



Everyone deserves a decent place to live...including man's best friend!



# 2023 Build Team Information

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**Raise the Woof!** is a competitive pet house building event, benefiting Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County. Last year, 17 teams came together to build their best version of a pet house, and in the process raised over \$25,000 to fund the creation of affordable housing here in Champaign County. This year's event will take place from **9 am-3 pm on Saturday, September 9th.**

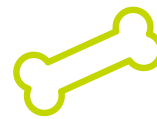
Teams will build on-site outside the Champaign County ReStore, 1914 Glenn Park Dr. in Champaign, and will have 5 hours to build and decorate their entry. There are two different categories that build teams can participate in: the "**Old Dogs**" for teams with some building and/or design experience, and "**Young Pups**" for those teams who have little to no experience....but lots of enthusiasm!

This year, in honor of our recent relocation of our ReStore, home construction program, and Habitat offices to our brand new home, our theme is "**Under One Woof**". Teams can build any sort of dog, cat, bird or small animal habitat, including cat trees, dog crates, traditional outdoor dog houses, indoor pet beds, guinea pig habitats, bird cages, hamster cages, rabbit hutches....the sky is the limit!

Once the build has been completed, all the pet houses will be evaluated by both a group of guest judges from the CU community and all the other competing build teams, after which trophies will be awarded in 4 different categories. The pet houses will then go on display at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore, where the public can vote for their favorites...and even place a bid to own the pet habitat of their dreams! All money raised from the team entry fee and pet habitat auction will fund Habitat home builds here in Champaign County.

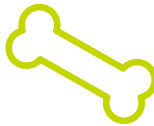
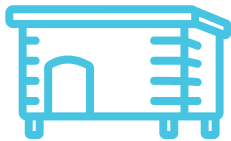


# Build Categories



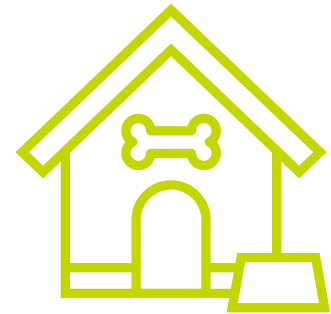
## "Old Dogs"

- For those with construction and/or design experience.
  - Design provided by team. Team will be given some supplemental building materials but is not required to use them.
  - Build an outdoor pet structure, for a DOG, CAT, BIRD, OR OTHER SMALL ANIMAL.  
(treated lumber base, 36" max width)
- OR
- Build an indoor pet structure, for a DOG, CAT, BIRD, OR OTHER SMALL ANIMAL.  
(any base, 28" max width)



## "Young Pups"

- For those with little or no construction and/or design experience.
- Build using the provided pre-cut standard pet house design and add your own decoration and accessories.
- Provided precut design is for an INDOOR pet house.



## Raise the Woof! 2023 Award Categories:

- **THE "ULTI-MUTT":** Judge's choice of the overall winner. Presented to the top team in both build categories.
- **HOT DOG:** All build teams choose their favorite from their competitors' pet structures. Presented to the top team in both build categories.
- **MOST "PUP-ULAR":** The "People's Choice" award, determined after a public vote. Presented to the top team in both build categories.
- **THE 50 "SCENT":** Awarded to the team that raises the most money via their Raise the Woof! 2022 team fundraising page on Just Giving.
- **CITIZEN CANINE:** Determined by Habitat staff and volunteers, and presented to the team that exhibits the best enthusiasm, creativity, advocacy, and teamwork!



# Raise the Woof!

A pet house building event benefiting Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County



Thank you for participating in our event! Please select which build category you would like to enter and fill out your contact information below:

\_\_\_\_ **"OLD DOGS"** For those with previous construction and/or design experience. Team will provide their own design and the building materials of their choice. Some building materials will be provided by Habitat, but teams are not required to use them.

\_\_\_\_ **"YOUNG PUPS"** For those with little to no building experience. Teams will build using a pre-designed, pre-cut set provided by Habitat and then add their own design elements and accessories.

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry fee is **\$200 per team** this year, but we encourage teams to fundraise more! A trophy will be awarded to the top fundraising team, and every dollar raised will help us build with local families in need of safe, decent, and affordable housing.

Teams may pay the entry fee by check (made out to Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County) or electronically, via the online fundraising platform, Just Giving. You can even fundraise the entry fee by creating an online team fundraising page and sharing it with your friends and family!

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/raisethewoof2023> →



Please scan and email back this form to Lauren at [development@cuhabitat.org](mailto:development@cuhabitat.org) or mail to:  
1914 Glenn Park Dr, Champaign IL 61821

**Registration deadline:**  
**September 1st, 2023**

New this year! Register your team online at <https://cuhabitat.org/events/raise-the-woof/>

