

Program Summary:

Situated within a narrow urban site, the project brings together a dog park, bar, and restaurant as a neighborhood destination defined by continuous indoor-outdoor programming.

Program Statement:

Blurring the boundaries between public and private, this project transforms three modest residential structures into a multi-use neighborhood destination for dogs, while providing a vibrant place for their owners to gather and socialize. Located on a narrow, rectilinear urban site, the project brings together a dog park, bar, and restaurant within a compact footprint that responds to the layered character of the surrounding fabric, where residential porches, backyards, and small businesses coexist.

The design organizes the site as a clear linear sequence, guiding visitors from a welcoming entry along the dog run at the front of the property to an elevated bar and restaurant at the rear, which overlooks the activity below. This spatial arrangement maintains a clear separation from the street while reinforcing visual and experiential connections between programs.

Material and environmental performance were central to the project, with durable turf providing a resilient surface for canine activity and high-performance materials selected to withstand intensive indoor-outdoor use. A research-driven color palette based on how dogs perceive color combines blues, yellows, whites, and grays, and is further expressed through a commissioned mural by a local artist that reinforces the playful identity of the space.

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Building Area: (sf)
2,200 sf

Cost per Square Foot:
\$455/sf

Construction Cost
\$1,000,000

Date of Completion:
2024

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Glowing from the street, the design transforms a narrow, rectilinear urban site in New Orleans into a multi-use destination for dogs and their owners bringing together a dog run, bar, and restaurant within a compact, community-oriented framework.



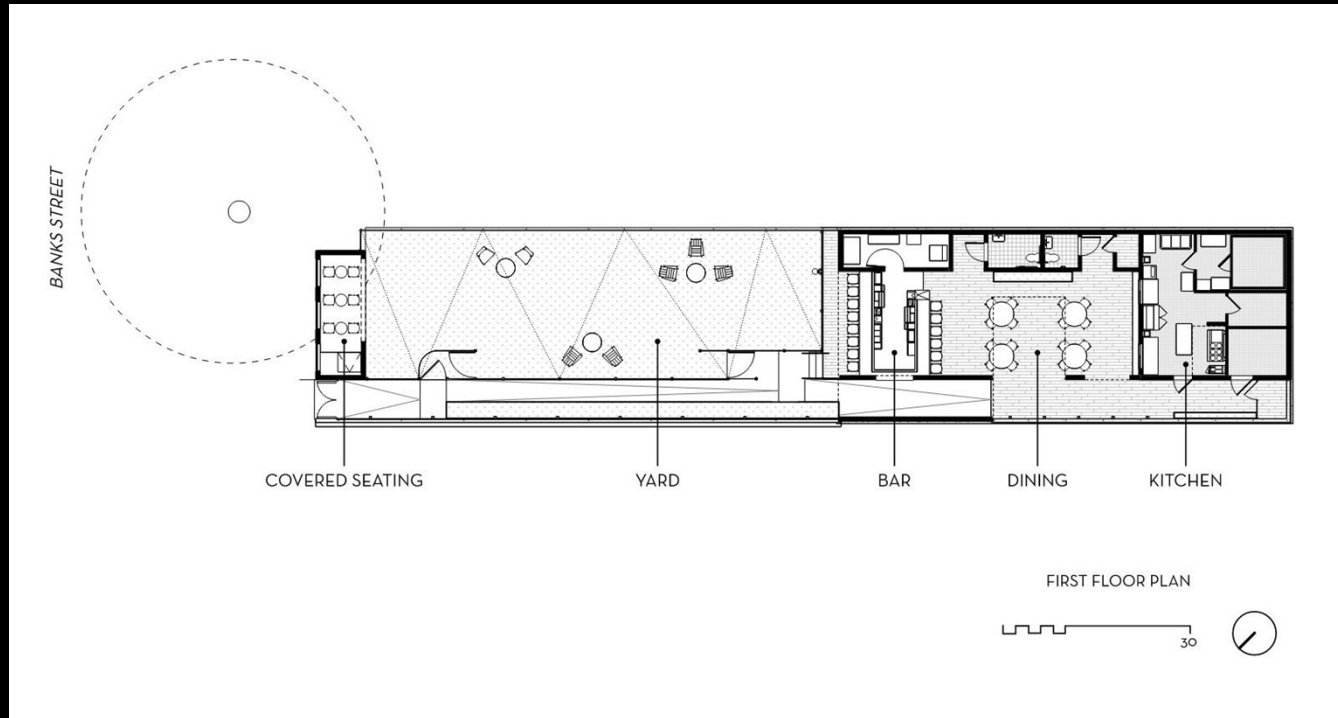
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Within a dense urban fabric, the design transforms an underutilized site into a welcoming neighborhood amenity for dogs and their owners.



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Plan drawing illustrating the relationship between the project's indoor and outdoor environments, organized as a cohesive and fluid program.



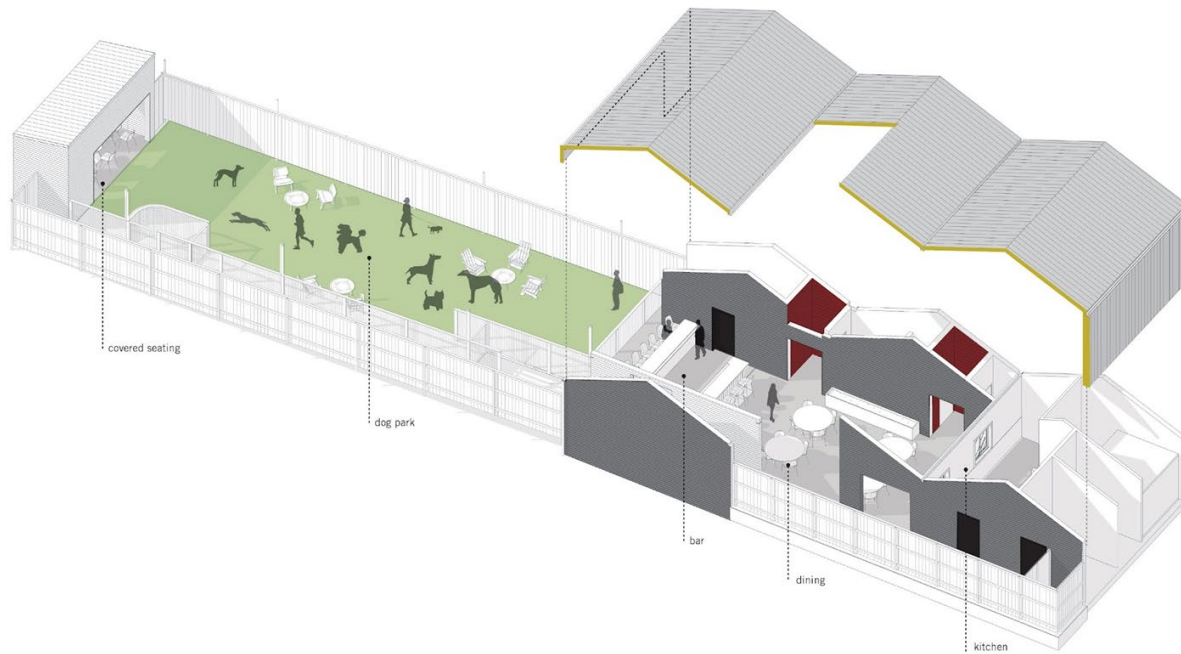
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When the design team first considered the roofline for the restaurant, bar, and back of house structures, they aimed to create a sense of cohesion with the neighborhood, while still creating opportunities for light and air to penetrate the dining and lounging areas.



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Exploded section view illustrating the site's linear program across its indoor and outdoor spaces.



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The site's elongated footprint creates an ideal setting for the program, allowing dogs to run freely along long, uninterrupted stretches within a safe outdoor space.



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Overlooking the outdoor playfield, the space invites guests to unwind with a drink while taking in the joyful interactions between dogs and their owners.



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Murals designed by local artist Madison Roy were designed for both the enjoyment of dog visitors and their owners. Researching the way dogs perceive color, the mural was created to provide a unique sensorial experience for dogs based on how they perceive different shades of color.



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The outdoor dining area is open and airy. The design team selected and procured colorful and durable outdoor furnishings that encourage humans and dogs to stay awhile. Wrapped in gray metal and wood cladding, the area feels immersive and separated from the activities of the dog run.



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A continuous dialogue between dark metal roofing, warm interior wood cladding and bright, warm colors unifies the architecture and its interiors creating a durable yet immersive environment.





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Aerial view of the project's linear floor plan, showcasing the close relationship between indoor and outdoor rooms.

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The building is intentionally set back from the street, the building's bright lights glowing from the street.

