

## **INTERNATIONAL STREET CAT HOUSE DESIGN COMPETITION**

### **BACKGROUND**

Urban spaces are recognized as one of the important elements of the city environment since they bring deep impact on social development as well as human behaviors. Designers, as the creators of the spaces, should take strong social responsibility on it. Under the pressures of the rapid urban development, people's behavior and life patterns have been forming and transforming constantly from every aspect of the society. And those changes on individual life react instantly upon the social progress. Therefore, the mission of designers nowadays is inevitably creating rational and organized urban spaces based on the close research and study of social behaviors. We have been trying to find social problems from every aspects of urban life and by solving them we can create a new order which can affect people's behavior positively and improve the living environment healthily.

After a series of close and deep observations and researches we fixed our competition topic on one of the most common elements in current urban environment – stray cats.

Stray cats, as objective reality in the urban environment, are affecting people's ordinary life and behavior in many different ways. As a group of social-responsible architects, we are now initiating this international public-welfare design competition. Our vision is to call out people's attention on social problems and urban life according to the elements as stray cats. We hope that innovative and effective solutions can be provided in terms of all the social problems raised by stray cats. And furthermore, we also hope that people can open their heart to help stray animals around them.

### **GOAL**

Stray cats, as living beings of the city, have been seen everywhere with all aspects of the influence on the life of people, directly or indirectly, positive or negative, more or less caused some social problems, such as relief, feeding, adoption of stray cats, sterilization, or abandoned, herding, hunting, cruelty, etc. Both individual and group behaviors, the impact of these problems are inevitable in people's life, directly reflected in the relationship between humans and animals, and even the relationship between humans and urban space.

In this contest what we want to do is not only provides a perfect refuge for stray cats, but to pass this social problem and create a miniature city space. Required, in addition to satisfy the life of stray cats, to establish effective social relationship between the three elements (street cats, people and the city) and arouse people's sense of responsibility and sense of mission, to build a harmonious home.

### **SCHEDULES**

1. The competition will start in October 8th 2014;
2. The submission deadline is December 10th 2014. Please send your proposals to [saa@saachn.com](mailto:saa@saachn.com) no later than the deadline;

3. Review of received proposals will start in January 10th 2015 and the winners will be announced in January 20th 2015. All selected works will be bounded into a book.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

1. The brief of the design can be self-determined by each designers. There is no limitations in terms of the type and style of the design;
2. The locations and sites of the design should be determined by each designers;
3. Participants should provide proposals in PDF form with drawings and diagrams which can fully convey the design concept. No more than two renderings in A1 Size (840 x 594mm) vertical is preferred. All documents should be submitted by email and no paper print is accepted. The resolution of all drawings should be no less than 300 dpi. Animation is a plus but not requested;
4. The final submissions should include the diagrams of constructing (manufacturing) procedure;
5. Participants may provide short self-descriptions for the use of future exhibition.
6. All the texts in the drawings should be in English (with Chinese if preferred) and the unit should be metric;
7. For questions which is not listed here please email us to [saa@saachn.com](mailto:saa@saachn.com).

## **RULES**

1. The competition is in the global scope for proposals and no signing up is requested. There is no limitations for participants in terms of the age, occupation and professional fields. Submitted proposals can be done by individuals or groups.
2. No marks or signs which convey the identity of the designers should appear on the drawings. Violators will be disqualified;
3. Works which have been participated in other competitions or created, published by others are not accepted. All consequences caused by plagiarism or illegal usage will be taken by participants;
4. The organizers of the competition have all rights except authorship to use and publish the received proposals in all circumstance;
5. By submitting proposals the participants accept all contents in this list. The organizers reserve the rights of final interpretation;
6. For questions which are not listed please send email to [saa@saachn.com](mailto:saa@saachn.com) or call the organizers on (+86) 021 31600136.

## **REWARDS**

1. The winners of the competition will be rewarded as

First prize (1 person)

Second prize (3 person)

Third prize (5 person)

Honorable prize (10 person)

All winners will receive a certificate and a book of selected work. The first, second and third prize winners will be awarded with an additional prize which will be determined;

2. Selected works will be showed in an exhibit afterwards. The winners will receive an official invitation letter by email. The date and location of the show will be determined.

## **ORGANIZERS**

The Architectural Society of Shanghai China (ASSC)

Spica Architects Associates (SAA)