



Latest Canadian Pet Population Figures Released

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From 2014 to 2016, cat and dog populations in Canada have risen. Cats continued to outnumber dogs with 8.8 million cats considered household pets in 2016, up from an estimated 7.0 million in 2014. Dog population figures for 2016 also increased to 7.6 million in 2016, up from 6.4 million in 2014.

These figures are the result of a nation-wide survey conducted by Kynetec of over 2,006 pet-owning households and are consistent with historical tracking done by Kynetec (formerly Ipsos) on behalf of the Canadian Animal Health Institute (CAHI) since 2007.

Research lead, Colin Siren, Director, Kynetec Canada indicates that “This research is unprecedented in Canada as it relates to pet population tracking. After a period of stabilization we are once again seeing growth in Canadian the pet population. While the increase since 2014 appears quite significant, it is in line with the overall upward trend established since 2004.”

“It is encouraging to see the number of pet cats and dogs increasing in Canada over time and I think that reflects the special relationship we have with them. Over the last ten years cat and dog has increased by about 10%. Overall approximately 41% of Canadian households include at least one dog, and similarly around 37% include at least one cat.” indicated Colleen McElwain, CAHI Programs Director.

Pet ownership has proven benefits to both our health and social well-being. Similarly, working animals improve the lives of those with disabilities. Healthy pets mean healthy Canadians.

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