

ARCHICAT FEATURES BARKITECTURE

FOR YEARS, ARCHITECTS, DESIGNERS AND BUILDERS HAVE BEEN USING THEIR CREATIVE TALENTS TO DESIGN AND BUILD FUNCTIONAL DOGHOUSES FOR THEIR FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS – COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS “BARKITECTURE.” OCTOBER 23 – 24, HOUSTON PAVILIONS AND PUP SQUAD, 002HOUSTON MAGAZINE AND SANDRA GUNN PROPERTIES ARE JOINING FORCES TO BRING BARKITECTURE TO HOUSTON! HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US AND SEE ALL THE ENTRIES! BELOW I CHAT WITH SOME OF THE DESIGNERS BEHIND THE ENTRIES. –SANDRA

HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE GONE TO A CHARITY EVENT, COME HOME WITH SILENT AUCTION ITEMS THAT YOU “WON” – AND THEN REGIFTED? LAST YEAR, I ATTENDED THE SANTA MARIA HOSTEL BENEFIT WITH MY GREAT FRIEND CJ DUGAS. AS WE LEFT, HE COMMENTED, “SANDRA, MOST PEOPLE LEAVE A BENEFIT WITH A HANGOVER; YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE THAT I KNOW THAT CAME HOME WITH A DOG!”



The night I met Ponce, Labradoodle April 2008

My dog kids are LuLu (a French Bulldog) and Ponce, my swag Labradoodle, and I, like most parents, give them all that I can. In return, I get wet kisses, snuggles when I am sick and always, unconditional love!



LINDSAY'S PORK CHOP



ROVER RESIDENCE (photo shows in progress)



LINDSAY BISHOP, GENSLER

The Gensler team: Lindsay Bishop, Bruna Colosio, Candice Maricle, Suzanne Gross, Maria Perez, Debora Walker, Ruth Ortiz, Rob Bradford

Project name: Lindsay's Pork Chop models

What motivated you to enter Barkitecture? I have been volunteering regularly with several local dog rescue groups. I currently help at the weekend pet adoptions at Highland Village, and Pup Squad is one of the two groups present there. I was thrilled when I heard of the opportunity to use my creativity to help Pup Squad and its animals.

Do you have a dog? I have a Jack Russell Terrier. He is 3-ish (not sure – he is a rescue).

Your dog's favorite toy? Pork Chop loves any stuffed animal that squeaks. He likes to tear them apart and rip out all of the stuffing. He also loves to play hide and seek with his bone. I hide the bone and he finds it every time!



CARRIE HALL, FKP ARCHITECTS, INC.

Project name: Rover Residence

Do you have a dog? Yes, Spaniel-mix, 9 years old.

What idea does your firm want to leave on the Dog Lover World and why? Every pet, whether it's a cat, dog, bird or other, needs and deserves a safe and loving home.

Best place in Houston to hang out with your dog children? Barnaby's on Shepherd.

Best kennel for boarding? Best Friends Pet Care.

If you were a dog, what breed would you be and where would you live? Spaniel or spaniel-mix. I would hopefully be part of a family that loved, trained and hunted with me regularly.



JENNIFER TAYLOR, ARCHITECTS WITHOUT BORDERS, HOUSTON CHAPTER

Project name: Superbowl House (photo not available)

Specialty: We are a nonprofit organization working toward providing assistance

through a quick response to reconstructive programs due to disasters.

What motivated you to enter Barkitecture? We are a nonprofit organization and we happen to be dog lovers. What better way to help out our friends?

What do you love most about it? The fact that we are working together for a common goal.

Do you have a dog? Maya is 3 months and Sandy is 9 years old!

Best place in Houston to hang out with your dog children? Miller Outdoor Theater.

What can the next mayor focus on to help make Houston more dog-friendly? I think we should have more programs, whether it is assistance programs or even training classes. This would increase the safety awareness some people have with certain breeds.

Favorite pet store? PetSmart! I love the doggie bars with the treats!

Best doggie day care? Dogs Day Out, Humble, Texas.



CORY WAGNER AND MAT WOLFF

Project name: Dumptruck – an open artists collaborative

What motivated you to enter Barkitecture? As we are not natives, we are very interested in Texan culture. Our work explores the idiom of art making in Texas. The way people live and the homes are built in Houston is interesting to us.

What do you love most about it? Playing with the materials and little details and having fun doing it. As artists we do a lot of conceptual work. It was exciting to get back to this straightforward method: make a plan and build something. It takes us back to the roots of our education.

Do you have a dog? Adopted wire-haired terrier mix nicknamed Dumptruck, which is what we named our artists collaborative.

What do you feed your dog? Wellness Whitefish and Salmon...it's stinky but I brush her teeth!

Your dog's favorite toy? Her Kong with peanut butter.

Best vet? Montrose Veterinary Clinic.

If you were a dog, what breed would you be and where would you live? Be a mutt and live in Austin.



CLAUDIA RANDALL, MARKETING MANAGER, PBK

Sean Pantin, Jennifer Resendez, Claudia Randall, Amy Williams, Kimberly Reyome, Jenny Beckman

Project name: 2009 Biscuit Lane

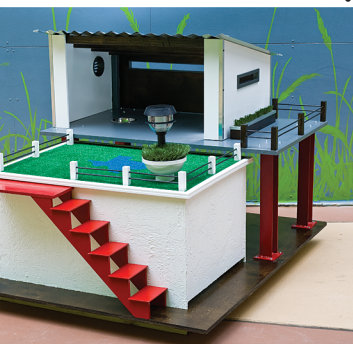
What motivated you to enter Barkitecture?

Best dog park? Danny Jackson Dog Park on Westpark!

Best doggie day care? HAPPY TAILS DOG SPA!!

Best vet? Dr. Jensen @ River Oaks Animal Hospital!

Assistance animals? This is a truly breath-taking thing to watch. My heart goes out to all organizations who train animals to assist people. Just wonderful!!!!!!



DUMPTRUCK



2009 BISCUIT LANE



MORRIS ARCHITECTS

Besides it being an outlet for us to be creative, Barkitecture is for a very good cause.

What do you love most about it? I love the fact that all proceeds go to Pup Squad. I sometimes volunteer at pet adoption events and the people at these rescue groups are so selfless and wonderful. The compassion they have for the well-being of all animals is truly amazing.

Do you have a dog? Yes. She's a 9-year-old black lab mix whom we rescued from the jaws of euthanasia over 5 years ago. I get rescue emails and saw this one in particular that tore my heart out. This dog had been found with tags, her owners contacted, but they never came to get her. As with all larger black dogs, the likelihood of her being adopted was slim to none and death through euthanasia was imminent. I didn't think twice – went and rescued her.

What idea does your firm want to leave on the Dog Lover World and why? My personal serious answer would be: Through collaboration, in a city as big as ours, we can reduce, if not eliminate, pet euthanasia as a primary answer to the problem of the over-population of abandoned pets. By means of proper pet education and low cost sterilization, our city can follow the footsteps of other US cities to become no-kill. The fun answer would be: Even our fur-babies deserve a fun and comfortable place to lay their head.

Does your dog sleep in your bed with you? Absolutely! I end up with one sliver of the edge while she sleeps stretched out, perpendicular to me, of course.



JACKI CRAIG, MORRIS ARCHITECTS

What motivated you to enter Barkitecture? Our firm enjoys participating in design competitions, and quite a few of us are avid dog lovers, so it seemed like a perfect fit!

Do you have a dog? I have a Yorkshire terrier who is four years old.

Can you take your dog to work? Technically, no. We work in a large corporate office building downtown, but I would be lying if I said she hasn't been smuggled in once or twice!

Favorite pet store? The Dog Bowl on Sunset Blvd.

What do you feed your dog? She's on a raw food diet. It's somewhat expensive, but her coat and eyes are dramatically clearer, and with the amount she eats (she only weighs 4 lbs.!) it is a viable option.

Do you have pet insurance? I don't, but I have been fortunate with my dog's health. Preventative care is the key!

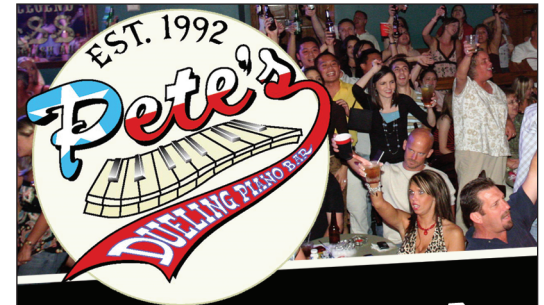
Your dog's favorite toy? My dog's favorite toy is anything she should not have. She gets into all kinds of trouble.

Best dog park? Millie Bush Bark Park.

Best vet? I take Roxy to the Sunset Blvd. Animal Clinic.

Best groomer? Gizzie's, off Shepherd.

If you were a dog, what breed would you be and where would you live? I think I might enjoy being a movie dog, like Lassie!



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