

CEB-US Charter Member W. Edward Smith Honored With Wall Of Honor Recognition By The Epagneul Breton Foundation, Inc.



(January 2023) - The EB Foundation has recently received a number of charitable donations in honor and recognition of W. Edward Smith's many contributions to the CEB-US, The Epagneul Breton Foundation, and to the greater EB community in the United States. In consideration of those donations, and in honor and recognition of Ed's many generous contributions, he has been given Wall Of Honor Recognition by the Epagneul Breton Foundation, Inc.

Ed Smith of Galveston, Indiana, is a twenty-five (25) year Charter Member of the CEB-US, and is the only presently active club member who was in personal attendance at the club's organizational meeting which took place in Liberty, Missouri in August of 1997. He is also the only present living CEB-US club member with perfect attendance at every CEB-US National Conclave held over the last twenty (25) years. Ed, an Indiana Hoosier farm boy, has loyally supported the CEB-US club and the Epagneul Breton breed in the United States since he became involved with the breed. He along with his late wife, Joyce Smith, served in numerous leadership capacities within the structure of the club and have made innumerable tangible contributions including holding membership at the level of Supporting Member for many years. Ed has served in various past officer positions and committee posts as a Director of the CEB-US, and presently

serves as a Trustee of the Epagneul Breton Foundation, Inc. and Chairman of the Scholarship Committee for the Joyce Smith Memorial Scholarship. During the first decade of the Club, Ed was instrumental in solidifying CEB-US's status as the parent breed club in the United States for the Epagneul Breton as designated by the United Kennel Club. He also was personally instrumental in the implementation of the longstanding CEB-US official policy enactment concerning Hip Dysplasia which was developed and implemented in 2006 through his work and persuasive efforts, which official policy has helped to keep the EB breed healthy with a very low incidence of hip problems in the United States over the last two decades.

The Smith's du Pondsides Kennels imported and produced many fine Epagneul Bretons that have contributed to the U.S. gene pool over the past three decades. One of the fondest memories of many long time CEB-US members who attended the Centennial Breed celebration in France in 2007, was when Ed and Joyce Smith took possession of the beautiful Cytese des Pigenettes from the Trentini's in the town square of Loudeac, Bretagne, France that year. Cytese was one of the first exceptional brood matrons able to be imported into the U.S. during the foundational years of when the breed re-emerged in America in the 1990's, which had a large impact on improving and developing the breed in the US after 2007. Ed also earlier imported several outstanding EBs from Ireland including a male named Pairknaglos Topper Smith (a/k/a "Waterford") who was purchased from Irish EB Breeder Kate Bride, along with Cliathan Mighty McSmith, a two-time CEB-US National Best Of Breed (NBOB) Winner acquired from the Irish kennel of EB Breeder David Hayes. Of note he recently produced, Smith's Legend de Pondsides, a male, and the 2020 Winner of the CEB-US National Elevage. Other dogs from Ed Smith's du Pondsides Kennel have won many high titles and award classifications in conformation exhibitions and field trials, which are too numerous to mention within the scope of this article.

Among the more notable and generous tangible contributions Ed Smith has made to the EB community at large was his endowment and establishment of the Joyce Smith Memorial Scholarship. After his wife Joyce passed away, Ed created the scholarship in memory of his beloved late spouse as a way to commemorate her many contributions to the CEB-US when the organization was in its infancy and as the organization became more established. This Scholarship Fund was originally endowed in its entirety by Ed, in Joyce's memory. However, as enthusiasm for the scholarship grew and spread with other persons making individual voluntary donations as well as through supporting the annual Epagneul Breton Calendar Project spearheaded by Karin Fournier, and with investment management and oversight by the Epagneul Breton Foundation, Inc., the corpus of the Joyce Smith Memorial Scholarship has grown steadily. The Scholarship Committee has incrementally voted to increase the scholarship to the amount of the future stipend of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per recipient, which is double the amount of the original stipend when the project began. The Scholarship is awarded annually to one or more entering college freshmen who have actively participated with their Epagneul Bretons in the activities of CEB-US and its affiliated regional clubs, to include field trials, shows, and other breed related activities to promote the breed. To date, 11 young EB enthusiasts

have been recipients of the Joyce Smith Memorial Scholarship begun with Ed's foresight and generosity.

Ed's gregarious, generous and friendly nature are his hallmark. He has made many friends and has many admirers in the EB community in the USA, as well as many friends in the EB community abroad. It is therefore fitting and appropriate that his long history of support and assistance to CEB-US and the greater Epagneul Breton community in the United States be recognized by his designation as a Wall of Honor Recipient by the Epagneul Breton Foundation.