Barkitecture Triangle is a unique, fun, family friendly event featuring one-of-a-kind doghouses, cat condos and more, built by local architects, builders, interior designers, engineers, artisans, students, and families. Barkitecture Triangle, in partnership with Young Architects Forum and AIA Triangle, raises money for local animal welfare and advocacy groups. We are excited to partner with the SPCA of Wake County as the beneficiary for our inaugural event! Barkitecture Triangle 2017 will be on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at SPARKcon from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Voting for People’s Choice Award will be open to the public from the opening of DESIGNspark, Saturday, September 16th from 10 am to 3pm. Awards will be announced at 4pm on Saturday, and the designs will be showcased through Sunday.

Barkitecture is essentially a showcase of designer prototypes for pet-centered architecture. The prototypes are put on display for dogs, kids, and the public to check them out, play in them, and pose for pictures. The prototype which receives the People’s Choice award will be raffled off at the Barkitecture event! The rest of the prototypes will be used to help raise money for homeless and neglected pets in our community through the SPCA of Wake County’s Fur Ball auctions and other events.

YOU are invited to participate! Unleash your imagination and create a one-of-a-kind doghouse, cat condo, bunny barn or other pet-centered architectural prototype! You can build one that is traditional or unusual, an urban dwelling or a backyard bungalow, a slick furniture piece or a piece of art, but whatever you choose, your prototype should be functional, safe, and fun! Sustainable and recyclable materials/practices are highly encouraged. At the event, a panel of judges will select the winners in the following categories while attendees of DESIGNspark and Barkitecture vote for the People’s Choice Award:

- Best in Show — Prize of $150
- People’s Choice — Prize of $100 and raffled at the end of DESIGNspark
- PEED (Pets in Energy & Environmental Design - Greenest) — Prize of $100
- Craziest Cat (Most Unusual) — Prize of $100
Deadline for entry is August 31st, 2017, but early registration is encouraged so you have the most time to plan and build! If you have any questions, please email barkitecture.triangle@gmail.com.

BARKITECTURE TRIANGLE 2017

GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS

By following the Guidelines and Requirements listed below you will help ensure the success of Barkitecture Triangle 2017.

- Prototypes (doghouses, cat condos etc.) should not exceed 60” Wide x 60” High x 60” Deep.
- Consider the weight of the design, as it needs to be easily moved to the event and then to the purchaser’s location.
- Material costs should be modest, if possible. Consider using remnant and/or donated materials as an alternative to spending an excessive amount of money on your prototype.
- We strongly suggest you utilize sustainable, recycled, or repurposed materials.
- Prototype structures must be freestanding and again, easy to move.
- Participants are encouraged to bring ‘props’ and other items that will enhance the ‘staging’ of your prototype—you can set up an exhibit or installation that includes a water bowl, plants, etc.
- Participants are responsible for bringing their own signage. Signage should include your company logo (if applicable), information about your design that may be valuable to judges, and acknowledgements of any vendors or individuals who contributed to your house.
- Signage must be 18”x24” and oriented however best suits your layout (portrait or landscape).
- Participants are responsible for coming up with a way to effectively display your signage without attaching it to anything—easels work well.
- Participants are required to submit a one page Concept Statement not to exceed 250 words that captures the spirit of your design and highlights its unique features. A copy of this statement should also be readily on display along with your prototype.

Examples of prototypes you can choose to build include, but are not limited to: Doghouses, Cat Condos, Chicken Coops, Bunny Barns, Play structures (if structure is meant to hang on a wall then a temporary support should be provided for display), bird houses.

Keep in mind while the focus is on fun and fundraising, this is a competition with judges and awards and attendees will be selecting the People’s Choice Award, so bring your A game! The concept statement will be used for judging and informing event participants about your creation and helping them vote. Include information about design challenges, material selection, functionality, green elements, unique features, and any additional information regarding your doghouse that you feel relevant or valuable. You may include an image of the prototype on this document if you choose however it is not required. Please DO include the names of all participants, your company name if applicable, and prototype name on the Concept Statement Page. Participants must hand over 10 hardcopies of their Concept Statement as they drop off their house on the day of the event for the judges’ packets.