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2022

Design/Build Competition Guidelines

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SUMMARY

Bark + Build is a design/build competition of original, one-of-a-kind pet homes created by professional teams consisting of licensed architects and contractors. The built designs will be on display at NorthPark Center from **November 17th – December 4th**. All the homes will be available for silent auction through online bidding with all proceeds going to SPCA of Texas. To learn more about SPCA of Texas and their work, please visit www.sPCA.org.





TEAMS

Twenty-five (25) professional team slots are available for the 2022 AIA | TEXO Bark + Build Design/Build Competition and are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. Professional teams must consist of one (1) licensed architect or architectural design firm and one (1) licensed contractor or contractor firm. Teams shall register online at www.dallasbarknbuild.org/competition.

REGISTRATION COST

Professional team registration fee is \$500.

2022 IMPORTANT DATES

May 19	Online Team Registration Opens & Kick Off Party at SPCA of Texas (6 – 8pm)
June 9	Online Team Registration Closes (6pm)
June 16	Kick-off and Team Captain's Meeting (5:30pm – 7pm) – REQUIRED PARTICIPATION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5:30 – 6:00 arrival, 6:00 – 7:00 meeting• TEXO Conference Center - 11101 N Stemmons Fwy, Dallas, TX 75229
July 29	Preliminary Design Submittal Due To AIA Dallas (5pm) – REQUIRED DEADLINE 
Aug 15 – 19	Preliminary Design Review Response Due Back To Teams & Construction Start
TBD	Team Captain's Meeting/Team Happy Hour (TBD)
Nov 3	Final Design Packet Due To AIA Dallas (5pm) – REQUIRED DEADLINE 
Nov 15	Money Shot photo due to AIA Dallas (5pm) – REQUIRED DEADLINE 
Nov 17	Built Entries Installed @ NorthPark (Schedule TBD) – REQUIRED DEADLINE 
Dec 4	Housewarming Party & Design/Build Awards @ TBD

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

We encourage teams to create original, fun, interesting and one-of-a-kind designs that will be enjoyed by dogs, cats, and people alike! Below are the minimum guidelines that must be met by all competition entries. Any homes that do not meeting the below criteria, teams will be asked to re-design, re-build their home or the home may be removed from the competition and/or display at NorthPark.

- All pet homes must provide a safe and comfortable shelter for animals.
- All homes must be designed to accommodate removable bedding.
- All homes designed for outdoor categories (Big Dog) or use must be built with exterior-grade materials and provide a sheltered entry and means to keep floor of home dry from natural elements, such as floor being raised slightly off of the ground.
- All doors and/or operable openings must be fixed in the open or closed position with mechanical fasteners. If open, opening must be covered by plexiglass.
- All openings 4" or larger must be covered by a minimum of 1/4" thick plexiglass and securely attached with mechanical fasteners. Teams should incorporate the plexiglass into the overall design and avoid creating an independent enclosure around the home if possible.
- Any homes delivered to NorthPark for display without plexiglass installed at time of arrival, will not be allowed to be set on the NorthPark floor. This condition is a requirement of NorthPark for display and must be strictly observed.
- Should homes or plexiglass be damaged while on display, SPCA of Texas will contact the team captains. It is the responsibility of the team captains to ensure the home is repaired within 24 hours of notification. Failure to repair or replace damaged components can result in the home being removed from display.
- Teams must unload houses from their vehicles unassisted by NorthPark.
- To move houses inside, teams are permitted to use furniture movers with rubber wheels only. Pallet jacks and assistance from NorthPark will not be permitted.
- All staging of houses (real plants, fake plants, accessories, etc.) must be complete before the home is moved inside NorthPark.
- The Team Captain's meeting in June is mandatory attendance. The team captains for both the architect and the contractor teams should be present at the meeting. If Team Captains are unable to attend, someone else from their company can attend as a representative in their stead.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

At the time of registration, each team will select their preferred design category. Entries are first-come, first-serve and the category will be closed once the maximum number of entries has been received. Please have a backup design category selected before submitting your online team registration.

Big Dog (Large) – Five (5) Entries Available (Outdoor)

Designs should feature king-sized concepts with large dogs in mind

Size: 5' wide x 5' high x 5' long (max)

Weight: 450lb (max)

Furr-niture (Medium) – Five (5) Entries Available (Indoor)

Designs should combine furniture-like aesthetic with the functionality of a doghouse, cat condo, or cat/doghouse combination

Size: 3' wide x 4' high x 4' long (max)

Weight: 350lb (max)

Playful Pals (Medium) - Five (5) Entries Available (Indoor or Outdoor)

Designs should embrace and feature structures where play is the primary focus for your favorite feline or Fido

Size: 3' wide x 4' high x 4' long (max)

Weight: 350lb (max)

Teacup Pup (Small) - Five (5) Entries Available (Indoor or Outdoor)

Designs should feature big-dog creativity in a pint-sized package

Size: 3' wide x 3' high x 3' long (max)

Weight: 200lb (max)

Cat Condo (Small) - Five (5) Entries Available (Indoor)

Designs should embrace the active, agile, and curious nature of cats

Size: 2' wide x 5' high x 2' long (max)

Weight: 200lb (max)

Size

Homes will be limited to the maximum size indicated in your design/build category. Any size within the max size range will be deemed acceptable, pending design review approval. Please note that each doghouse should be designed to fit through a standard 3'-0" door, if possible, except for those in the 'Big Dog' category.

Weight

Homes cannot exceed the maximum weight limit indicated in your design/build category. Please take into consideration that your team is responsible for transportation and placing of your home on a 42" riser. Please also consider the feasibility of transportation and relocation by the eventual owner, as well as NorthPark and SPCA of Texas' maintenance team.

Cost

To ensure fair and equal competition, home material costs should not exceed \$2,500. The cost limit is set in order to reduce significant cost gaps, establish fair and equal pricing for public silent bidding and help ensure an equal playing field for all Bark + Build competitors.

PRELIMINARY DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

DEADLINE:

All teams must upload a completed preliminary design form to their team folder within the **Bark + Build Google Drive** no later than **July 29th at 5pm**, for review. You must use the provided form - no exceptions. Any teams that submit preliminary designs, other than on the AIA | TEXO approved form, will be returned and may be eliminated from the design/build competition. The preliminary design package must include:

- **Preliminary Design Form (Provided)**
- **Company Logos of For Architect/Constructor Team Members in JPEG Format**
- **List of Team Contacts (Name, Phone & Email)**
- **Best location on structure for signage (8.5x11) identified**
- **Indication of where plexiglass will be used**

AIA Dallas, TEXO, SPCA of Texas, and NorthPark Center reserve the right to decline any design with just cause or reason. Teams will be notified the week of August 15th to 19th of preliminary design review approval.

CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

All homes shall be functional and durable for indoor or outdoor use, using materials to withstand the elements, transportation and reasonable wear and tear. All structures must be complete without exposed nails or other materials that may be harmful to animals. All homes in the Furr-Niture and Cat Condo categories should be designed for indoor use only and should be furniture-like in aesthetic.

These structures will be on public display at NorthPark Center. As such, the homes are likely to be touched by thousands of visitors. Please make sure all design elements are firmly attached, avoid sharp edges or corners and use of unfinished materials.

All openings 4" or larger must be covered with mechanically fastened 1/4" (or thicker) plexiglass to prevent access by patrons while on display at NorthPark Center. No teams may attach plexiglass to homes on the NorthPark floor. Homes must arrive to NorthPark with plexiglass intact, prior to admittance to NorthPark for display.

If construction requirements are not met at time of delivery, the homes will not be accepted for display and could result in elimination from the design/build competition.

FINAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

DEADLINE: All teams must submit a final design package no later than **November 3rd at 5pm**. The Final Design Package MUST include:

- **Final Design Form (Provided)**
- **Photos Of Built Design (Delayed Submission - Photos will be due on **November 15th at 5pm**)**
 - One, signature photo that best shows the design and construction detailing of your **completed** home. This photo will be displayed as the official photo for your home on the SPCA silent auction website, the Bark + Build website and all social media and marketing promotional posts in perpetuity. No late photos will be accepted.
 - No rendered images of homes will be accepted in lieu of actual, completed home photo.
 - All photos must be 1500 pixels by 2100 pixels at 300 dpi.
- **Company Logos In JPEG Format**

DELIVERY SCHEDULE

Teams will deliver and install on **Thursday, November 17th**. A delivery schedule will be sent out to team captions no later than 2 weeks prior to install date. The delivery entrance is between Drybar and Victoria's Secret on the east side of NorthPark Center. **Teams will need to check-in with a Bark + Build Committee member outside of the entrance before moving houses inside. Teams will be responsible for unloading homes from vehicles without assistance from NorthPark.**

DEADLINE AND DELIVERY PENALTIES

Teams that do not meet the required deadlines set forth in the competition guidelines or fail to deliver a completed home on the date of delivery, could incur the following penalties:

- **Missed or Late Final Design Submission Deadline:** Due – November 3rd
 - Ineligibility for Design/Build Awards
- **Missed or Late Completed Home Photo Deadline:** Due – November 15th
 - \$100 Penalty
- **Late or Incomplete Home Delivery to NorthPark:** Due – November 17th
 - \$250 Penalty
- **Withdrawal from Competition after Schematic Design Deadline:**
 - \$500 Penalty
 - Penalty provides for missed fundraising revenue for home/team withdrawals to SPCA of Texas.

HOME SIGNAGE

All homes shall be free of all company logos and/or signage. Teams may not add any logos for contributing partners nor any products inside the homes that display company names or logos.

Due to strict requirements by NorthPark Center, homes may only have NorthPark, SPCA of Texas and AIA | TEXO sanctioned signage. Sanctioned signage will be created and placed by SPCA of Texas and AIA | TEXO staff only. Teams may not create, display or add any signage in or on their homes.

Homes that do not meet these requirements will not be allowed for display at NorthPark Center and may be removed from eligibility for Design/Build awards.

BARK + BUILD AWARDS

All awards will be presented by AIA | TEXO at the Bark + Build Housewarming Party (TBD) except for the “Top Dog” (People’s Choice) Award, to be presented at the AIA or TEXO Holiday Party (TBD).

“TOP DOG” AWARD

This is the ‘People’s Choice’ award. The built entry that receives the most votes thus will be deemed as the “Top Dog”. This award is presented by SPCA of Texas and will not be awarded until after the homes have been removed from display at NorthPark Center.

“BEST IN SHOW” AWARD

The “Best in Show” award will be presented as the overall winner of the Bark + Build design/build competition and overall juror’s favorite. This entry will epitomize the best overall design and construction detailing in the pack.

“HOT DOG” AWARD

The “Hot Dog” award will be presented as the overall runner-up to the winner of the Bark + Build design/build competition and as second-place winner.

“GREEN PAW” AWARD

The “Green Paw” award will be presented at the juror’s discretion to the best overall entry that captures the spirit of sustainable design and construction with clearly recognizable and distinguishable features or materials for the conscientious pet owner!

DESIGN/BUILD CATEGORY AWARDS (5 TOTAL)

Design/Build awards will be presented to the team that best embraces the spirit of their respective category:

- Big Dog – Best Big Doghouse Design/Build
- Furr-Niture – Best Furniture Home Design/Build
- Playful Pals – Best Play Structure Design/Build
- Teacup Pup – Best Small Doghouse Design/Build
- Cat Condo – Best Cat Friendly Design/Build

HONORABLE MENTION

At jury’s discretion.

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