



This document written by the Board of Directors of the Club de l'Épagneul Breton of the United States is to outline the history and facts surrounding the possible recognition of the Épagneul Breton (EB) by the American Kennel Club (AKC)

- Organizations and Other Abbreviations
 - Federation Cynologique Internationale (FCI) is an international canine registry. Same principles as the AKC or the UKC but on an International level.
 - Amicale Internationale des Clubs de l'Épagneul Breton (AICEB) is an international association under French Law of 1901 which aims to bring together all the clubs involved in the Épagneul Breton (EB).
 - American Kennel Club (AKC) is one of the canine registries that is based in the US. The FCI recognizes the AKC as the official registry of the US.
 - United Kennel Club (UKC) is another canine registry in the US, it is not recognized by the FCI.
 - Club de l'Épagneul Breton (CEB) is the parent club of the EB in France.
 - Club de l'Épagneul Breton of the United States (CEB-US) is the parent club of the EB in the US and is a UKC club. Originally started as the French Brittany Gun Dog Association (FBGDA)
 - Épagneul Breton Club of America (EBCA) is a group of EB enthusiasts who are working to get the breed registered by the AKC
 - American Brittany Club (ABC) is the AKC breed club for the Brittany, which currently the EB falls under as a Brittany in the eyes of the AKC.
- History
 - In the past, the fanciers of the EB breed formed the FBGDA and considered AKC recognition. For multiple reasons, a partnership with the AKC never came to fruition.
 - The FBGDA then chose to partner with the UKC and the UKC officially recognized the EB as a separate breed. The FBGDA later changed their name to the CEB-US.
- Current Events
 - Because the EB is registered as Brittany in the eyes of the AKC, in the US, the EB is under the rule and responsibility of the ABC. The ABC is considered one of the best and most diverse clubs in the AKC with an equal delegation of Show and Performance. In recent years, the ABC has leaned more towards the Show side of the AKC and that contingency of members and board members would prefer to split the EB and American Brittany (AB). In order for the split to become official, the Board of Directors would have to vote to approve the split followed by a second



approval vote by the club membership. The vote by the board could happen in November.

- If the separation fails either vote then the situation would remain static and the EB would remain as a Brittany in the eyes of the AKC.
- If both the ABC Board and Membership vote in favor of the split then there is an opportunity for the EB to be recognized as a breed by the AKC and there potentially could be a power vacuum of what group would be the parent club of the newly recognized breed.
 - If the breeds do separate, then the EB could no longer participate in the Brittany specific AKC events. The EB would still be able to participate in AKC events that allow all breeds or groups of breeds.
- Concerns of the CEB-US
 - The primary concern of the CEB-US is maintaining the integrity of the breed in the US. If there is a separation of the breeds and a group that is not as versed or prepared to oversee the EB takes over as the AKC parent club, the EB breed could be vulnerable and undergo changes that we have seen in other breeds, moving it away from the original form and function of the breed. The history of the dog breeds being recognized by the AKC and maintaining functionality is not good and the CEB-US does not want to see that happen to our EBs.
- Rumors and Hearsay
 - If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to your board of directors at the CEB-US. We do not want rumors to drive any agendas on any topic.
- General Statement
 - At the October 18th, 2022 meeting, the CEB-US Board of Directors unanimously voted not to support a separation of the Epagneul Breton from the American Brittany Club (ABC) as presented to the ABC as a Motion for the November 20, 2022 National Meeting.

The separation of EB from the ABC has been well researched and debated on more than one occasion. The CEB-US board does not feel there has been a marked change from the last time it came before the ABC Board in 2018 and 2019. EB numbers have continued to grow in the US and the majority are dual registered UKC / AKC with owners competing and participating in many of the various AKC venues as Brittany. The CEB-US as the parent club for the EB in the US is steadfast in our mission to protect and maintain the EB true to the French Standard, and to educate and to promote the EB in America.



CEB-US feels that the present status quo is workable and that both the American Brittany group and the Epagneul Breton group have been able to find a means to enjoy, promote and perpetuate their dogs in a successful manner within the US the last two decades or more. We believe both groups will be able to continue to do so. Therefore, CEB-US does not feel that separating out the Epagneul Breton will have measurable and significant positive benefits for anyone concerned. We also anticipate that breed separation at this point in time would be very complicated, expensive, and difficult to achieve, and could in fact create a large degree of chaos.

We encourage those who want to see the Epagneul Breton continue to succeed in the United States to participate in the CEB-US.