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Battle Buddies Kennel Facility

A Named Giving Opportunity



Architectural rendering -- Battle Buddies Kennel Facility at CharlieMike Farm, Liberty, North Carolina

Charlie Mike is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to serving veterans and first responders. Our Battle Buddies program rescues dogs from shelters and rescue situations, nurses them back to health, and trains them to therapy-dog level over an average of two to three months. Each dog is then placed free of charge with a veteran or first responder in need.

In nearly four years we have matched over 51 dogs with veterans and first responders across the United States and internationally. Our Battle Buddies are now serving in Hawaii, Texas, Arizona, New York, Utah, Florida, and beyond -- including one in Spain and one in France.

51+

DOGS RESCUED, TRAINED &
PLACED

2-3 mo

AVG TRAINING TIME PER DOG

USA + Intl

PLACEMENTS NATIONWIDE &
ABROAD

FREE

TO EVERY VETERAN & FIRST
RESPONDER

WHY WE NEED THIS BUILDING

For the last nearly four years, Charlie Mike has operated out of outdoor kennels with a separate climate-controlled area for boarding and sleeping. Extreme temperatures made it either too hot or too cold to train consistently, made it harder to recruit and retain staff and volunteers, and made year-round operations difficult. A dedicated facility changes everything for our dogs, our team, and the veterans and first responders we serve.

- Expand capacity to 10 indoor kennels plus 10 outdoor runs
- Climate-controlled indoor space protects dogs and enables year-round training
- Dedicated dog wash, vet and med station, and feeding kitchenette
- Overnight room for canine program staff or volunteers
- Disaster relief supply storage with roll-up forklift access
- Reception and welcome area for veteran and first responder visits and dog-meet sessions
- Indoor training floor for handlers and dogs, clear-span with no columns
- Expandable: add 10 more kennels in the future without demolition



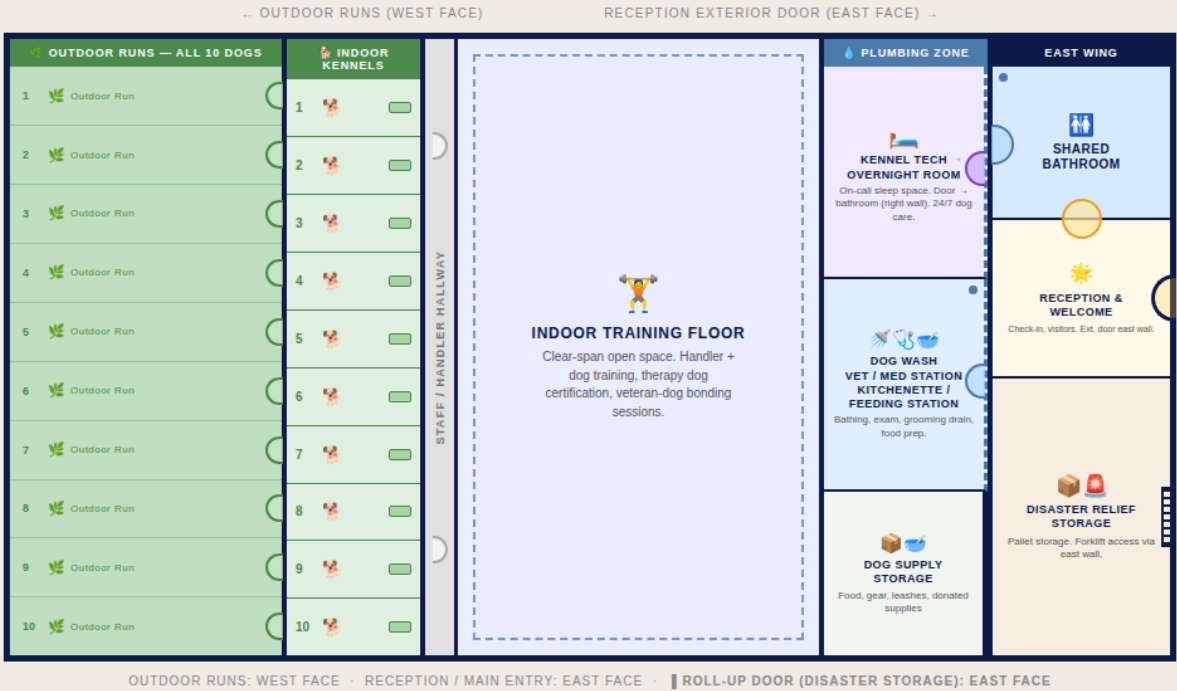
Architectural rendering -- Rear view showing covered outdoor dog runs, west face

BUILDING LAYOUT

BATTLE BUDDIES TRAINING & HOUSING FACILITY
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10 Dogs · ~3,200 sq ft
~80 ft wide × ~40 ft deep

Plumbing wall (dashed blue line): Overnight Room → Dog Wash → Dog Supply Storage stack on the left of the plumbing wall. Shared Bathroom sits on the right of that wall with a door left (→) into Dog Wash, and a door down (↓) into Reception. Reception has its own exterior door facing east (out).



- Indoor Kennels ×10

Dog Wash + Vet Station
- Outdoor Runs ×10 (~50% of width)

Dog Supply Storage
- Training Floor (clear span)

Shared Bathroom (2 doors)
- Plumbing Wall (dashed line)

Reception + Exterior Door (east)
- Kennel Tech Overnight Room

Disaster Relief Storage + Roll-Up Door

SPACES & ROOMS

Indoor kennels	10 units
Outdoor runs (direct access, ~50% of floorplan)	10 runs
Training floor (clear-span)	~900 sq ft
Kennel tech overnight room	1
Dog wash + vet station	1 room
Dog supply storage	1 room
Shared bathroom (2 doors)	1
Reception + exterior entry door	1
Disaster relief storage (roll-up door)	1 large room
Plumbing stacks	1 shared wall

DESIGN & BUILD DETAILS

Dog facility capacity	10 dogs
Outdoor run depth (each dog)	~50% of total width
Estimated total footprint	~3,200 sq ft
Estimated all-in (prefab metal)	\$250–350K
Expandable to 20 dogs later	Yes — add end wall
24/7 overnight care	Yes
Vet school / tech training hours	Yes
Naming opportunity available	Yes

BUILDING APPROACH — PREFAB METAL / BARNDOMINIUM STYLE

TRADITIONAL STICK-BUILT

\$150–200/sq ft

~\$480K–\$640K. Higher maintenance, pest/rot risk.

PREFAB METAL / BARNDOMINIUM

\$65–95/sq ft

~\$208K–\$304K fully finished. Fast build. Fire-resistant. Saves \$200–350K vs. stick-built.

SHELL KIT + PHASE INTERIOR

\$30–50/sq ft shell

Shell ~\$96K–\$160K. Finish rooms in phases as donations arrive.

PURPOSE-BUILT KENNEL KIT

\$25–50/sq ft

30×60 kennel steel kits start ~\$38K shell. Delivers to NC. BuildingsGuide.com.

Recommended: Prefab metal building from General Steel, Maverick Steel Buildings, or BuildingsGuide.com — all deliver to NC, engineered to local codes. Order with expandable end walls so adding more kennels later requires no demolition. Estimated all-in: \$250K–\$350K.

This facility is a naming opportunity for a Dream Maker or corporate partner.

BECOME A DREAM MAKE

Floor plan -- approximately 80 ft x 40 ft, roughly 3,200 sq ft total

Space	Description
Outdoor Dog Runs (x10)	West face. Each run has a direct door into its indoor kennel. Covered overhang roof protects dogs from rain and sun.
Indoor Kennels (x10)	Raised dog house per kennel on the west wall for easy staff flow. Each unit has water access and a raised bed.
Handler Hallway	Staff corridor running the full length between kennels and the training floor.
Training Floor	Clear-span open space with no columns, used for handler training, obedience work, and veteran and first responder introductions.
Dog Wash / Vet / Med / Kitchenette	Bathing station, exam table, grooming drain, and food prep area. Shares plumbing wall with the overnight room and bathroom.
Kennel Tech Overnight Room	Staff or volunteer overnight accommodation for on-call care with a private door into the shared bathroom.
Shared Bathroom	Centrally located between wet zone rooms, accessible from the dog wash and overnight room.
Reception and Welcome	Check-in and welcome space for veterans, first responders, and visitors with an exterior entry door on the east wall.
Disaster Relief Storage	Large bay for pallet storage of donated disaster relief supplies with a roll-up door on the east wall for forklift access.
Dog Supply Storage	Dry storage for food, leashes, gear, and donated supplies.

PROJECT COST ESTIMATE



Architectural rendering -- Front entrance, east face

We put a great deal of thought into designing this facility in the most cost-effective way possible without compromising the quality of care for our dogs or the experience for the veterans and first responders we serve. That is why we designed it as a prefab metal barndominium-style building, which offers the best combination of durability, speed of construction, and value for a farm setting like ours. That said, we are completely open to suggestions, alternative building methods, donated materials, contractor partnerships, or any creative ideas that could help bring this vision to life. If you have an idea, we want to hear it.

SHELL ONLY	FULLY FINISHED	ESTIMATED ALL-IN
\$96K to \$160K	\$208K to \$304K	\$250K to \$350K
<i>Kit and shell install only. Finish interior in phases.</i>	<i>Fully finished including HVAC, electrical, plumbing.</i>	<i>All-in with site prep, concrete, and utilities.</i>

NAMING OPPORTUNITY

This facility represents a rare chance to create a lasting legacy in support of veterans and first responders. The individual, family, or organization that funds this building will have the facility named in their honor, permanently recognized on signage, on our website, and in all Charlie Mike communications.

To discuss this opportunity please contact Sarima Gladwell at Sarima@CharlieMike.org | CharlieMike.org