

Pet-Inclusive Housing Research Volunteer

What is PIHI

Dr. Gary Michelson started [Found Animals](#) in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Found Animals established the first free microchip registry to help lost pets find their way home. With a commitment to continue keeping people and pets together, he turned to the next scalable solution: increasing the availability of truly pet-inclusive rental housing.

Teaming up with the [Human Animal Bond Research Institute](#) (HABRI), the Michelson Found Animals Foundation commissions research to better understand pet-related housing issues and find the right solutions to help keep people and pets together.

From this research, the [Pet-Inclusive Housing Initiative](#) develops resources, partnerships, and actionable tools to increase the availability of truly pet-inclusive rental housing. We are working hard to increase pet-inclusive rental housing because everyone should have access to the joy of pets. After all, pets help communities grow stronger.

Purpose of Position

Volunteer will assist the PIHI team with key research and outreach efforts, including:

- Data entry.
- Evaluating the pet-inclusivity rating of rental housing properties.
- Interviewing rental housing operators on their current pet policies.
- Other research and outreach as assigned.

Where

From the comfort of your home!

Core Competencies

If you can say, "I agree." to all the following statements, this volunteer position may be right for you.

- I am comfortable with G-Suite and Google search savvy. I don't mind picking up the phone to call someone if I can't find the information I need online.
- I should be able to complete 1-3 volunteer hours/week and meet mutually agreed deadlines.
- I enjoy interacting with others and am comfortable speaking with rental housing operators and property managers over the phone.
- I have an interest in increasing affordable, accessible pet-inclusive housing.

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Main Duties and Responsibilities

- Research and outreach, both online and via phone, to rental housing operators to gather data on their pet policies. Organize the information on a Google Sheet or Google Document.
- Receive that information and plug it into an internal scorecard or spreadsheet to determine the property's pet-inclusivity score.
- Organize and complete missing information in the contact database.
- Summarize findings to the PIHI team.
- Other administrative duties and research as assigned.

Required Training/Qualifications:

- Excellent communication skills.
- Research proficiency.
- Proficiency with online search engines, Google and G Suite.
- Signing non-disclosure agreement.

Schedule

Flexible, adhering to deadlines.

Time commitment

Flexible, but usually 1-3 hours per week.

Location

Remote