagged as “hard to place” were adopted in under **76** days, compared with **17** days for puppies and **55** 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-2025-27 · **Descriptive**

Who sends requests

In 2025, according to their profile, **60.0%** of the people who sent adoption requests through Miwuki were women and **34.7%** men; **27.2%** 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-2025-28 · Descriptive

Budget and hours alone

In 2025, **57.8%** of the people who filled in the “Perfect pet” form to adopt a dog said they would spend “whatever is needed” each month, and **63.9%** 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-2025-29 · Descriptive

Adopting in pairs

In 2025, **2.1%** of dogs and **5.5%** of cats listed on Miwuki in Spain had to be adopted together with another animal; **86.5%** 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-2025-30 · Descriptive

Private owners rehome older animals

In 2025, **26.1%** of the dogs listed by private owners on Miwuki were under one year old, compared with **44.4%** of shelter dogs. Among cats, **49.3%** compared with **72.5%**.

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

H-2025-31 · Descriptive

More males among private owners' dogs

In 2025, **60.7%** of the dogs listed by private owners on Miwuki were male, compared with **55.6%** of shelter dogs.

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

H-2025-32 · Descriptive

Purebred dogs among private owners' dogs

In 2025, **36.9%** of the dogs listed by private owners on Miwuki belonged to a breed that is neither a hunting breed nor potentially dangerous, compared with **18.0%** of shelter dogs, where mixed breeds predominate (**63.1%**).

Limitation: It is the breed stated by the publisher, unverified.

H-2025-33 · Descriptive

Private owners' cases left open

Of the cases listed by private owners in 2025, **82.4%** were still “up for adoption” on the cut-off date and **16.1%** appeared as adopted; in shelters, **77.2%** 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-2025-34 · Descriptive

First dog, more hours alone

In 2025, **54.1%** 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 **65.7%** 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-2025-35 · Descriptive

More space, bigger dogs

In 2025, **31.8%** of people living in a large home with a balcony, patio or terrace were looking for a large dog, compared with **9.8%** 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-2025-36 · Descriptive

Where shelter animals come from

In 2025, **24.3%** of the cases listed by shelters on Miwuki were recorded as “found in the street” and **60.4%** as “taken in by the shelter”.

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

H-2025-37 · Descriptive

Adopted within their first six months

Of the dogs listed by shelters on Miwuki in 2025, **68.7%** had an adoption recorded within 180 days of listing; of the cats, **63.8%**.

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 2024?

Cases listed in 2025: 12.4% fewer than in 2024

8,902	5,076	14,354	184
listed cases	recorded adoptions	adoption requests	recorded returns

We compare 2025 with 2024. When a change on the platform or an incomplete year prevents a comparison, we say so. Proportions are compared in percentage points.

- Listed cases: 12.4% fewer than in 2024.
- Cases from shelters and other organisations: 10.4% fewer than in 2024.
- Cases from private individuals: 14.5% fewer than in 2024.
- Recorded adoptions: 11.4% fewer than in 2024.
- Adoption requests: 24.9% fewer than in 2024. People sending requests: 28.9% fewer than in 2024.
- Recorded returns: 4.2% fewer than in 2024.

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: 4.8 percentage points higher than in 2024

4,981	3,559	40.0%
dogs listed	cats listed	of cases were cats

In 2025, **4,981** dogs and **3,559** cats were listed. Cats made up **40.0%** of cases, 4.8 percentage points higher than in 2024.

Who lists them?



4,624
cases from shelters and other organisations

4,278
cases from private individuals

48.1%
of cases were listed by private individuals

In 2025, **51.9%** of cases were listed by shelters and other organisations, and **48.1%** 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?

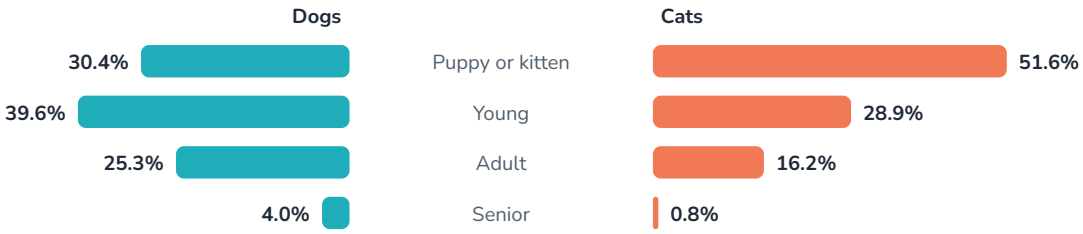
Among dogs listed in 2025, **4.0%** were seniors; among cats, **0.8%**. Puppies made up **30.4%** of dogs and kittens **51.6%** of cats.

From the date of birth in the profile, **34.6%** of dogs were under one year old when listed and **5.8%** were nine or older. Among cats, **64.1%** were under one year old.

By size, according to breed: **14.7%** of dogs were small, **52.7%** medium-sized and **22.6%** large. We do not analyse size for cats because, as recorded, it barely varies.

Age when listed: dogs and cats, 2025

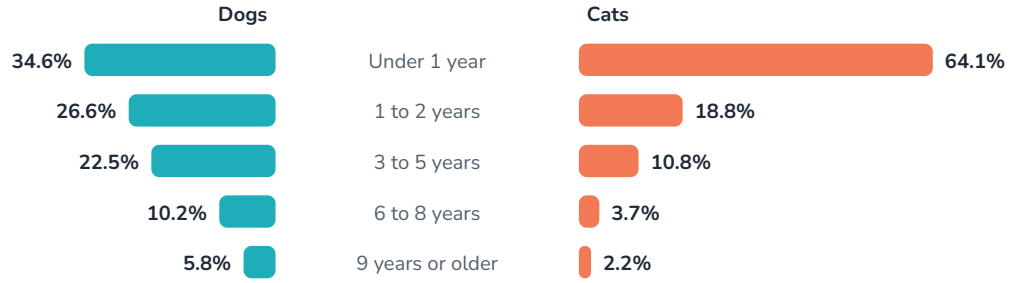
Percentage of dogs and of cats listed that year. Age estimated by whoever listed the animal.



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, 2025

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?

7.8% of dogs had the PPP flag

51.6% were mixed breed

10.7% were PPP breeds

9.6% were hunting breeds



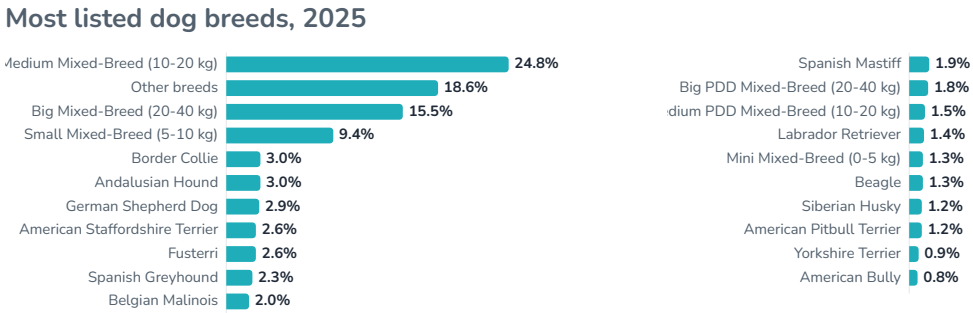
More listed does not mean more abandoned.

7.8% of listed dogs carried the potentially dangerous dog (PPP) flag, which requires the adopter to hold a licence.

By breed, **51.6%** of dogs were mixed breeds, **10.7%** PPP breeds and **9.6%** hunting breeds (greyhounds, podencos, scent hounds and pointing dogs). More listed does not mean more abandoned.

Most listed dog breeds, 2025

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





86.3%
of shelter dogs, microchipped

82.9%
of shelter cats, microchipped

63.7%
of shelter dogs, neutered

1.4%
of dogs flagged with leishmania

61.7%
of dogs get on well with children

Flags set by the publisher.

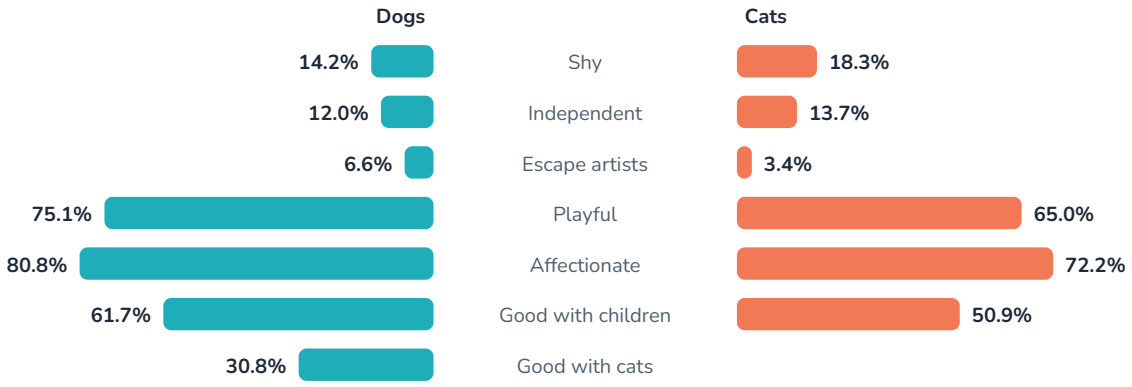
According to the profile, when listed, **86.3%** of shelter dogs and **82.9%** of shelter cats had a microchip; among those from private individuals, **81.6%** of dogs and **34.3%** of cats. **63.7%** of shelter dogs and **60.7%** of shelter cats were sterilised.

1.4% of dogs were flagged with leishmaniasis. Among cats, **0.8%** were flagged with feline immunodeficiency and **0.7%** with feline leukaemia.

According to publishers, **61.7%** of dogs get on with children, **30.8%** get on with cats and **14.2%** are shy. **2.1%** of dogs and **5.5%** of cats had to be adopted together with another animal.

Temperament and compatibility in the profile: dogs and cats, 2025

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?



60.4%
recorded as “taken in by the shelter”

24.3%
recorded as “found in the street”

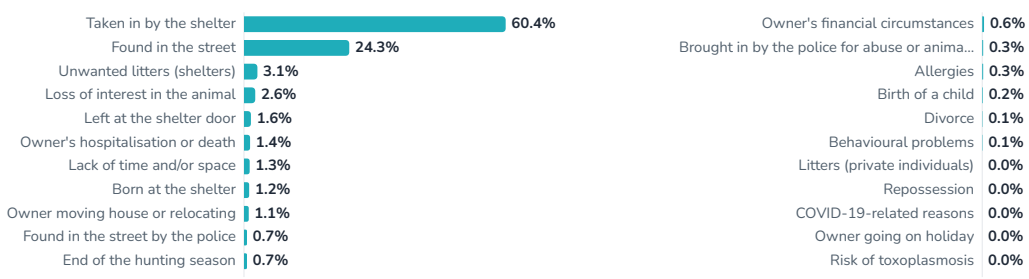
3.1%
recorded as an unwanted litter

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

When listing, shelters state where the animal comes from. In 2025, **60.4%** of their cases were recorded as “taken in by the shelter”, **24.3%** as “found in the street” and **3.1%** as an unwanted litter. It is stated by the publisher and the list mixes origin and reason.

Origin of shelter animals, 2025

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

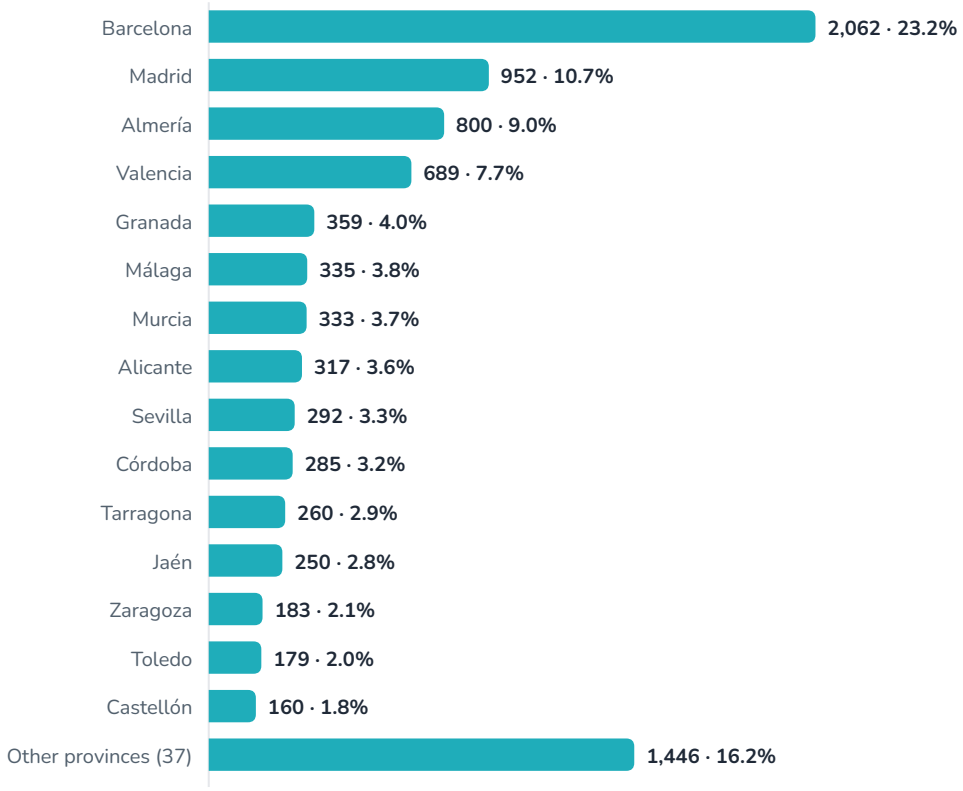
Where were cases listed?

Breakdown by province of the cases listed in 2025. 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, 2025

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, 2025



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?



24.4%
chose “lack of time or space”

18.7%
chose a change of address

8.4%
chose allergies

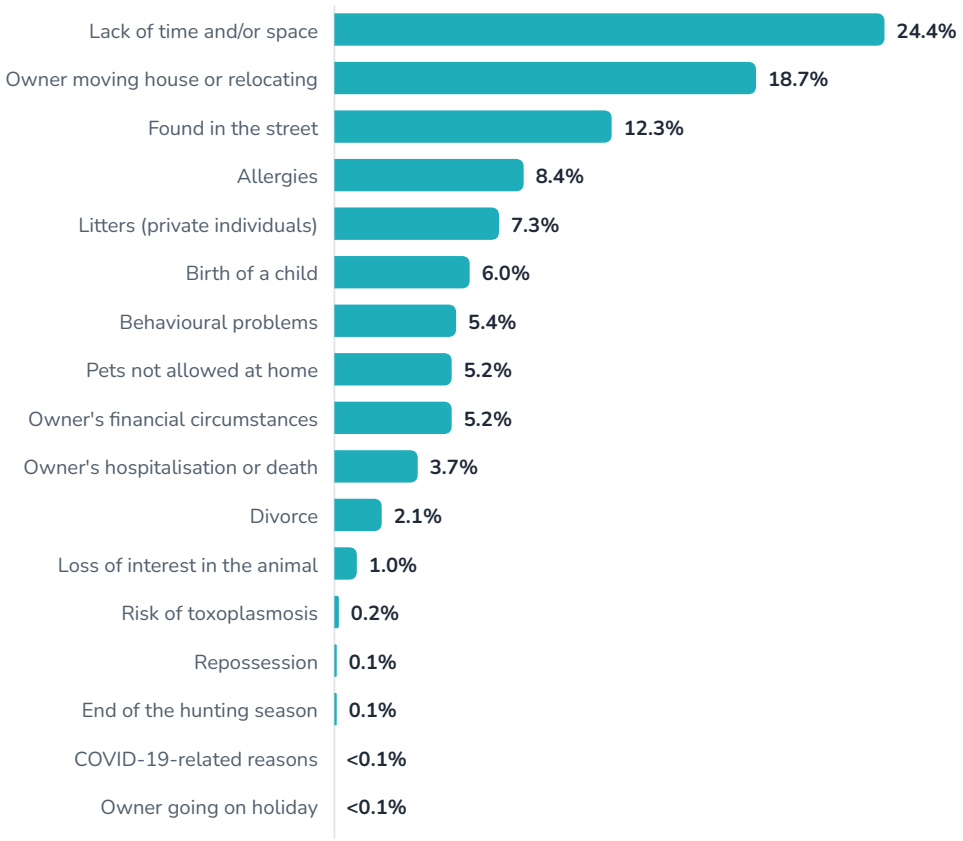
21.2%
of written reasons mention a move

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 2025, **24.4%** chose “lack of time or space”, **18.7%** a change of address, **8.4%** allergies, **7.3%** a litter and **6.0%** the birth of a child.

Reason chosen by private individuals, 2025

One option per case, from the platform list.



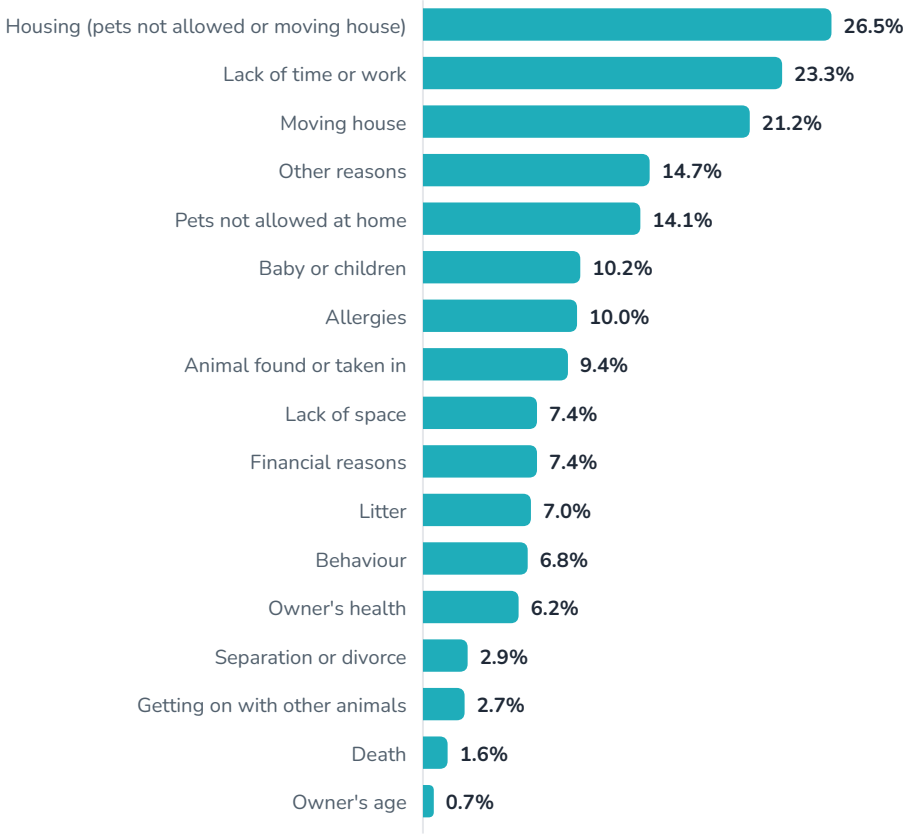
Indicator IND-38: Reason chosen by private individuals · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

In their own words, **23.3%** of written reasons mention a lack of time or work, **21.2%** a move, **14.1%** a home where pets are not allowed, **10.2%** a baby or children and **10.0%** allergies. One reason may cover several topics. Texts are classified automatically and are never published.

Topics in the reasons written by private individuals, 2025

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

Topics in the reasons written by private individuals, 2025



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

26.5% of written reasons mention housing

14.1%
mention a home where pets are not allowed

21.2%
mention moving house

5.2%
chose “pets not allowed” from the list

18.7%
chose a change of address from the list



It is the reason stated by the publisher.

In 2025, **26.5%** of the private individuals who explained in their own words why they were looking for a new home for their animal mentioned housing: **14.1%** a home where pets are not allowed and **21.2%** moving house. Among dogs, **28.2%**; among cats, **22.0%**.

From the platform list, **5.2%** chose “pets not allowed at home” and **18.7%** 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.

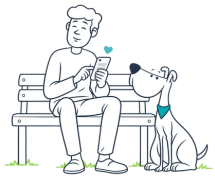
04

Who wants to adopt

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



How much interest do they attract?



14,354
adoption requests

7,193
people sent requests

34.8%
of requests for dogs came from another province

68.4%
of dogs got no requests within 90 days

A request is not an adoption.

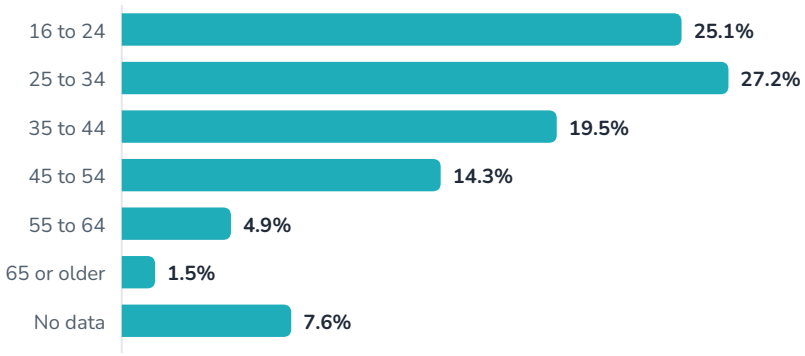
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34.8% of requests for dogs and **19.6%** of requests for cats came from people in another province. By age, **25.1%** of the people sending requests were aged sixteen to twenty-four and **27.2%** twenty-five to thirty-four. According to their profile, **60.0%** were women and **34.7%** were men.

In their first three months, **68.4%** of listed dogs and **69.6%** 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, 2025

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?

41.8%
live in a large home with a balcony, patio or terrace

43.2%
already have another dog, a cat or another pet

27.4%
have young children at home

15.8%
are about to have their first dog

Only people who fill in “Perfect pet”.

Among those who filled in the “Perfect pet” form in 2025 to adopt a dog, **41.8%** lived in a large home with a balcony, patio or terrace and **12.3%** in a small one without any of them. **43.2%** already had another dog, a cat or another pet at home, **27.4%** had young children and **7.7%** had moved house in the last two years. For **15.8%** it would be their first dog, and **63.9%** said the animal would be alone for less than four hours a day.

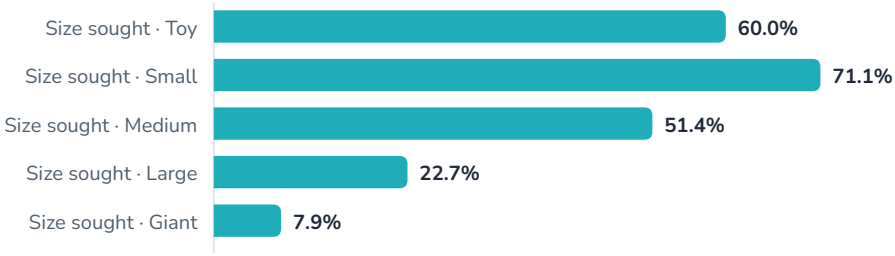
71.1% ticked that they were looking for a small dog, **51.4%** a medium-sized one and **22.7%** a large one (several sizes can be ticked). **31.8%** of those living in a large home with a balcony, patio or terrace were looking for a large one, compared with **9.8%** of those living in a small one without them.

Among dogs listed that year, **14.7%** were small and **22.6%** large: what people look for and what is available do not always match.

Size sought by people who want to adopt a dog, 2025

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

Size sought by people who want to adopt a dog, 2025 · Dogs

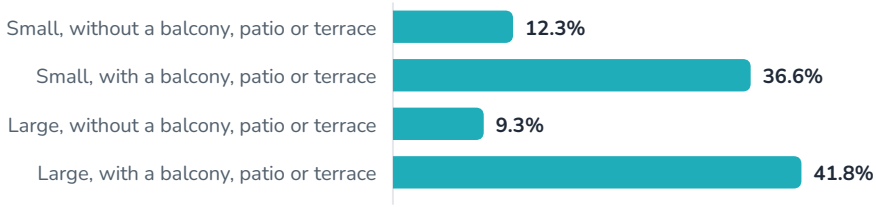


Indicator IND-33: What people who want to adopt are looking for · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

Where people who want to adopt a dog live, 2025

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

Where people who want to adopt a dog live, 2025



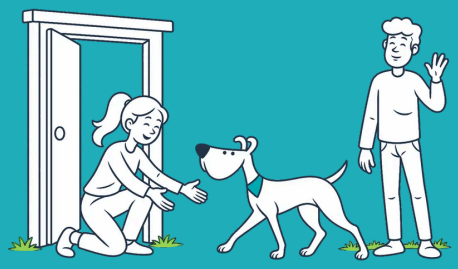
Indicator IND-33: What people who want to adopt are looking for · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

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?

5,076	4,947	47.9%	184
recorded adoptions	different cases adopted	of 2025 cases, adopted at the cut-off date	recorded returns

Only adoptions recorded on Miwuki.

In 2025, **5,076** adoptions of animals listed in Spain were recorded, corresponding to **4,947** distinct cases. These are the adoptions that publishers record on Miwuki; some adoptions may not be recorded.

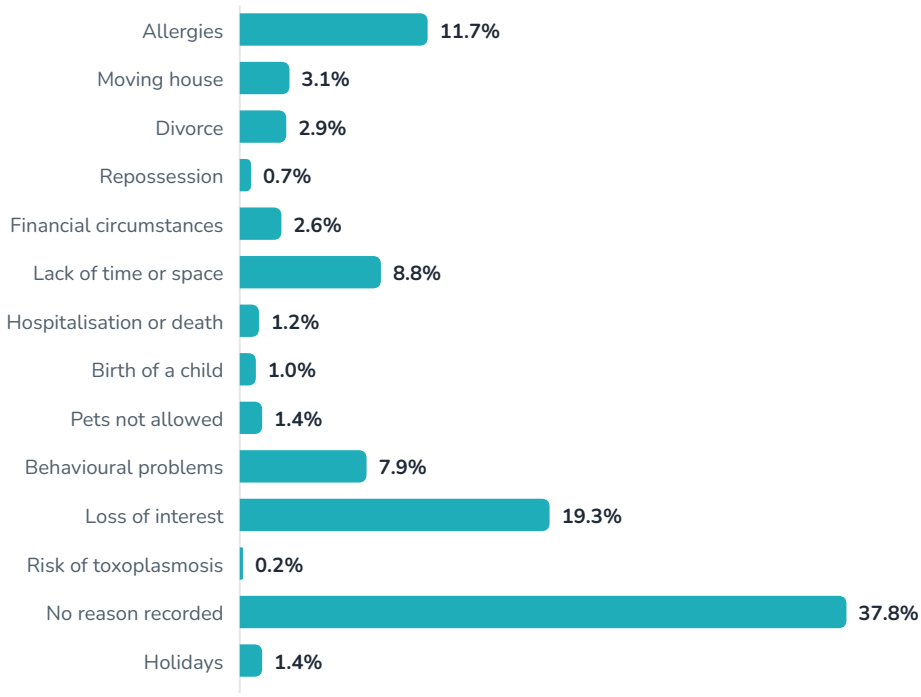
Of the cases listed in 2025, **47.9%** were marked as adopted on the cut-off date. This percentage cannot be compared with previous years, because those cases have had more time to find a family.

In 2025, **184** returns were recorded. This is not a return rate.

Since June 2023, no reason was recorded for **37.8%** of returns.

Reasons for return recorded since June 2023

Reasons with few cases are not stable.



Indicator IND-20: Reasons for return · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

How long does it take to find a home?

76
days to adoption: hard-to-place dogs

17
days to adoption: puppies

42
median days until an adult dog is adopted

85.0%
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 2025 and adopted within 180 days, half of the puppies found a family in under **17** days and half of the adults in under **42**; half of the hard-to-place dogs, in under **76**.
- **The invisible ones. 68.4%** of dogs and **69.6%** of cats listed received no request through Miwuki in their first 90 days; among senior dogs, **85.0%**.

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

Which profiles find it hardest?

Who finds a home sooner?

86.2% of puppies adopted within 180 days

52.1%
of adult dogs

52.5%
of senior dogs

29.5%
of hard-to-place dogs



Association, not causation: adoptions recorded by shelters.

Among dogs listed by shelters in 2025, **86.2%** of puppies had a recorded adoption 180 days after listing, compared with **52.1%** of adults and **52.5%** of seniors. Among cats, **77.0%** of kittens compared with **33.7%** of adults.

By age in years, **49.4%** of dogs aged three to five and **50.5%** 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 **26** days (puppies: **17**; adults: **42**).

With the “hard to place” flag, **29.5%** of dogs were adopted within 180 days, compared with **71.2%** of the rest. With the PPP flag, **43.1%**, compared with **70.3%**. With leishmaniasis, **44.2%**, compared with **69.3%**.

Among dogs that had to be adopted together with another animal, **38.7%**; among those described as independent, **46.0%**; and among those that get on with cats, **79.2%**. Among cats, independent ones: **31.8%**, compared with **65.1%** of the rest.

By breed group, **69.1%** of mixed-breed dogs, **51.8%** of PPP breeds and **68.5%** of hunting breeds were adopted within 180 days.

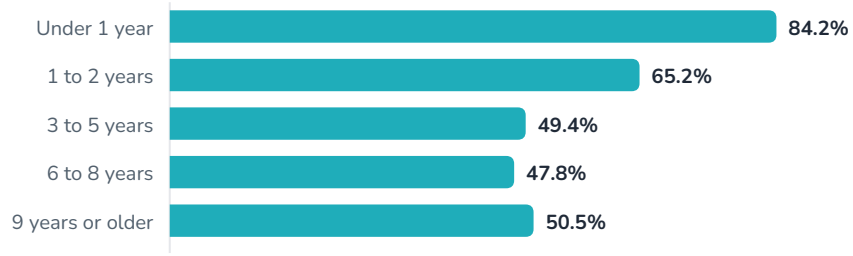
In their first month, **8.6%** of dogs with the “hard to place” flag received at least one request, compared with **28.9%** of the rest.

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 2025, not 2025 with other years, because how much shelters record changes over time.

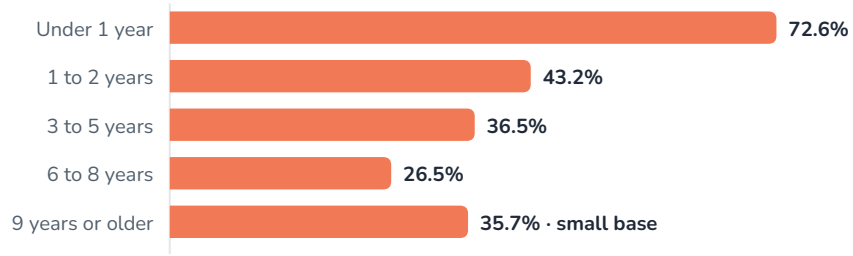
Adopted within 180 days by age in years (shelters, 2025)

Cases listed by shelters in 2025 with an adoption recorded within the following 180 days.

Adopted within 180 days by age in years (shelters, 2025) · Dogs



Adopted within 180 days by age in years (shelters, 2025) · Cats

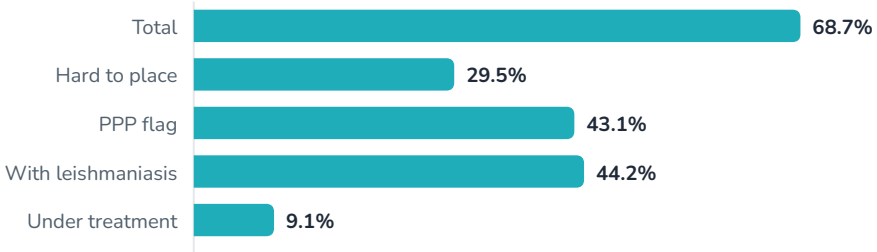


Indicator IND-21: Adoption within the first days after listing · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

Adopted within 180 days: all dogs and some profiles (shelters, 2025)

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, 2025) · 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, 7.6% more per day than the rest of the year; recorded adoptions, 11.4% fewer per day than the rest of the year.
- **Christmas** (from 15 December 2025 to the following 6 January): listed cases, 12.1% fewer per day than in the previous three weeks; recorded adoptions, 8.9% more per day than in the previous three weeks.
- Adoption requests: in summer, 5.1% fewer per day than the rest of the year; at Christmas, 34.9% 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
2024	29.0	26.0	26.7	25.3	32.3	32.9	30.2	28.1	26.7	28.6	26.2	21.0
2025	22.4	26.9	22.4	23.9	28.7	26.1	27.2	24.6	23.0	22.4	24.8	20.7

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Period	Value
2024	Jan 29.0 · Feb 26.0 · Mar 26.7 · Apr 25.3 · May 32.3 · Jun 32.9 · Jul 30.2 · Aug 28.1 · Sep 26.7 · Oct 28.6 · Nov 26.2 · Dec 21.0
2025	Jan 22.4 · Feb 26.9 · Mar 22.4 · Apr 23.9 · May 28.7 · Jun 26.1 · Jul 27.2 · Aug 24.6 · Sep 23.0 · Oct 22.4 · Nov 24.8 · Dec 20.7

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
2024	17.8	17.8	14.5	12.9	19.3	16.5	13.6	16.3	17.0	14.6	16.1	11.6
2025	16.1	15.0	10.7	12.6	11.5	13.9	11.5	13.6	18.3	14.9	14.5	14.4

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Period	Value
2024	Jan 17.8 · Feb 17.8 · Mar 14.5 · Apr 12.9 · May 19.3 · Jun 16.5 · Jul 13.6 · Aug 16.3 · Sep 17.0 · Oct 14.6 · Nov 16.1 · Dec 11.6
2025	Jan 16.1 · Feb 15.0 · Mar 10.7 · Apr 12.6 · May 11.5 · Jun 13.9 · Jul 11.5 · Aug 13.6 · Sep 18.3 · Oct 14.9 · Nov 14.5 · Dec 14.4

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

Adoption requests per day, by month

Daily average of each month.

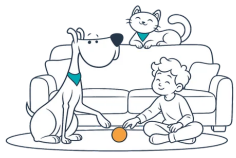
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2024	57.3	50.4	53.4	53.1	56.1	48.4	49.5	52.9	53.4	48.6	56.2	47.1
2025	53.7	48.9	37.2	35.7	39.5	29.1	30.9	44.5	36.0	40.7	38.1	38.0

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Period	Value
2024	Jan 57.3 · Feb 50.4 · Mar 53.4 · Apr 53.1 · May 56.1 · Jun 48.4 · Jul 49.5 · Aug 52.9 · Sep 53.4 · Oct 48.6 · Nov 56.2 · Dec 47.1
2025	Jan 53.7 · Feb 48.9 · Mar 37.2 · Apr 35.7 · May 39.5 · Jun 29.1 · Jul 30.9 · Aug 44.5 · Sep 36.0 · Oct 40.7 · Nov 38.1 · Dec 38.0

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

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.



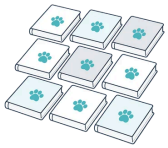
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It analyses the animal cases listed on Miwuki in Spain and the activity recorded in 2025. The data were extracted on 22 October 2026; anything later is not included. Cases listed at the end of 2025 have had less time to find a family than those listed at the beginning of the year.

What data exist for 2025 and what changed

In 2025 data are recorded in the same way as in 2024, so the two years can be compared. This is the first edition of the report.



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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