

A Doghouse Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright

Dear Mr. Wright
I am a boy of twelve years.
Jim Berger. You designed a house
father whose name is Bob B
have a paper route which I



In 1956, 12-year-old Jim Berger, whose family built a house in San Anselmo designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, wrote to Wright asking for plans for a compatible doghouse for his Labrador Retriever Eddie.

Wright provided plans the next year, but building the doghouse from scraps from the main house was delayed because the house was under construction for many years. When Jim Berger joined the army in 1963, his dad and brother Eric finally built the dog house but his dog Eddie refused to use it, preferring to sleep in the warmth of the main house. In 1970, Jim's mother sent the unused doghouse to the dump!

In 2010, Jim and his brother rebuilt the doghouse from the original plans. However, it had one flaw common to many of Wright's buildings, including the Marin County Civic Center, **the roof leaked!**



The doghouse remains the smallest structure Frank Lloyd Wright ever designed and now belongs to the County of Marin.



The Marin County Civic Center is the largest existing Frank Lloyd Wright building. Both the largest and smallest buildings by Wright are here in Marin!



