

Forget the chew toys and tennis balls, these days Fido may be making puppy eyes at a designer doghouse. And the pretty boy's in luck — Boston architects are designing 20 doghouses for the Barkitecture 2004 Hull Seaside Animal Rescue charity auction.

The March 21 event, which includes a cocktail reception at the Red Lion Inn in Cohasset followed by live and silent auctions, hopes to raise at least \$15,000.

"What we've done is invited architects all over New England to design and build a doghouse," said Pamela Loring, event coordinator and shelter volunteer since 1999. "It could be gilded in gold if they want. The doghouses do have certain specifications in terms of size and weight so that we can actually move them and fit them in a space, but they are designed to be used. We are expecting dog lovers and people that want beautiful art pieces for their yards. Some will be so beautiful buyers may not even want to put them outside."

Ranging from a Harley Davidson hub to a Dr. Seuss barrel vault, these homes, with bids starting at \$500, provide pooches with all the necessities for luxury living — including wraparound porches, carpets, skylights and cathedral ceilings.

"We designed a house after my own dog, Harley Davidson, that is lifted off the ground to stay dry with red barn-board sidings, cornice moldings, red cedar shingles, an ample front veranda, columns and a cathedral ceiling so the heat stays in the upper part of the roof," said Roger Hoit, president of Strekalovsky Hoit Raymond architectural firm and designer of "A home designed for Mr. Harley Davidson."

"We've been building and designing the house for about one month. I am thinking very seriously about bidding on it myself because I've gotten so attached to it."

"The inspiration for my house is Dr. Seuss," said Marcus Hanlen, senior associate at Jan Gleysteen Architects Inc. "The house is a barrel vault with a side porch in the back and a roof that peels away to make a canopy. My wife and I are having a lot of fun building it. We thought it was a worthwhile project and we're dog nuts. Our friends already want us to build them one."

There's even a puppy pagoda, inspired by an eighth century temple created as a shrine for Buddha, featuring a rock garden for meditation and a mat for relaxation.

Local MIT American Institute of Architecture students also got involved, opting for an environmentally sound dog bed using recycled construction materials to transform trash into a doggy daybed.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. For more information, call 877-378-1195 or go to [www.hsar.org](http://www.hsar.org) for more details



**THE RUFF LIFE:** Three elaborate doghouses from the Abbeville Press book 'Barkitecture' by Fred Albert. You might find your own canine condo at the March 21 Hull Seaside Animal Rescue auction.

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