Best Friends Animal Society

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Online Pet Sales Volunteer Project

Project Overview: This is an ongoing project to help curb prohibited pet sales on Craigslist.

Craigslist doesn't allow pet sales on their site, but they do allow for the "rehoming" of a pet for a "small adoption fee" which is supposed to apply to an individual looking to place a pet truly in need of a home, and to offset costs associated with vaccinations, spay & neuter, etc. But because this well-intentioned policy is fairly vague, backyard breeders and puppy mills are using this loophole to sell pets that they have bred purposely for hundreds — even thousands — of dollars. We are all committed to increasing lifesaving in our nation, and the rampant, unregulated breeding and selling of animals on Craigslist is not only displacing a lot of shelter adoptions and creating a hurdle to ending the killing of dogs and cats in our nation's shelters, there are also serious consumer protection and animal cruelty concerns.

Fortunately, Craigslist allows the public to monitor their site by flagging postings that are in violation of this policy, but it can take several people flagging each posting to get a posting removed, and that's where volunteers come in.

Position Function:
Flag prohibited Craigslist pet sales postings, as explained in the project training video.

Time Commitment and Location of Work:

- Remote, this is a virtual volunteer opportunity
- Time commitment is flexible
- Project completion date: Ongoing

Core Responsibilities:

- Watch a short training video: https://youtu.be/SM44Mo-GHQ8
- Flag prohibited Craigslist postings (no need to log in or have a Craigslist account)
- Track and input volunteer hours into Best Friends volunteer database.
- Track and email the number of postings flagged (and for which city and/or state) on the first of every month to OnlineSalesProj@BestFriends.org

Qualifications/Requirements:

- Access to a computer, smartphone or tablet with internet access.

Please note: we cannot provide community service hours for this volunteer opportunity.

Please email nationalvolunteers@bestfriends.org to sign up to volunteer.