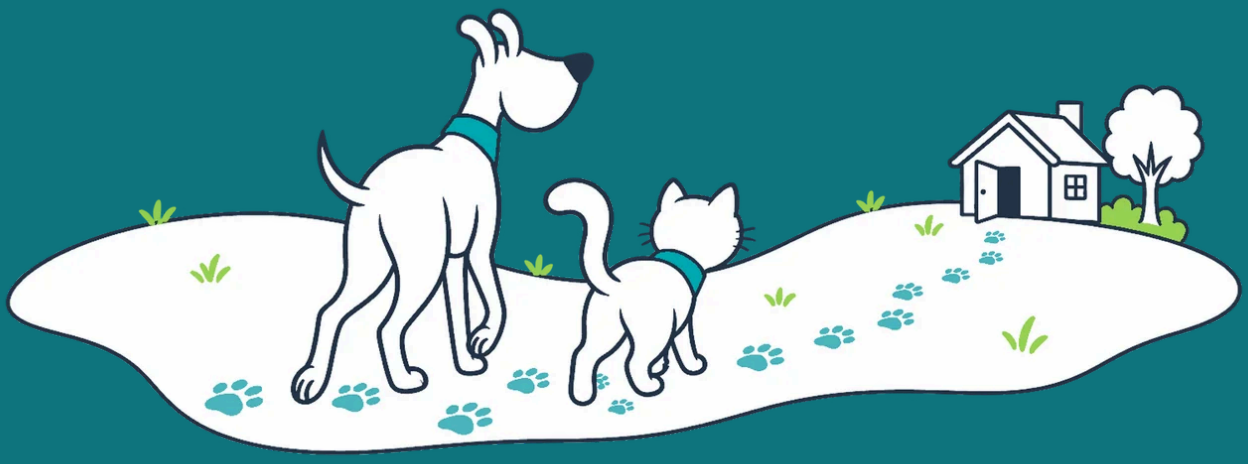
MIWUKI REPORT ON PET ADOPTION IN SPAIN

2017–2026

Trends in pet adoption on Miwuki

Trends since February 2017



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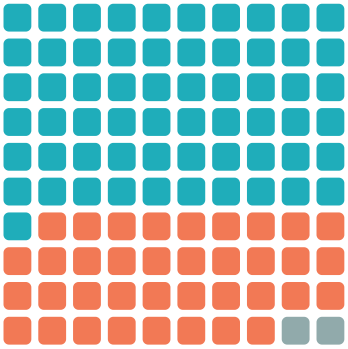
Since 2017 in 60 seconds

104,876
listed cases
since February 2017

64,447
recorded adoptions
since March 2017

58,285
adoption requests
since June 2023

580
recorded returns



Out of every 100 listed cases

- **61** dogs (60.5%)
- **37** cats (37.4%)
- **2** other species (2.1%)

Key findings

1. Cases listed since 2017 → **H-GLOBAL-01**
2. Recorded adoptions → **H-GLOBAL-02**
3. Housing in private individuals' reasons → **H-GLOBAL-09**
4. Age and adoption → **H-GLOBAL-05**
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01

Key findings

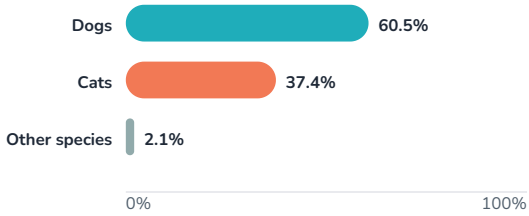
The main conclusions for the whole period, since each figure exists, each with its figure and its limitation.



FINDING H-GLOBAL-01 · **Descriptive**

Cases listed since 2017

Since February 2017, **104,876** animal cases have been listed for adoption on Miwuki in Spain: **60.5%** were dogs and **37.4%** cats.



Base (cases): 104,876

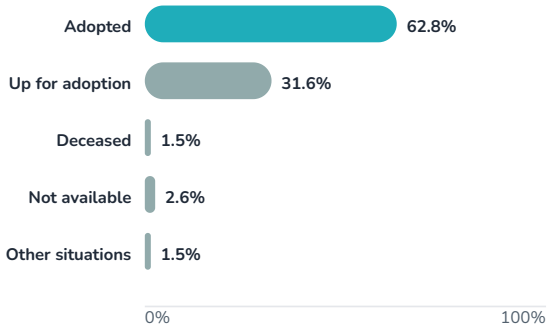
Indicator IND-02: Listed cases by species · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

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

FINDING H-GLOBAL-02 · Descriptive

Recorded adoptions

Since March 2017, **64,447** adoptions have been recorded on Miwuki in Spain. Of all the cases listed, **62.8%** appear as adopted on the cut-off date and **31.6%** are still up for adoption.



Base (cases): 104,876

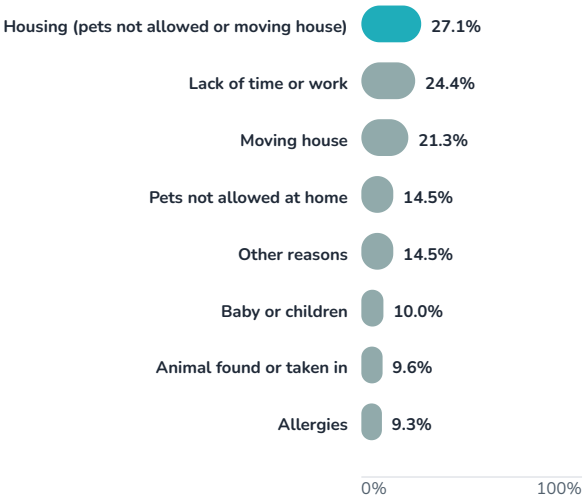
Indicator IND-04: Status of each cohort at the cut-off date · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

Limitation. These are the adoptions that publishers record on the platform; some adoptions may not be recorded. The status on the cut-off date is a snapshot of that day.

FINDING H-GLOBAL-09 · Descriptive

Housing in private individuals' reasons

Since June 2023, **27.1%** of the reasons that private individuals write when looking for a new home for their animal mention housing: **14.5%** a home where pets are not allowed and **21.3%** moving house.



Base (written reasons): 12,838

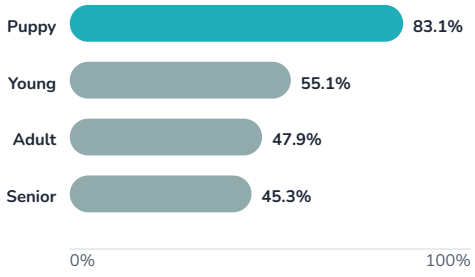
Indicator IND-23: Reasons written by private individuals · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

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.

FINDING H-GLOBAL-05 · Association, not causation

Age and adoption

Of the dogs listed by shelters from 2017 to 2025, **83.1%** of puppies had an adoption recorded within 180 days of listing, compared with **47.9%** of adults (35.2 percentage points lower) and **45.3%** of seniors.



Base (cases): Puppy 15,763 · Young 11,445 · Adult 8,586 · Senior 1,545

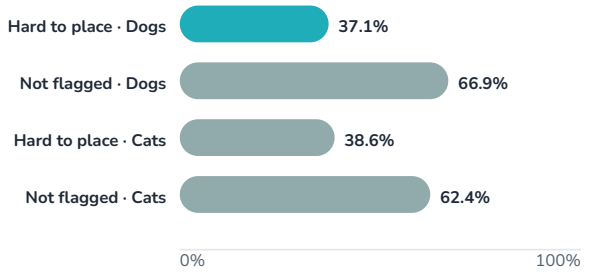
Indicator IND-21: Adoption within the first days after listing · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

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

FINDING H-GLOBAL-06 · Association, not causation

Hard to place

With the “hard to place” flag, **37.1%** of the dogs listed by shelters from 2017 to 2025 were adopted within 180 days, compared with **66.9%** of the others (29.8 percentage points lower). Among cats, **38.6%**, compared with **62.4%**.



Base (cases): Hard to place · Dogs 2,943 · Not flagged · Dogs 36,273 · Hard to place · Cats 2,378 · Not flagged · Cats 26,276

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

More findings

H-GLOBAL-03 · Descriptive

Adoption requests

Since June 2023, **28,813** people have sent **58,285** adoption requests to animals listed on Miwuki in Spain.

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

H-GLOBAL-04 · Descriptive

Hard-to-place animals

Of all the cases listed by shelters since February 2017, **7.9%** carried the “hard to place” flag: **7.5%** of dogs and **8.2%** of cats.

Limitation: The flag is optional and each publisher may use it differently. On Miwuki only shelters use it.

H-GLOBAL-07 · Association, not causation

Days to adoption

Among shelter dogs listed from 2017 to 2025 and adopted within 180 days, half of the puppies found a family in under **19** days, half of the adults in under **49** (30 days more) and half of the hard-to-place dogs in under **56**.

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-GLOBAL-08 · Descriptive

No requests in the first quarter

Of the dogs listed on Miwuki from June 2023 to 2025, **65.8%** received no request through the platform in their first 90 days; among seniors, **84.4%**, and among hard-to-place dogs, **80.2%**. Of cats, **66.6%**.

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

H-GLOBAL-10 · Descriptive

The reason private individuals choose

Since December 2018, **20.9%** of private individuals chose “lack of time or space” from the list when listing, **16.5%** a change of address and **10.9%** a litter.

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

H-GLOBAL-11 · Descriptive

Age when listed

Of all the cases listed since February 2017, **41.7%** were puppies or kittens, **20.2%** adults and **2.6%** seniors. Among cats, kittens reach **53.5%**.

Limitation: It is the age stated by the publisher, often estimated.

H-GLOBAL-12 · Descriptive

How people who want to adopt a dog live

Since June 2019, among those who filled in “Perfect pet” to adopt a dog, **41.7%** already had another dog, a cat or another pet at home and **41.2%** lived in a large home with a balcony, patio or terrace.

Limitation: Only people who fill in the form answer it; it does not represent everyone who adopts.

H-GLOBAL-13 · Descriptive

More space, bigger dogs

In “Perfect pet”, since June 2019, **34.2%** of those living in a large home with a balcony, patio or terrace ticked that they were looking for a large dog, compared with **13.9%** of those living in a small one without any of them.

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

H-GLOBAL-14 · Descriptive

Christmas

Adding up every Christmas since 2017 (from 15 December to 6 January), cases were listed at a rate 10.9% fewer per day than in the previous three weeks, and adoptions were recorded at a rate 16.6% fewer per day than in the following three weeks.

Limitation: It describes the calendar, not its causes.

H-GLOBAL-15 · Descriptive

Microchip when listed

When listed, **75.1%** of shelter cats had a microchip, compared with **30.6%** of cats from private individuals; among dogs, **82.8%** and **79.9%**.

Limitation: Stated by the publisher when creating the profile. Private individuals have been listing since December 2018.

H-GLOBAL-16 · Descriptive

Adopting in another province

Since June 2023, **34.0%** of requests for dogs came from people in another province; for cats, **17.6%**.

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

H-GLOBAL-17 · Descriptive

Where shelter animals come from

Since 2019, of all shelter cases, **59.9%** were recorded as “taken in by the shelter”, **16.0%** as “found in the street” and **8.3%** as an unwanted litter.

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

02

The big picture

Activity on Miwuki since the launch and how it has changed.



What we see on Miwuki

Every day, shelters, associations and families list animals looking for a home on Miwuki. This report gathers what that activity tells us: how many animals are listed, how much interest they attract, how many adoptions are recorded and what has changed over the years.

It is a picture of what happens **on Miwuki**, not a statistic of every animal abandoned or adopted in Spain. Each figure states what it measures, which period it covers and what it does not allow us to conclude.

Scope: cases listed on Miwuki in Spain between 12 February 2017 and 22 October 2026, the data cut-off date. This page covers that whole period; each year has its own report.

The big picture

104,876
cases listed since the launch

64,447
adoptions recorded in Spain

19
median days until a puppy is adopted

56
median days if it is hard to place

65.8%
of dogs got no requests within 90 days

27.1%
of written reasons mention housing

Days: shelter dogs listed in 2017–2025 and adopted within 180 days. Requests through Miwuki: June 2023–2025. Housing: since June 2023 to the data cut-off.

What has happened

- **Cases listed: 104,876** animal cases listed for adoption in Spain since February 2017. **60.5%** were dogs and **37.4%** were cats.
- **Recorded adoptions: 64,447** adoptions recorded on the platform in Spain since March 2017, the month of the first one. Counting every country where Miwuki operates, there are 66,143.
- **Adoption requests: 58,285** requests since June 2023, sent by **28,813** people.

The picture on the cut-off date

Of all the cases listed since February 2017, **62.8%** appear as adopted on the cut-off date and **31.6%** are still up for adoption. This is a snapshot of that day, not a count of the adoptions in a given year.

How has it changed?

Shelters and private owners since 2017

71,497

cases listed by shelters and other organisations



33,379
cases from private owners, since December 2018

31.8%
of all cases, from private owners

104,876
cases listed since the launch in 2017

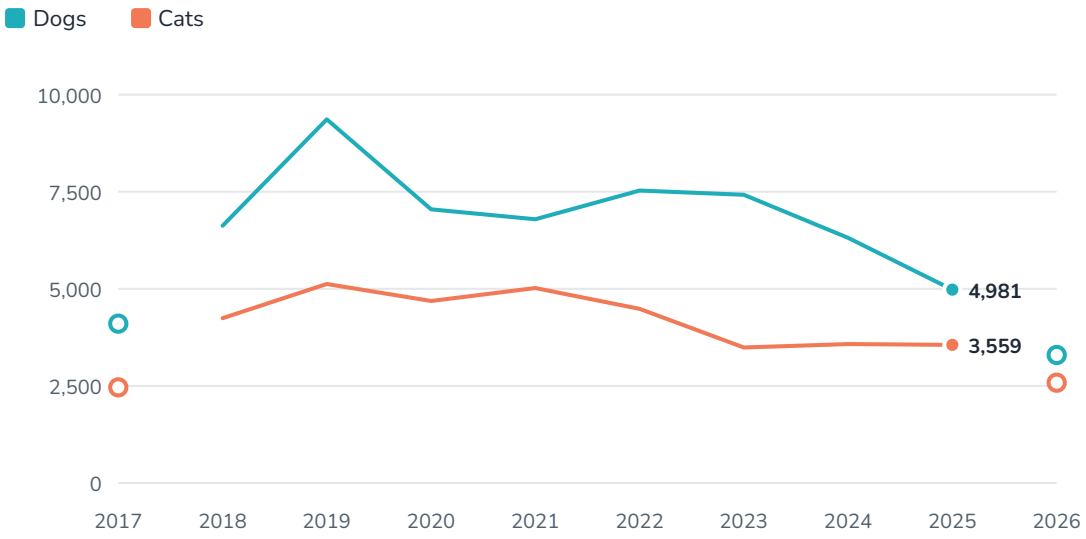
More or fewer listed cases does not mean more or less abandonment.

Since February 2017, shelters and other organisations have listed **71,497** cases and private individuals, who have been listing since December 2018, **33,379**: **31.8%** of the total. The charts show, for each year, how many cases were listed, of which species, who listed them and how many adoptions were recorded.

More or fewer cases being listed does not mean more or less abandonment. The number also depends on how many organisations and families use Miwuki and how they use it. Platform changes, such as the arrival of private individuals or the new platform of June 2023, are marked on the charts.

Cases listed on Miwuki in Spain per year, by species

2026 is a partial year.



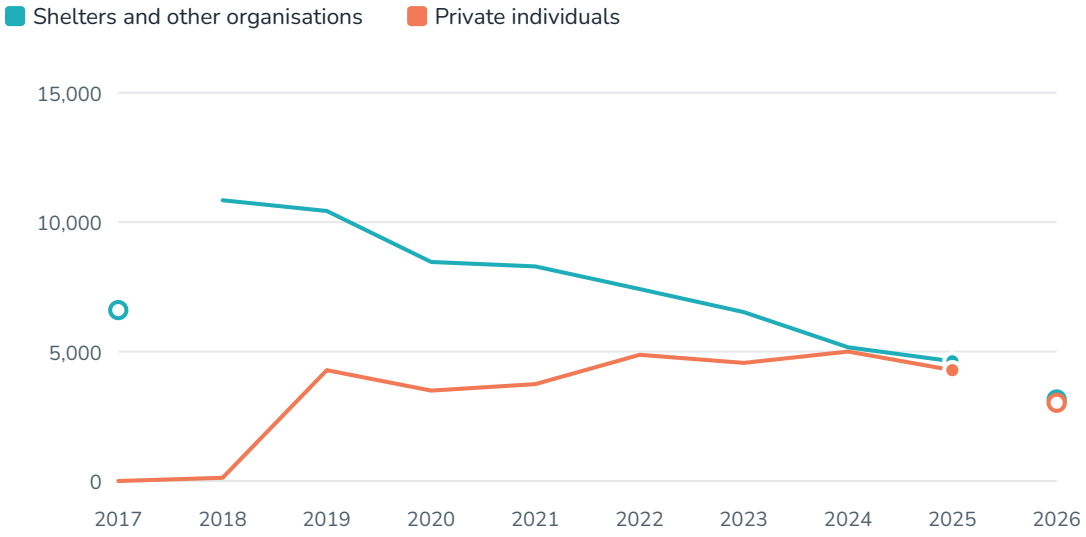
▼ Data table

Category	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Total	6,604	10,968	14,709	11,950	12,026	12,285	11,090	10,164	8,902	6,178
Dogs	4,103	6,623	9,366	7,049	6,790	7,531	7,422	6,314	4,981	3,297
Cats	2,462	4,247	5,124	4,687	5,022	4,484	3,487	3,576	3,559	2,583

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

Cases listed on Miwuki in Spain per year, by type of publisher

2026 is a partial year. Private individuals have been listing animals since December 2018.



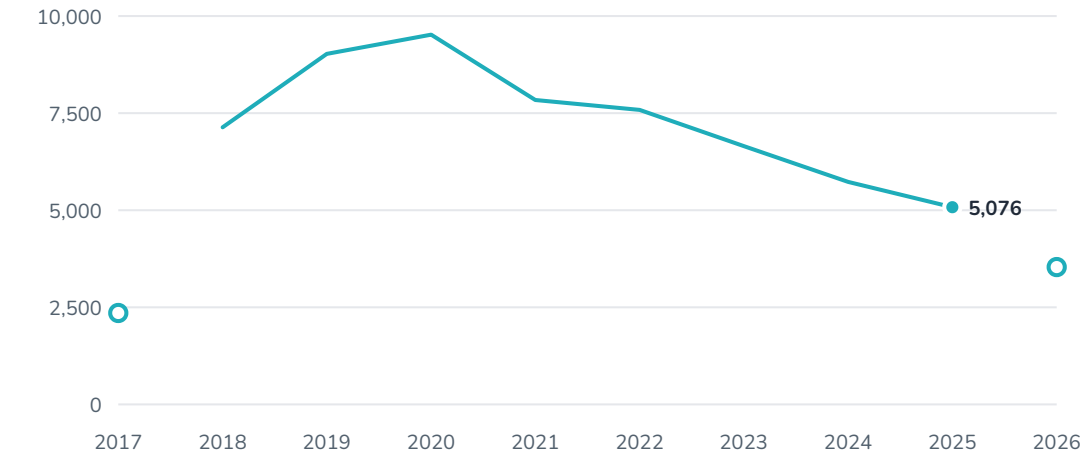
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Total	6,604	10,968	14,709	11,950	12,026	12,285	11,090	10,164	8,902	6,178
Shelters and other organisations	6,604	10,844	10,428	8,459	8,286	7,413	6,525	5,163	4,624	3,151
Private individuals	0	124	4,281	3,491	3,740	4,872	4,565	5,001	4,278	3,027

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

Adoptions recorded on Miwuki in Spain per year

2026 is a partial year. It only counts the adoptions recorded on Miwuki, and how much is recorded changes over the years.



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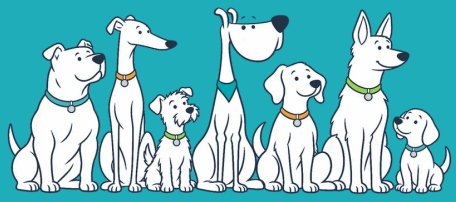
Category	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Total	2,353	7,136	9,025	9,521	7,838	7,582	6,650	5,731	5,076	3,535

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

03

The animals

Species, age, size, profile, origin and province of the animals listed.



Who is looking for a home?

60.5% of all cases were dogs

37.4%
were cats

41.7%
were puppies or kittens

2.6%
were seniors



Since February 2017. Age is estimated by the publisher.

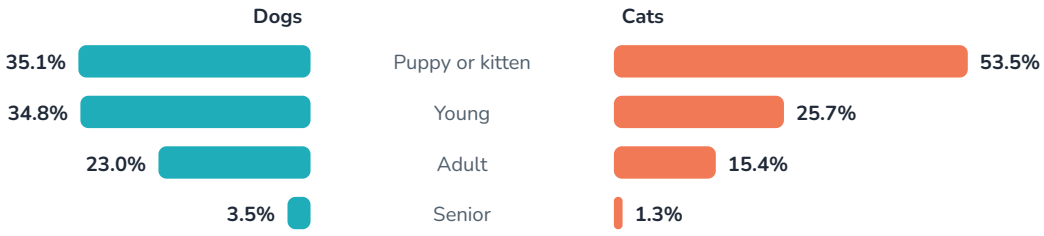
Of all the cases listed since February 2017, **60.5%** were dogs and **37.4%** were cats.

By age, as stated by whoever listed them: **41.7%** were puppies or kittens, **31.6%** young, **20.2%** adults and **2.6%** seniors. Among cats, kittens reach **53.5%**.

Since June 2023, when dog size started to be derived from the breed (or from the mixed-breed category by weight), **58.2%** of listed dogs were medium-sized, **17.0%** large and **14.9%** small; **53.8%** were mixed breed. Since the December 2018 profile, **1.6%** of dogs had to be adopted together with another animal.

Age when listed: dogs and cats, since 2017

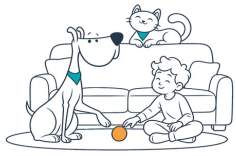
Percentage of all dogs and all cats listed since February 2017. Age estimated by whoever listed the animal.



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

Health, temperament and identification





7.0%
of dogs had the PPP flag

1.8%
of dogs were flagged with leishmania

30.6%
of cats from private individuals, microchipped

75.1%
of shelter cats, microchipped

56.9%
of dogs get on well with children

Since 2017 (temperament, since December 2018). Flags set by the publisher.

Of all the dogs listed since February 2017, **7.0%** carried the potentially dangerous dog (PPP) flag and **1.8%** were flagged with leishmaniasis. When listed, **30.6%** of cats from private individuals had a microchip, compared with **75.1%** of shelter cats. Since the December 2018 profile, according to publishers, **56.9%** of dogs get on with children. These flags are set by the publisher.

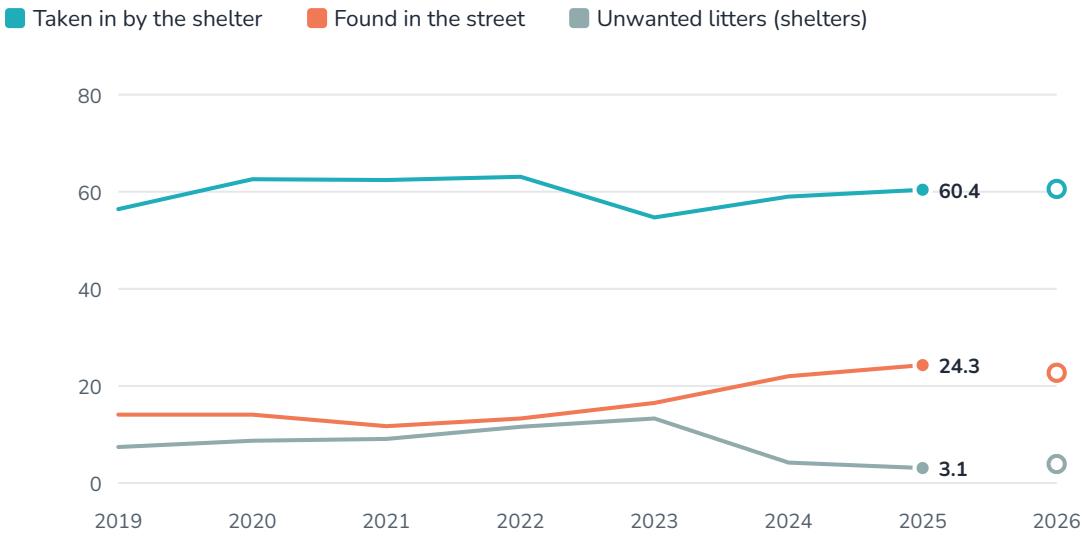
Where do they come from?



When listing, shelters state where the animal comes from. Of all their cases since 2019, **59.9%** were recorded as “taken in by the shelter”, **16.0%** as “found in the street” and **8.3%** as an unwanted litter. It is stated by the publisher and the list mixes origin and reason. Before 2019 almost all cases have the same origin, so the figures start that year.

Origin of shelter animals, each year

Percentage of cases listed by shelters and other organisations each year, by the origin they state when listing. Since 2019.



▼ Data table

Category	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Taken in by the shelter	56.4%	62.6%	62.4%	63.1%	54.7%	59.0%	60.4%	60.6%
Found in the street	14.1%	14.1%	11.7%	13.3%	16.5%	22.0%	24.3%	22.7%
Unwanted litters (shelters)	7.4%	8.7%	9.1%	11.6%	13.3%	4.2%	3.1%	3.9%

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 are animals listed?

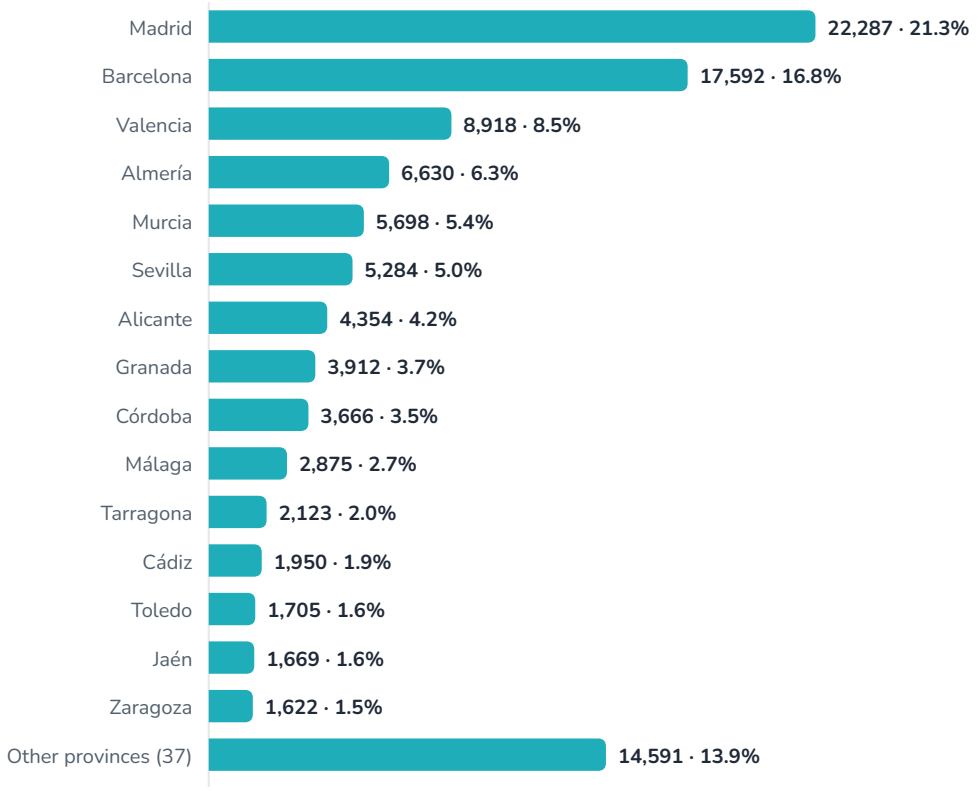
This is how all the cases listed on Miwuki in Spain since February 2017 are spread across provinces. It shows where the platform is used, not where there is more abandonment or which provinces do better or worse: the volume depends on how many organisations and families in each province list animals on Miwuki.

We show all provinces, including those with few cases.

Cases listed by province, since 2017

Activity on Miwuki, not the incidence of abandonment. All cases listed since February 2017. The 15 provinces with the most cases and the rest together; the full list is on the website.

Cases listed by province, since 2017



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

04

Why do they need a new home?

The reasons private individuals give and how much housing weighs.



What reasons do private individuals give?



Why private individuals look for a new home for their animal

20.9%
chose “lack of time or space”

16.5%
chose a change of address

21.3%
of written reasons mention a move

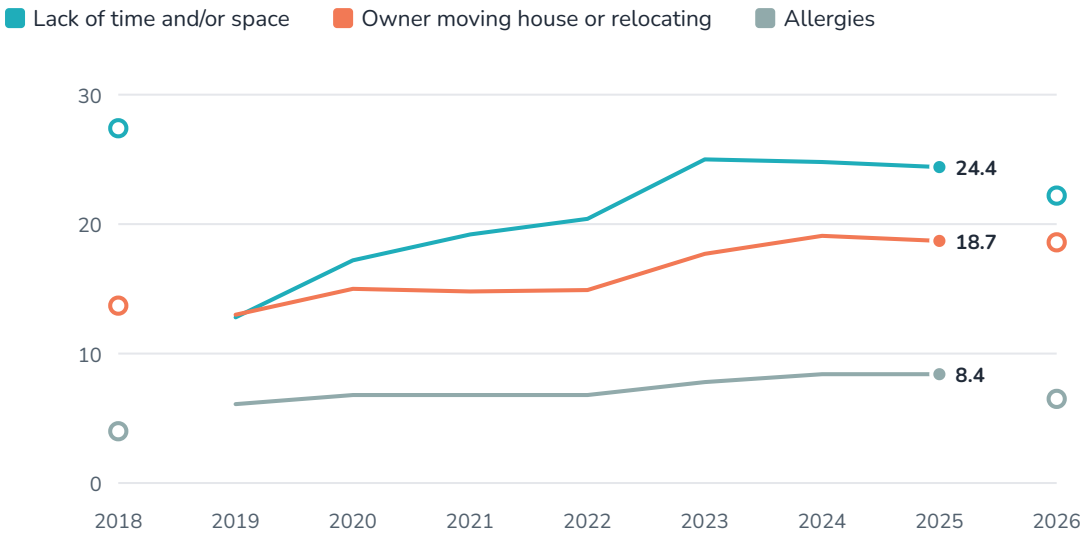
14.5%
mention a home that does not allow it

List since December 2018; written reasons since June 2023. Stated by the publisher.

Since December 2018, private individuals choose a reason from a list when listing, and since June 2023 they also explain it in their own words. From the list, since December 2018, **20.9%** chose “lack of time or space” and **16.5%** a change of address; **10.9%** listed a litter. In their own words, since June 2023, **24.4%** of written reasons mention a lack of time or work, **21.3%** a move and **14.5%** a home where pets are not allowed. Texts are classified automatically and are never published.

Reason chosen by private individuals, by year

Percentage of each year's cases from private individuals. Since the December 2018 profile.

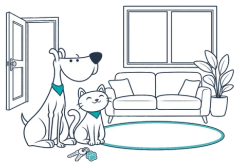


▼ Data table

Category	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Lack of time and/or space	27.4%	12.8%	17.2%	19.2%	20.4%	25.0%	24.8%	24.4%	22.2%
Owner moving house or relocating	13.7%	13.0%	15.0%	14.8%	14.9%	17.7%	19.1%	18.7%	18.6%
Allergies	4.0%	6.1%	6.8%	6.8%	6.8%	7.8%	8.4%	8.4%	6.5%

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

27.1% of written reasons mention housing

14.5%
mention a home where pets are not allowed

21.3%
mention moving house

4.3%
chose “pets not allowed” from the list



Written reasons since June 2023. It is the reason stated by the publisher.

When a private individual looks for a new home for their animal on Miwuki, they explain the reason in two ways: they choose an option from a list and, since June 2023, they also explain it in their own words. Of all the reasons written since then, **27.1%** mention housing: **14.5%** a home where pets are not allowed and **21.3%** moving house. Among dogs, **28.9%**; among cats, **22.0%**.

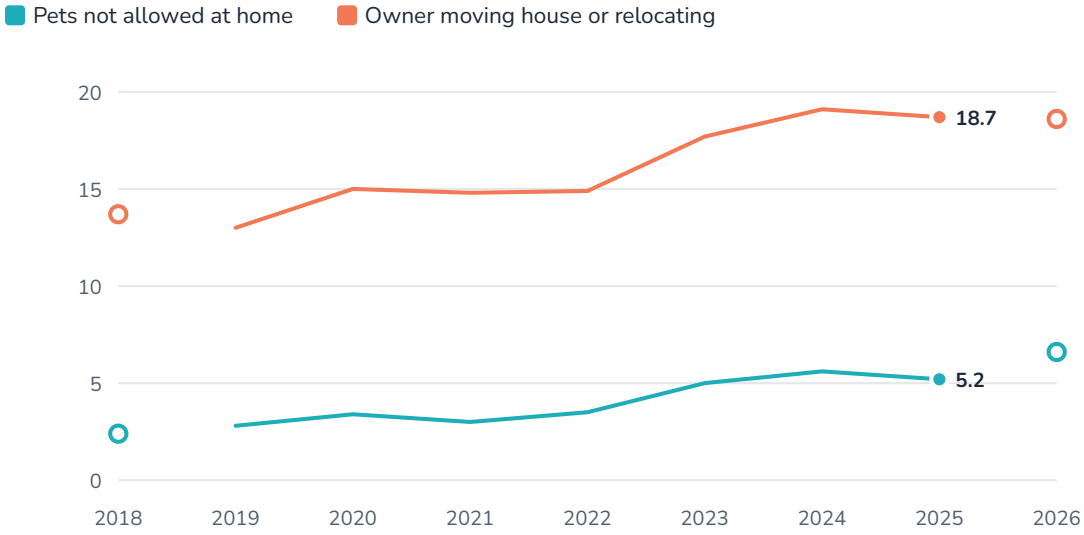
From the list, since December 2018, **4.3%** chose “pets not allowed at home” and **16.5%** a change of address. The figures differ because only one option can be chosen from the list (a home that does not allow pets may end up as “change of address” or “lack of time or space”), whereas a single text can mention several topics.

Over the years, “pets not allowed at home” rose from **2.8%** of cases from private individuals in 2019 to **5.2%** in 2025, and change of address from **13.0%** to **18.7%**, as the chart shows. The platform changed in June 2023, so the comparison between years is only indicative.

It is the reason stated by the publisher: we do not know how many people give up adopting because of housing or how many animals are abandoned because of it, and it only describes the private individuals who list on Miwuki. The “Housing and pets” page brings all the data together.

Housing reasons chosen from the list, each year

Percentage of cases from private individuals each year. The platform changed in June 2023.



▼ Data table

Category	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Pets not allowed at home	2.4%	2.8%	3.4%	3.0%	3.5%	5.0%	5.6%	5.2%	6.6%
Owner moving house or relocating	13.7%	13.0%	15.0%	14.8%	14.9%	17.7%	19.1%	18.7%	18.6%

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

05

Who wants to adopt

Who sends requests, how they live and what they are looking for.



How much interest do they attract?

Families' interest since June 2023

58,285 adoption requests since June 2023



28,813
people sent requests

34.0%
of requests for dogs came from another province

60.1%
of people who sent requests were women

A request is not an adoption.

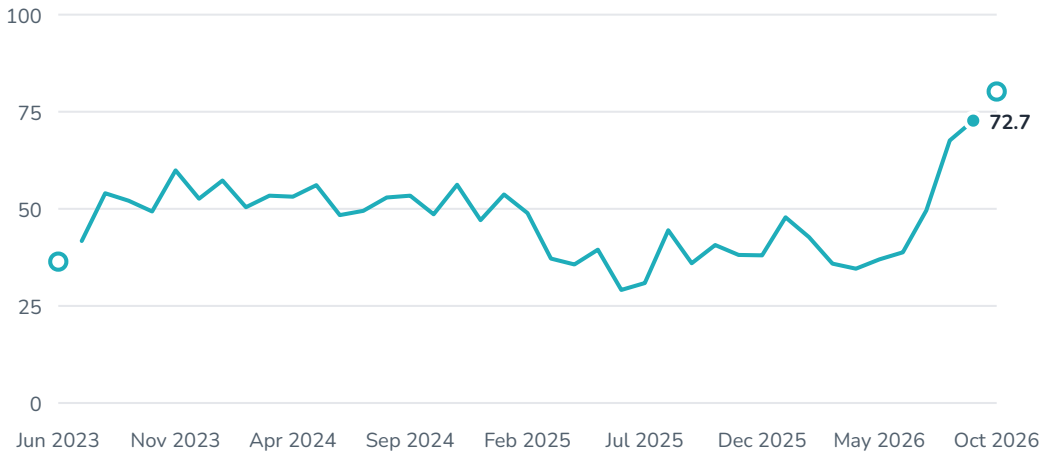
Since June 2023, **28,813** people have sent **58,285** adoption requests to animals listed on Miwuki in Spain.

A request is not an adoption: it shows interest in a specific animal, and the same person may ask for several animals. These data are available from June 2023.

According to their profile, **60.1%** of the people who have sent requests are women and **34.8%** men; **26.6%** were aged sixteen to twenty-four and **25.9%** twenty-five to thirty-four. **34.0%** of requests for dogs came from people in another province.

Adoption requests per day, by month

Daily average for each month, to compare months of different length.



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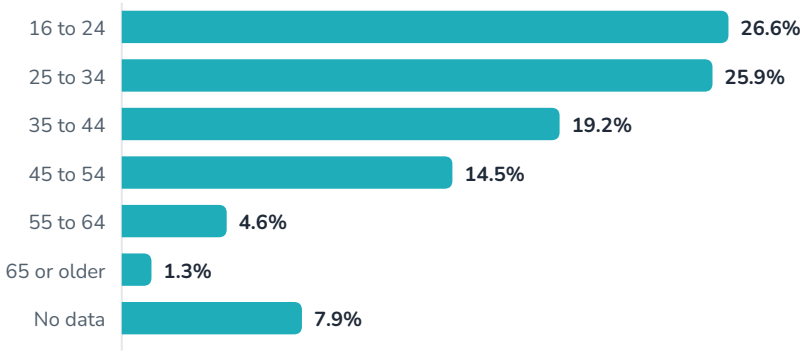
Period	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2023						36.4	41.7	54.0	52.1	49.3	59.9	52.6
2024	57.3	50.4	53.4	53.1	56.1	48.4	49.5	52.9	53.4	48.6	56.2	47.1
2025	53.7	48.9	37.2	35.7	39.5	29.1	30.9	44.5	36.0	40.7	38.1	38.0
2026	47.8	42.7	35.9	34.6	37.0	38.8	49.6	67.6	72.7	80.2		

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

Age of the people who have sent requests, since June 2023

Distinct people since June 2023, by the age in their profile at their last request.

Age of the people who have sent requests, since June 2023



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

How do people who want to adopt live and what are they looking for?

How people who want to adopt a dog live

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



41.2%
live in a large home with a balcony, patio or terrace

25.6%
have young children at home

19.7%
are about to have their first dog

Since June 2019. Only people who fill in "Perfect pet".

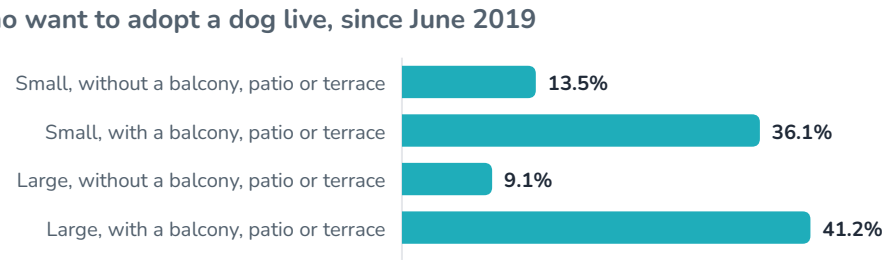
The "Perfect pet" form asks people who want to adopt how they live and what animal they are looking for. Since June 2019, among those who filled it in to adopt a dog, **41.2%** lived in a large home with a balcony, patio or terrace and **13.5%** in a small one without any of them. **41.7%** already had another dog, a cat or another pet at home: **22.5%** already had a dog and **16.2%** a cat. **25.6%** had young children at home and for **19.7%** it would be their first dog.

Housing is on the move too: **9.7%** had moved house in the last two years and **7.3%** were about to. **60.7%** said the dog would be alone for under four hours a day and **56.8%** that they would spend "whatever is needed" each month.

As for size, **69.1%** ticked that they were looking for a small dog and **25.3%** a large one (several can be ticked); among dogs listed since June 2023, **14.9%** were small. Preferred dog size differs by housing type: **34.2%** of those living in a large home with a balcony, patio or terrace ticked "large", compared with **13.9%** of those living in a small one without them. Differences by presence of young children are smaller: **22.5%** of those with young children ticked "large", compared with **26.2%** of those without. People about to have their first dog, however, expect to leave it alone for longer: **50.6%** said it would be alone for under four hours a day, compared with **63.2%** of those who had had a dog before.

Where people who want to adopt a dog live, since June 2019

"Perfect pet" form: percentage of all forms to adopt a dog since June 2019.

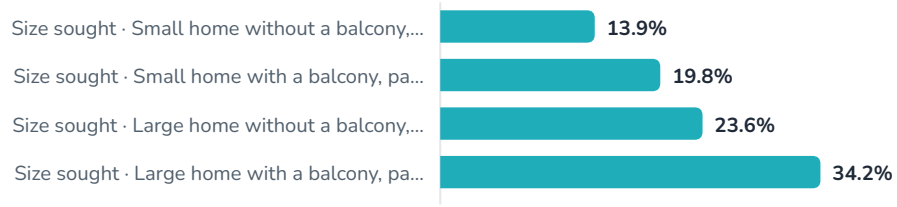


Indicator IND-33: What people who want to adopt are looking for · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

People looking for a large dog, by type of home, since June 2019

"Perfect pet" form: percentage of forms for each type of home that tick "large". Several sizes can be ticked.

People looking for a large dog, by type of home, since June 2019 · Dogs

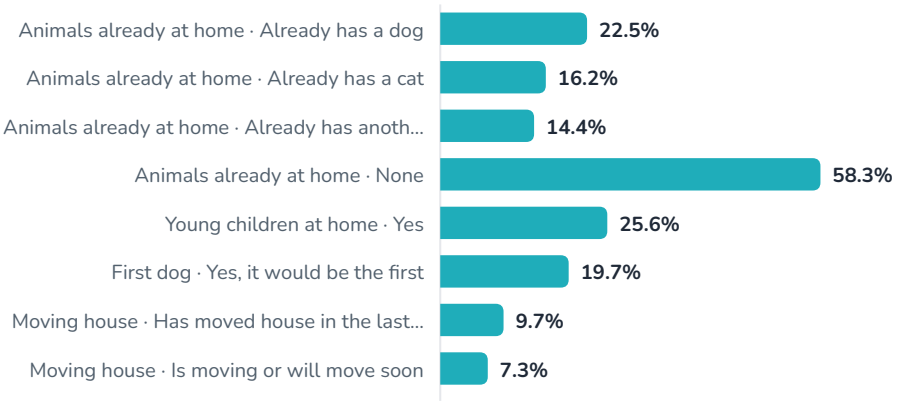


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How people who want to adopt a dog live, since June 2019

"Perfect pet" form: percentage of forms to adopt a dog. "Other animals" allows several answers.

How people who want to adopt a dog live, since June 2019 · Dogs

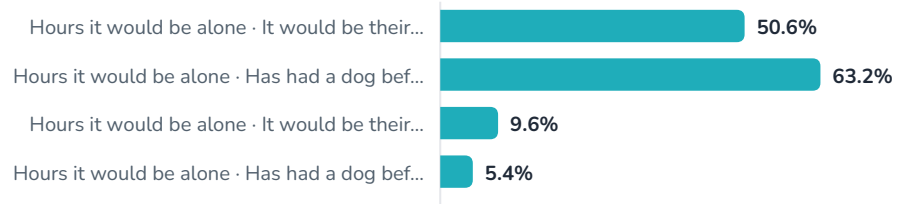


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Hours the dog would be alone, by whether it would be the first dog, since June 2019

"Perfect pet" form: percentage of the forms in each group.

Hours the dog would be alone, by whether it would be the first dog, since June 2019 · Dogs



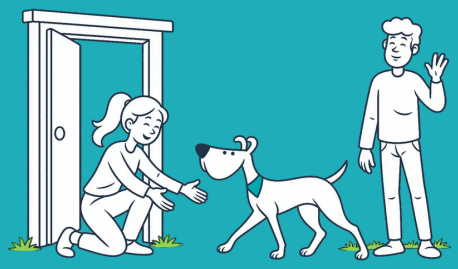
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Only people who fill in the form answer it, so it does not represent everyone who adopts.

06

Outcomes

How long animals take to find a family and which ones find it hardest.



How long does it take to find a home?

How long it takes and how many get no requests

49
median days until an adult dog is adopted

43
median days if it carries the PPP flag

84.4%
of senior dogs got no requests within 90 days

76.5%
of pairs to be adopted together got no requests

Platform data for every year with 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. These figures bring together every year with data: for adoptions, the cases listed by shelters from 2017 to 2025; for requests, the cases listed from June 2023 to 2025. Only complete years are included, so that every case has had the same time.

- **The wait.** Among shelter dogs adopted within 180 days, half of the puppies found a family in under **19** days; adults, in under **49**; PPP dogs, in under **43**; and hard-to-place dogs, in under **56**.
- **The invisible ones. 65.8%** of dogs and **66.6%** of cats received no request through Miwuki in their first 90 days. Among senior dogs, **84.4%**; among hard-to-place dogs, **80.2%**; and among those to be adopted together with another animal, **76.5%**.
- **The first month. 30.6%** of dogs and **27.4%** of cats received at least one request in their first month.

These are platform data: the requests and adoptions recorded on Miwuki. They describe what happens, not its causes, and organisations also receive interest through other channels.

Days to adoption, shelter dogs listed from 2017 to 2025

Median days among dogs adopted within 180 days.

Days to adoption, shelter dogs listed from 2017 to 2025 · Dogs

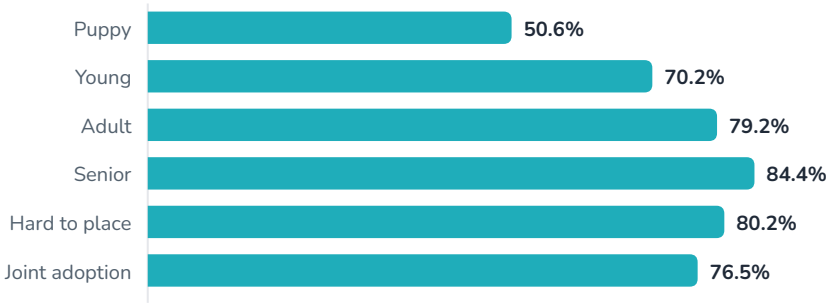


Indicator IND-34: Days to adoption · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

Dogs without requests in their first 90 days, listed from June 2023 to 2025

Organisations also receive interest through other channels.

Dogs without requests in their first 90 days, listed from June 2023 to 2025 · Dogs



Indicator IND-35: Cases without requests in their first quarter · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

Which animals find it hardest?

Who finds a home sooner?

83.1% of puppies adopted within 180 days

47.9%
of adult dogs

45.3%
of senior dogs

37.1%
of hard-to-place dogs



Association, not causation: shelter dogs listed from 2017 to 2025.

Of all the cases listed by shelters since February 2017, **7.9%** carried the “hard to place” flag, which the publisher sets when an animal is likely to find it harder, for example because of its age or health. On Miwuki only shelters use it.

Among the dogs listed by shelters from 2017 to 2025, **83.1%** of puppies had an adoption recorded within 180 days of listing, compared with **47.9%** of adults (35.2 percentage points lower) and **45.3%** of seniors. Among cats, **71.8%** of kittens compared with **40.0%** of adults.

With the “hard to place” flag, **37.1%** of dogs were adopted within 180 days, compared with **66.9%** of the others (29.8 percentage points lower). Of those listed from June 2023 to 2025, **10.0%** of flagged dogs received at least one request in their first month, compared with **31.2%** of the rest.

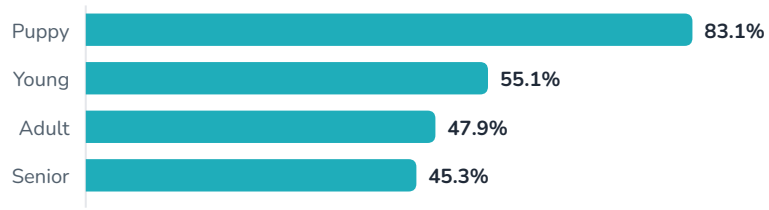
With the PPP flag, **45.4%** of dogs were adopted within 180 days, compared with **65.9%** of the rest; with leishmaniasis, **27.9%**.

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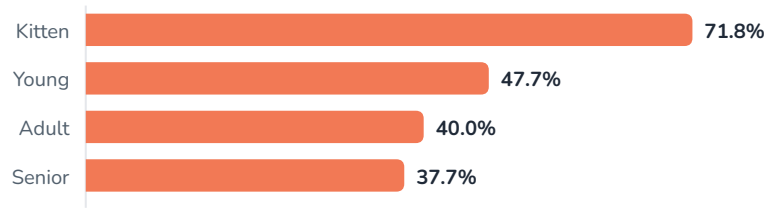
Adopted within 180 days by age (shelters, from 2017 to 2025)

Cases listed by shelters from 2017 to 2025 with an adoption recorded within the following 180 days.

Adopted within 180 days by age (shelters, from 2017 to 2025) · Dogs



Adopted within 180 days by age (shelters, from 2017 to 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

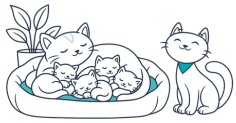
07

Through the year and what to do

The calendar, what you can do and the rest of the report.



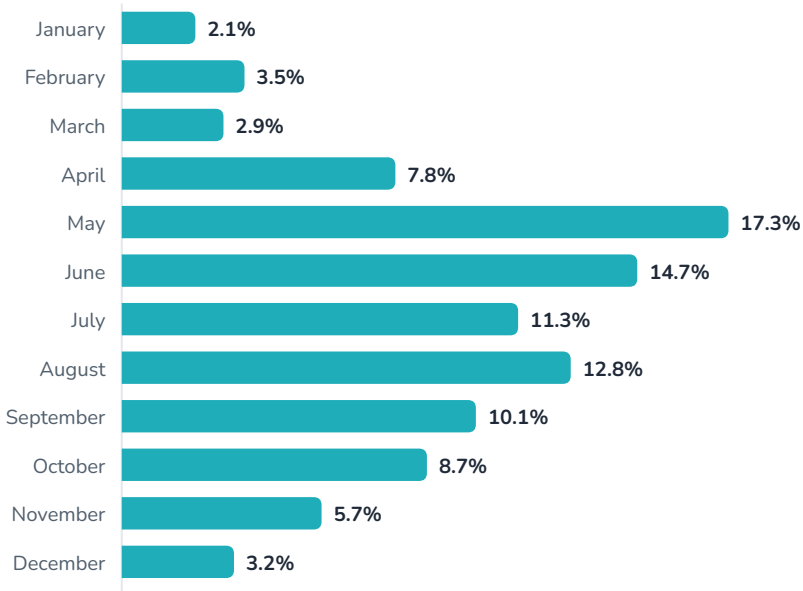
Throughout the year



Litters listed by private individuals concentrate in spring and summer: from 2019 to 2025, **17.3%** of cat litters were listed in May, compared with **2.1%** in January. Adding up every Christmas since 2017 (from 15 December to 6 January), cases were listed at a rate 10.9% fewer per day than in the previous three weeks, and adoptions were recorded at a rate 2.7% fewer per day than in the previous three weeks and 16.6% fewer per day than in the following three weeks.

Cat litters listed by private individuals, by month

Percentage of cat litters listed in each month; complete years from 2019 to 2025, pooled.



Indicator IND-30: Litters listed by private individuals, by month · Source: Miwuki Report on Pet Adoption in Spain · data version 2026.10.22-r1 · data cut-off 22 October 2026

What can you do?

Look beyond puppies and kittens

84.4% of senior dogs got no requests within 90 days

65.8%
of all dogs got no requests within 90 days

7.9%
of shelter cases were flagged “hard to place”



Requests since June 2023. Organisations also receive interest through other channels.

If you are thinking of adopting

- Think about your everyday life: time, space, budget and plans. Adopting is a commitment for the animal's whole life.
- Talk to whoever listed the animal: tell them how you live and ask about its character, its health and what it needs.
- Look beyond puppies and kittens. Adults and seniors are also looking for a family, and their character is already known.
- If you cannot adopt right now, fostering or sharing their profiles also helps.

If you list animals

- Complete the profile with clear photos, age, size, temperament and how the animal gets on with others. It is good practice, although this report does not measure its effect.
- Record adoptions and returns on Miwuki. That way this report better reflects what happens.

If you are a journalist or researcher

- Always cite the period, the metric and the cut-off date. You will find the citation format, the methodology and the PDF reports on this website.

Explore the report

- **Private owners.** Which animals families put up for adoption and why, separately from shelters.
- **Shelters.** Which animals shelters and other organisations list, where they come from and how many find a home.
- **Housing and pets.** What private individuals say about their home: homes that do not allow pets and moving house.
- **Reports by year.** The 2026 edition, with 2025 data and a data cut-off of 22 October 2026, and the reports for 2017 to 2024, produced in 2026 with the same cut-off. Each one explains which data existed that year and what changed on the platform, such as the arrival of private individuals in December 2018 or the new platform of June 2023.

08

About these data

What they do not allow us to conclude, how they are measured and what has changed on the platform.



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.

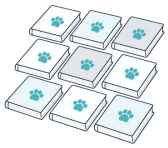
How do we measure it?

We use the platform's records, aggregated and without personal data. We publish all figures; percentages based on fewer than thirty cases carry a “small base” warning because they are unreliable. Every indicator has a public definition, and every version of the data is kept so that it can be cited.

The report counts cases from Miwuki's public launch on 12 February 2017. The platform's general figures (105,187 cases in Spain with the same cut-off) also include those from the earlier testing period, from November 2016, and the Miwuki website gives the adoptions of every country (66,143), not only those in Spain.

On this page, each figure covers the whole period in which the data exist, from the launch or from when the platform started recording them, and says so. Adoption and request rates bring together the cases of complete years. The year-by-year trend is in the charts and in each year's report.

What has changed on the platform?



Some figures change because the way data is recorded changes, not because what happens changes. We mark those moments on the charts so that nothing is compared that cannot be compared.

What it is and what it is not

The report describes the adoption activity recorded on Miwuki in Spain: the animals listed, the interest they receive, and the adoptions and returns that are recorded.

It is **not** a statistic of every animal abandoned or adopted in Spain. It does not include organisations or families that do not use Miwuki. Nor can it be used to calculate national shares or to rank provinces or organisations as “better” or “worse”.

Where the data come from

From the Miwuki platform database, extracted on 22 October 2026 (cut-off date). Contact details and credentials are removed before the analysis. Only aggregated results are published, never individual records.

What we count

- **Case listed:** the profile of an animal listed for adoption, with country Spain. It may be listed by a shelter or another organisation (association, rescuer, feral cat colony, public administration) or by a private individual.
- **Recorded adoption:** the adoption recorded by the publisher, with its adoption date. A case may have more than one if the animal is adopted more than once. If the same adoption is recorded several times on the same day, it counts once (unless different adopters are recorded).
- **Adoption request:** a person's request to adopt a specific animal. Several messages from the same person about the same animal on the same day count as one request; one person may ask for several animals.
- **Person sending requests:** each distinct person who sends at least one request in the period. These cannot be added up across periods.
- **Recorded return:** the record that an adopted animal has gone back to whoever listed it, with its date. Repeats on the same day count once.

The full definitions of each indicator (formula, unit, period and limitations) are in the indicator dictionary at the end of this page.

Other data we analyse

- **Reasons given by private individuals.** When listing, the private individual chooses a reason from a list (since December 2018) and, since June 2023, explains it in their own words. Texts are classified into topics with a word dictionary, on our own systems; one reason may cover several topics. To check it, we reviewed several hundred randomly chosen reasons one by one and blind, with names and contact details hidden. In the last control sample, which was not used to tune the dictionary, more than nine in ten detected topics were correct and about four in five of the topics present were detected; some, such as lack of space or litters, are detected less well. Texts are never published.
- **Age in years.** Calculated from the date of birth in the profile, which is often estimated.
- **Breed and PPP dogs.** Breed has been mandatory since June 2023. We group breeds into mixed breeds, PPP breeds, hunting breeds (greyhounds, podencos, scent hounds and pointing dogs) and others. The potentially dangerous dog flag is set by the publisher.
- **Health, temperament and identification.** The profile records flags such as microchip, sterilisation, vaccination, deworming, leishmaniasis, feline immunodeficiency or leukaemia, medical treatment, shyness or independence, and whether the animal gets on with children or cats. Miwuki has confirmed the meaning of each flag, which we also checked against the animal's description. We only use flags with a clear relationship.
- **Who sends requests.** Age and province from the profile of the people who send requests. It does not describe adopters.

- **“Perfect pet”.** A voluntary form, available since June 2019, in which people who want to adopt describe what they are looking for. Only those who fill it in answer. We publish its questions with fixed options: home, hours the animal would be alone, budget, children and other animals at home, moving house, work, lifestyle, walks, first dog or cat and preferred size.
- **Days to adoption.** Median days between listing and the first recorded adoption, among shelter cases adopted within 180 days.
- **Cases without requests.** Cases that received no request through Miwuki in their first 90 days. Organisations also receive interest through other channels.
- **Calendar.** Summer means July and August, and Christmas the period from 15 December to 6 January, which we compare with the three weeks before and after. We always compare daily averages.

Dates and periods

- Cases are counted by the date they were created on the platform; adoptions by their adoption date; requests by the date they were sent; returns by their return date.
- **Period:** case series start on 12 February 2017, the day Miwuki officially opened to the public. Cases listed earlier, during the test phase that began in November 2016, are not included. Adoptions are counted by their date, and all of them come after the launch. The last year ends on the cut-off date and is not compared with complete years; neither is 2017, which starts in February.
- **Status at the cut-off date:** when we say a case “appears as adopted”, we mean its status on the cut-off date. More recent cases have had less time and are not compared with older ones.
- **Requests:** dated data are only available from 14 June 2023.
- **One report per year.** In addition to the 2025 edition, there is a report for every year since 2017, produced in 2026 with the same data cut-off. Each one only includes the data that the platform recorded that year and explains what changed.

Changes in how data are recorded

The platform has changed over the years, and some changes affect the figures. In December 2018 private individuals arrived and the profile was extended with temperament, compatibility, vaccination and deworming; in June 2023, the new platform added the reason written by private individuals, mandatory breed, the health record book and dated requests. We list them on the timeline and mark them on the charts. For example, since June 2023 the size of dogs has been derived from their breed or from the mixed-breed category by weight. That is why we do not compare size before and after that date, and we do not analyse it for cats.

Data quality

Before each version we check, table by table and month by month, that records have a valid date before the cut-off, that there are no duplicates, that codes (species, age, province, status) are in their catalogues, that each adoption, return or request belongs to an existing case, that the publisher of each case can be identified and that there are no days with abnormal data loads. This review is internal and is not published record by record.

What we have found and how we handle it:

- **Records repeated on the same day.** Sometimes the same adoption or the same request is recorded several times within a few seconds, because the form was submitted more than once. They count once.
- **Data that used to be recorded poorly.** Returns have been recorded regularly since June 2023, and requests have reliable dates from 14 June 2023. Each series starts when its data are reliable.
- **Fields that depend on the publisher.** Age is a stated estimate and is sometimes unknown; the hard-to-place flag is voluntary; private individuals record few adoptions, so time to adoption is measured only for shelters.
- **Fields under review.** Origin is filled in for every case and may be a default value: we will not publish it until this has been checked.

If a review finds an error that affects figures already published, it is corrected in a new version with its note.

Data protection

- We do not publish names, contact details, addresses, identity documents, dates of birth, microchips or any identifier of people, animals or organisations.
- We publish all aggregated figures, including those for small groups. They are counts of cases or people, with no data that could identify anyone.

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What we do not analyse (for now)

- Whether an adoption took place through Miwuki or outside the platform: the study does not make that distinction.
- The origin of shelter animals before 2019: almost all cases have the same one, so the series starts that year.
- Adoption of the animals listed by private owners: most of them do not record it on Miwuki, so adoption rates and days to adoption are only given for shelters.
- Illnesses of a cat already living with the person who wants to adopt (“Perfect pet” form): the question has no fixed options.
- How long an animal spends at the shelter before being listed: there is no reliable intake date.

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Indicator dictionary

Definitions only. The limitations of each indicator are in the methodology: **miwuki.com/en/adoption-report/methodology/**

IND-01 · **Listed cases**. Cases with country Spain created on the platform during the period.

IND-02 · **Listed cases by species**. Cases of each species / cases listed in the period.

IND-03 · **Listed cases by type of publisher**. Cases listed by shelters or by private individuals / cases listed.

IND-04 · **Status of each cohort at the cut-off date**. Cases created in a given period by their status on the data cut-off date.

IND-05 · **Recorded adoptions**. Recorded adoptions (regardless of the adoption channel) with an adoption date in the period. Repeated records of the same case on the same day count once, unless different adopters are recorded.

IND-06 · **Cases adopted in the period**. Distinct cases with at least one recorded adoption in the period.

IND-08 · **Adoption requests**. Adoption requests sent to cases in Spain, excluding the migration load of 8 June 2023. Messages from the same person about the same animal on the same day count as one request.

IND-09 · **People sending requests**. Distinct users who sent at least one adoption request in the period.

IND-12 · **Age group when listed**. Cases listed, by the age group stated when the case was created.

IND-13 · **Size of dogs**. Size of the dogs published: as stated until May 2023 and derived from the breed since June 2023.

IND-14 · **Origin of shelter animals**. Cases listed by shelters and other organisations, by the origin they state when listing.

IND-15 · **Hard-to-place cases**. Cases flagged by their publisher as hard to place / cases listed.

IND-16 · **Cases listed by province**. Cases with country Spain created in the period, by the province of the case (platform catalogue). Also by type of publisher.

IND-19 · **Recorded returns**. Recorded returns of adopted animals, by return date in the period (repeats of the same case on the same day count once).

IND-20 · **Reasons for return**. Returns by stated reason (including “no reason given”).

IND-21 · **Adoption within the first days after listing**. Cases listed by shelters in the year with an adoption recorded within thirty, ninety or one hundred and eighty days of listing / cases in the cohort. In the overview, the 2017 to 2025 cohorts pooled.

IND-22 · **Interest in the first month**. Cases listed in the year that received at least one adoption request within their first thirty days / cases in the cohort. In the overview, the cohorts from June 2023 to 2025 pooled.

IND-23 · **Reasons written by private individuals**. Topics in the reason that the private individual writes when listing (a reason may cover several topics), over the written reasons of the period. “Housing” groups those that mention a home where pets are not allowed or moving house (each reason counts once). Also by species and, for dogs, the housing topics by size.

IND-24 · **Age in years when listed**. Age in years, from the date of birth in the profile to the listing date. By species and by type of publisher.

IND-25 · **Dogs flagged as PPP**. Dogs listed with the potentially dangerous dog (PPP) flag, over listed dogs. Also by type of publisher.

IND-26 · **Breeds listed**. Breed in the profile (platform catalogue) and breed groups: mixed breeds, PPP breeds, hunting breeds and other breeds. By species and, with its own list of breeds, by type of publisher.

IND-27 · **Age of people sending requests**. Distinct people with at least one request in the period, by age at their last request.

IND-28 · **Requests to animals in another province**. Requests by the province of the person and of the animal: same, other or no data.

IND-29 · **Identification and preventive care when listed**. Cases listed with a microchip, sterilisation, vaccination, deworming or health record according to the profile, by species and type of publisher.

IND-30 · **Litters listed by private individuals, by month**. Cases from private individuals with the reason "litters", by the month of the year in which they are listed (complete years from 2019 to 2025, pooled).

IND-31 · **Health stated in the profile**. Cases flagged with leishmaniasis (dogs), feline immunodeficiency or leukaemia (cats), allergies or medical treatment, by species and by type of publisher.

IND-32 · **Temperament and compatibility in the profile**. Cases with each trait flagged in the profile: shy, independent, escape artist, playful, affectionate, good with children and good with cats, by species and by type of publisher.

IND-33 · **What people who want to adopt are looking for**. Answers to the "Perfect pet" form by people in Spain: home (large or small, with or without a balcony, patio or terrace), preferred size, first dog or cat, hours the animal would be alone, young children and other animals at home, moving house, job changes, lifestyle, walks and budget. Some crossings: preferred size depending on the home and on whether there are young children at home, and hours alone depending on whether it would be the first dog or cat.

IND-34 · **Days to adoption**. Median days from listing to the first recorded adoption, among shelter cases adopted within 180 days. In the overview, the 2017 to 2025 cohorts pooled.

IND-35 · **Cases without requests in their first quarter**. Cases that received no adoption request in the 90 days after listing, over the cases in the cohort. By species, profile and type of publisher. In the overview, the cohorts from June 2023 to 2025 pooled.

IND-36 · **Joint adoption**. Cases that must be adopted together with another animal, over listed cases.

IND-37 · **Christmas**. Daily average of listings, adoptions and requests from 15 December to 6 January, and in the windows of the same length before and after. Also all Christmas seasons pooled, those with their three windows complete.

IND-38 · **Reason chosen by private individuals**. Reason that the private individual chooses from the platform list when listing. Also by species and, for dogs, the two housing reasons by size.

IND-39 · **Sex of people sending requests**. Distinct people with at least one request in the period, by the sex stated in their profile: woman, man, other, indifferent or unknown (includes profiles with no data).

IND-40 · **Sex of listed animals**. Dogs and cats listed by the sex in their profile: male, female or no data. By species and by type of publisher.

Changes on the platform

- **November 2016** · Test phase: From November 2016, a few shelters tested the platform before it opened to the public. Cases from this phase are not included in the series.
- **February 2017** · Official public launch: In February 2017 Miwuki officially opened to the public and thousands of people signed up within a few days. Case series start on launch day, 12 February, so 2017 is not a complete year and is not compared with 2018. Adoptions have been recorded since March 2017.
- **December 2018** · Private individuals arrive and a fuller profile: Since December 2018, families who cannot keep their animal have also been listing cases. Before that only shelters and other organisations listed animals, so totals before and after do not have the same make-up. Since that same month, the profile also records the animal's temperament and compatibility, vaccination, deworming, allergies, whether it must be adopted together with another animal and, for private individuals, the reason chosen from a list.
- **June 2019** · The "Perfect pet" form begins: In June 2019 the form in which people who want to adopt describe what they are looking for begins: size, whether it is their first animal, how many hours it would be alone and other circumstances at home.
- **March 2020** · COVID-19: state of alarm: The state of alarm began on 14 March 2020. The way data are recorded did not change, but the context did: the reports compare those months with the previous year without attributing differences to the pandemic alone.
- **June 2023** · Platform update: In June 2023 the way several data items are recorded changes. Earlier requests were loaded without their original date, so the request series starts on 14 June 2023. Dog size is now derived from the breed, which is mandatory; returns start being recorded regularly; the profile adds the health record book; and private individuals explain in writing why they are looking for a new home for their animal.



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