

Florida Lupine Association

Building a Doggie Condo for Your Wolfdog



Top: Front view of dog house, showing main and side entrances. Bottom: Rear view, showing rear vent.





Pressure treated landscape timbers were used to build the “log cabin” exterior. The 8’x12’ decking on the first floor was created using three sheets of 3/4” pressure treated plywood, which was supported by the landscape timbers on the outside and pressure treated 4”x4” beams on the inside, with 4”x4” support cross braces (as shown in the bottom photo).



The landscape timbers are screwed together end-to-end and top-to-bottom using galvanized lag bolts. The 4”x4” uprights were attached to the timbers, also using lag bolts.





The second floor was constructed with two sheets of 3/4" pressure treated plywood. A bead of caulking between the sheets of plywood provides a seal and prevents water from dripping through. (Keep the dogs away from the caulk as it dries or they will try to roll in it. You should re-caulk annually or as needed.) The decking was placed on top of a framework of treated 2"x4" boards. The top photo indicates the additional 2"x4" support braces. We decided to use 2"x4"s rather than 4"x4"s, but you can use the heavier 4"x4"s, which would offer more support and for a longer duration. Although we used the lighter 2"x4"s, ours is still fine, and it was built about eight years ago.



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Florida Lupine Association, Inc. (FLA), was created in 1999 as a result of the rising influx of wolfdogs into rescue. A few individuals specializing in wolf and wolfdog rescue realized that most of these owners were relinquishing their animals because they were not properly educated about wolfdogs, their behaviors, or their needs. Therefore, we created FLA to educate owners in the hopes that they could successfully house the animals in their care. In addition to working with current wolfdog owners, we try educating those interested in purchasing wolfdogs and networking with various animal agencies. Some of the FLA directors have been working with wolves and wolfdogs of various contents for over 20 years.

Florida's Responsible Voice for Wolfdogs