



Gimme Shelter Barkitecture Tour & Charity Auction

A project
of the
American Institute of Architects
Birmingham Chapter
&
The Greater Birmingham Humane Society
to benefit
The Greater Birmingham Humane Society





participation

For years, architects, artists and builders have been using their creative talents to design and build functional doghouses for their four-legged friends. This phenomenon has been commonly referred to as “Barkitecture.”

This spring, The American Institute of Architects Birmingham Chapter (AIA) and The Greater Birmingham Humane Society (GBHS) are joining forces to bring “Gimme Shelter: Barkitecture Tour & Charity Auction” to the Greater Birmingham area. The project was conceived to give local architects and artists a chance to display their creative skills to a wide audience; and, to help raise funds for charity.

Approximately 15 Birmingham area architecture firms and renowned artists will be selected to participate in this unique project and competition. Doghouses will be designed and built by the architects/artists and then be placed on public display. Following the display period, the doghouses will be judged and then auctioned off at a big Charity Auction on July 25, 2008 at The B&A Warehouse.

Where and when will the doghouses be displayed?

Doghouses will be displayed at Brookwood Village. They will then be brought to the B&A Warehouse on July 25 for the Charity Auction where they will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. All funds raised will go to GBHS.

What does it cost to participate?

There is no entry fee to participate; we ask only that you cover the costs associated with designing and building your doghouse.

What are the benefits of participating in Gimme Shelter?

- Your house will be viewed and enjoyed by thousands of people both living in and visiting the Greater Birmingham area.
- Winners will have a feature in Birmingham Magazine and other great prizes to be announced.
- You will help raise much needed funds for The Greater Birmingham Humane Society supporting community outreach, education and the animals they serve.
- Each architecture firm/artist will be listed with contact information on a decorative plaque in front of the house they designed.
- Each doghouse and architect/artist will be featured in an insert in Black and White, Birmingham's city paper. Houses will be profiled with a color photograph of the house along with a statement explaining the architects'/artists' inspiration for their design.
- “Gimme Shelter” organizers will aggressively pursue all available public relations opportunities.
- Each participating firm/artist will receive six (6) tickets to the Charity Auction fundraising event, to be held July 25, 2008 at B&A Warehouse.
- Each firm/artist will be listed on the “Gimme Shelter” website.



program

Go nuts! You don't have to worry about permitting, building codes or zoning restrictions. Dog houses can be as wild and crazy; or, conservative and refined as you can imagine. Here are a few guidelines to help you on your way...

- Doghouses must be functional. Dogs can be pretty tough on their surroundings so we recommend that you use only materials that dogs cannot easily destroy, eat, mangle, etc. (i.e. a dog house made of dog bones would look great but it probably wouldn't last long. The same goes for a house made of foam core or modeling materials).
- Two categories to enter:
 - Large Pet-house:** These outdoor houses shall be no larger than 4'x5' by 4' high. And weigh no more than 400 lbs.
 - Small Pet-house:** These indoor/outdoor houses shall be no larger than 3'x4' by 4' high. And weigh no more than 300 lbs.
- You may use any available materials whether borrowed, donated, bought or recycled. Jobs under construction are a great place to find material but make sure you ask the contractor on site if he/she would like to donate material to your project. You may build the house yourself or team up with your favorite contractor for assistance.
- Houses will be judged on overall design, use of the LEED design process, and of course function.



dates to remember & contacts

Please sign up early because the Second Annual Barkitecture Tour is limited to 15 houses.

- **April 4, 2008:** Due date for your letter of intent to participate.
- **June 20, 2008:** Due date for your completed house design.
- **May 9, 2008:** Houses finished by this date will have the opportunity to have their design displayed at Do Dah Day.
- For more information: Danny Trotter at (205) 322-7482 or dtrotter@dadot.com
Rhea Williams at (205) 322-4386 or aiabirm@aiabham.org
Keri Lane Hontzas at (205) 595-3549 or keri-lane@earthlink.net

Just let us know when your house is completed and a "Gimme Shelter" volunteer will pick up the house, have it photographed and then take it to its display location.

How do I get started?

The first step to getting started is to fill out and mail us the attached "Intent to Participate" form. Be sure to include a point of contact person so that we may call you in regards to your participation in the project. Once we have confirmed your participation you are free to do what you do best, design and build the most amazing doghouse ever conceived!!



intent to participate

Gimme Shelter

Please return by April 4, 2008

The project is a cooperative effort by the AIA Birmingham Chapter and The Greater Birmingham Humane Society to benefit GBHS. Entrants selected on a first come first served basis.

In order to begin your participation, please fill out the below form and send to:

Rhea Williams
AIA Birmingham Chapter
107 South Richard Arrington Blvd.
Birmingham, AL 35233

As soon as we receive your form, we will contact you and instruct you on how to proceed. If you have any questions regarding your participation, please contact one of the following:

Rhea Williams at (205) 322-4386
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Date _____

Architecture firm/builder/artist's Name

Address

City

State/Zip

Phone

Fax

e-mail

Contact Name

Contact phone

Do you plan to finish your doghouse by the May 9th or June 20th deadline?

I agree to participate in "Gimme Shelter" I understand that after my doghouse is displayed, it will be auctioned with proceeds benefiting the Greater Birmingham Humane Society