

TBD Dog House / Cat House Competition

WHAT'S HAPPENING

AIA Eastern Oklahoma and the Tulsa SPCA [Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals] present "Paw"sh Palaces, a competition inviting the best architects and contractors in the Tulsa area to design and build the perfect dog or cat house.

This is a wonderful opportunity for local architects and contractors to support a great cause, gain exposure in the community, and participate in a fun team building exercise.

Finished dog and cat houses will be displayed for the public at TBD location and raffled off with proceeds going to the Tulsa SPCA and helping, of course, Tulsa's homeless dogs and cats. Please visit www.tulsaspca.org to learn more about this organization and its good work.

TEAMS

Number of teams: Maximum is 8 teams.

Requirements: Teams must have at least one licensed architect or architecture firm and one licensed contractor or contracting company.

REGISTRATION COST

Registration fee is \$100 (\$50 from the architecture firm and \$50 from the construction company.)

Note: All costs associated with building materials and equipment for dog/cat houses are the responsibility of the team.

IMPORTANT DATES

June 13	Team registration opens
June 13	Informational Session at AIA office
July 13	Team Registration Closes
July 24	Team Captain's Meeting at AIA office
August 23	Preliminary design submittal due to AIA
August 28	Preliminary design review by TBD Location
August 29	Begin dog house/cat house construction
October 26	Final design packet due and Delivery instructions provided to teams
November 1	Entries installed at TBD Location
November 2	Jury panel review

November 16 SPCA Party and raffle, prize winners announced

COMPETITION DESIGN GUIDELINES

Be creative and have fun. Your final products will be enjoyed by dogs, cats, and people alike. Please remember that finished houses must be safe, comfortable, and practical.

For dogs: we recommend designed houses can accommodate straw, shavings, or other removable bedding; be raised slightly off the ground to keep the floor dry; and have a sheltered area for when “Fido” just wants to kick back and relax.

For cats: we recommend materials that allow cats to crawl, explore, and climb; cubby holes; and critter accommodations.

Your house will be viewed and touched by the public. Please pay special attention to exposed corners, sharp edges, and unfinished materials. .

PRELIMINARY DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

All teams will be required to provide a preliminary design package to lindsey@aiaarchitects.com, no later than August 23, for review.

The preliminary design package must convey the following information:

- Preliminary design form
- Schematic floor plan with front, side, and rear elevation to be provided on one 11X17 printable PDF
- Company logos of each participating design/build team member in jpg format

AIA Eastern Oklahoma, the Tulsa SPCA, and TBD Location reserve the right to decline any dog or cat house design based on design content. Teams will be notified by August 29 of design review approval.

FINAL DESIGN GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS

Size Max 4'-0" H (x) 4'-0" W (x) 4'-0" (dog houses)
Max 5'-0" H (x) 4'-0" W (x) 4'-0" (cat houses)

Dog houses and cat houses will be limited to a maximum size. Any size within the maximum size range will be deemed acceptable, pending design review approval.

Please note that each dog or cat house should be designed to fit through a standard 3' 0" door.

Weight There will be a weight limit of 250 lbs. Take into consideration that each team is responsible for the transportation and placing of their dog house or cat house. Each team is also encouraged to consider the feasibility of relocation by the eventual owner.

CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

All dog houses and cat houses should be constructed to 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 completed without exposed nails or other materials that will be harmful to animals.

The structures will be on public display at TBD Location. As such, the houses are likely to be touched by many visitors. Please make sure all design elements are firmly attached and avoid sharp edges or corners and the use of unfinished materials.

All built dog houses and cat houses shall be installed by their respective team.

FINAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All teams will be required to provide a final design package to lindsey@aiaarchitects.com, no later than October 26.

The final design package should include the following:

- Final design form
- Final rendering of dog house or cat house design – This will be provided to the jury and will be used to judge your dog house or cat house design
- Photos of doghouse or cathouse
 - Money Shot – Signature photo that best shows the design and built details of your completed dog house or cat house. This photo will be displayed on all social media posts and the SPCA website as the one representation of the finished, built dog house or cat house design.
 - Progress Photos – Photos of team during design/building process. Photos will be displayed in slideshow during events.
 - All photos must be 1500 pixels by 2100 pixels at 300dpi
 - Optional video of the build and design process

DELIVERY

Teams will deliver and install their dog house on date TBD during time TBD. More info to come.

AWARDS

All awards will be presented by AIA at the SPCA Party on November 16th.

TOP DOG AWARD

This is the People's Choice award. The dog house entry that receives the most raffle tickets will be deemed as the "Top Dog."

TOP CAT AWARD

This is the People's Choice award. The cat house entry that receives the most raffle tickets will be deemed as the "Top Cat."

"BEST IN SHOW" AWARD

The Best in Show award will be presented as the competition's overall winner and overall juror's favorite. This entry will epitomize the best overall design and construction detailing in the pack.

HONORABLE MENTION

Given at juror's discretion

PRELIMINARY DESIGN FORM

TEAM CONTACTS

DESIGN CAPTAIN NAME: _____

DESIGN FIRM: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

CONSTRUCTION CAPTAIN: _____

CONSTRUCTION FIRM: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

DESIGN

DOG/CAT HOUSE ENTRY NAME: _____

SIZE (HxWxL): _____

INTENDED MATERIALS: _____

DESIGN INTENT/STATEMENT:

COMPLETION CHECKLIST

____ COMPLETED PRELIMINARY DESIGN FORM (PLEASE ATTACH TO DESIGN SUBMISSION)

____ FLOOR PLAN & FRONT, SIDE & REAR ELEVATIONS ON (1) 11X17 PDF

____ EMAIL TO lindsey@aiaarchitects.com by August 23