



YOUNG PUPS Category

Build Rules and Specifics

1. Design and precut building materials will be provided by Habitat, but all decorative elements must be provided by the build team. This includes (but is not limited to) paint/stain, pet toys, lights, signage, and other decorative accessories. Since all "Young Pups" teams are building the same design, we strongly recommend that you choose theming/decoration to help set your dog house apart from the others!



2. This year, all "Young Pups" teams will be building an indoor pet structure, featuring a fun pergola. It is a multi-functional structure, as it can be used as both a side table and as a dog (or cat!) den. To help you visualize what one looks like, the picture to the left is one that we have built and decorated. You will be given the plans for this design and a set of precut materials the day of the build.

3. All main structure building **MUST** be done on the September 17th build day, during the 5-hour build period. Teams MAY build ahead of time any separate accessories that will be added to the main structure (e.g. feeding station, fence, ramp).

← *This year's design, complete with pergola!*

4. The build event will be taking place at the Habitat for Humanity warehouse, which is located at **302 N Broadway**, in Urbana, on the other side of the train tracks from the old Save-a-Lot. We share a building with CU Adventures in Time and Space. All teams will start building at **9 am**, and building must be finished by **2 pm**. **Judging and award presentation will take place between 2 pm-3 pm.**

5. Teams will be assigned a large build space outside the Habitat warehouse and must build within that space only. Teams may walk around and observe the other build teams during the build, but please respect the other teams as they build, and do not interfere with their building process.

6. Team Size: We recommend a minimum of 3 people per team, to ensure that the structure can be built within 5 hours' time, and we ask that teams limit their teams to 8 members max if possible.

7. Children are welcome to participate as part of a build team, but there **MUST** be a parent or legal guardian on site to supervise. Children will also not be allowed to use certain power tools on site, for safety reasons. We will also be holding a special Birdhouse Build on site at the warehouse that kids can participate in during Raise the Woof!; please visit <https://cuhabitat.org/events/raise-the-woof-2022-bird-house-build/> for more info about our Birdhouse Build!

8. All teams must be at the warehouse and ready to start building at the 9 am start time. Teams can start arriving and setting up as early as 8 am. Upon arrival, teams will need to check in with the designated Raise the Woof! volunteers, and upon check in will be given a number that corresponds with their build space.
9. When a team has arrived and checked in, they may pull their vehicle close to their building space in order to unload tools, building materials, and other supplies. Once a team is done unloading, they will need to park their car in the old Save-a-Lot lot, just south of the warehouse, as there will be no parking available in the build area itself.
10. Habitat will have a limited amount of power tools available on site that all teams can use, including a circular saw and cordless drills. Since the tools available on site will be limited, we recommend that teams bring their own tools (if possible). If you are bringing power tools we advise that you bring extra battery packs or a power source since we have a limited number of outlets at the warehouse. We also highly recommend bringing a sander for a more finished look!
11. There is NO scheduled rain date for this event, so please be prepared in the case of rain. We recommend having a pop up tent on hand in the case of rain; a pop up tent might also come in handy if the weather ends up being sunny and hot, as all teams will be building on a paved parking lot. In the case of severe storms we do have an indoor space at our warehouse that can be utilized temporarily by the build teams.
12. Habitat will have snacks and water on hand for all the build teams, and food will available for purchase at the Broadway Food Hall, directly across the street. Teams are also allowed to bring food and drink to the build day if they so choose. There is a bathroom available for the build teams to use at the warehouse, and also across the street at the Broadway Food Hall.
13. If a team does not feel comfortable building at the warehouse, due to Covid-19 concerns, that team may build at a remote location of their choosing, but in order to be eligible for the "day-of" awards the finished build must be present at the warehouse for judging at 2 pm. We have discovered that it is difficult for judges to fairly evaluate the quality of the build when having to do it over Zoom. Please contact Lauren at lgramly@cuhabitat.org if your team would prefer to build remotely.
14. All completed builds will be taken over to the new Habitat ReStore location, located at 1914 Glenn Park Drive, following the event. The winning pet house(s) will also go on display for a period of time at the Marketplace Mall. The builds will be auctioned off via eBay or can be purchased at a set "Buy It Now" price via eBay and the ReStore's online store. The public will also be encouraged to vote for their favorite, and the winner will receive a trophy after the voting period has concluded.

If you have any additional questions about the build day process, PLEASE do not hesitate to reach out to Lauren at (217) 819-5115 or lgramly@cuhabitat.org

***HAVE FUN**
and good luck!*

