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## Long Beach can sculpture to benefit dog rescue efforts



A previous CANstruction creation of Snoopy's doghouse. (Courtesy CANstruction)

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A spinoff of the annual CANstruction Long Beach competition will benefit a dog rescue operation called Sparky & the Gang later this month.

During the CANstruction Pet Edition on May 20, Long Beach's own P2S Inc. Engineering will send employees out to build a sculpture out of dog food cans at Trademark Brewing. Up to 2,000 cans will be used for the piece, with dimensions as large as 10-by-10-by-10 feet.

"We've spent months designing our structure and are allowed only 12 hours to meticulously stack and color-coordinate the cans into our design," Steven Peterson of P2S Inc. said in a recent release. "Being a dog lover myself, the ultimate donation of hundreds of cans of dog food to Sparky & the Gang makes it all worthwhile to our team."

Sparky & the Gang is a volunteer-based nonprofit that rescues dogs from local pounds, the streets and from unsuitable conditions, and then cares for them and tries to find them homes. The Long Beach operation partners with Fix Long Beach Pets to provide low-cost spaying and neutering services.

"Sparky & the Gang is excited to be the beneficiary of the inaugural Pet Edition of CANstruction Long Beach," Sherri Stankewitz, the group's executive director, said in a release. "This unique event will bring awareness to our continuing work to find homes for the rescued dogs we care for."

Unlike CANstruction Long Beach, during which engineering teams have competed against one another since 2014, this will be a single-team build. The P2S team will start stacking cans at 7 a.m. Wednesday, May 20, and can continue working until 7 p.m. that day.

People can come to Trademark Brewing, 233 E. Anaheim St., to watch the build. The sculpture will be available for viewing until May 30 during Trademark's regular business hours.

Visitors are encouraged to bring cans of dog food as additional donations.

For more information, go to [CANstructionLongBeach.org](https://www.canstructionlongbeach.org).

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