

# *The* BEACHES

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*Jacksonville Beach Architect  
Mark Macco with his family  
members, Tucker and Baxter.*

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## SPOTLIGHT: Mark Macco



Jacksonville Beach Architect Mark Macco has two passions in his life. He lives to design and stretch his creative muscle. His other passion is trying to keep up with Tucker and Baxter. Macco and his partner Sam Hall are looking forward to the completion of their new home a block from the beach so they can take their Golden Retrievers for runs on the beach and let them expend all their energy. “They are both full of life and energy and keep us moving,” said Macco. “Sometimes they can be like big furry children.” Macco has taken Tucker and Baxter’s rambunctiousness into account when designing their contemporary style beach home. “I made sure there was plenty of open space on the first floor so they can feel like they are with both of us at the same time,” laughs Macco. “They always want to be with one of us but can never decide which one.”

Macco is the owner of **Mark Macco Architects** and the director of the Jacksonville chapter of the American

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*Mark has provided the renderings for the new Jacksonville Humane Society building. He is excited to use his designs to showcase the animals as opposed to 'jailing' them.*

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*Rendering of the new Jacksonville Humane Society*

Institute of Architects. Macco's love of his dogs resulted in his involvement with the plans for the new Jacksonville Humane Society building. Macco provided the renderings for the new state-of-the-art facility. The previous building burned down in 2007 and efforts have been underway to raise funds to rebuild it. "We have taken a different approach at this opportunity to create something fresh and different," said Macco. "We wanted to reclaim the word "shelter" and make it a good thing. We want to showcase the animals in a way that doesn't make people feel like they are visiting a jail."

Macco is always on the lookout for ways to bring a fresh and engaging approach to traditional design. His personal project, Baxter and Tucker's new Jacksonville Beach home will be complete in the spring of 2014. To contact Mark Macco Architects and view more of his commercial projects and residential designs go to [www.MaccoArchitects.com](http://www.MaccoArchitects.com).



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