

## News On The Brittany Space In the Bird Dog Museum

Jim Chase

The initial proposal was to construct a 5000 square feet addition for \$250,000. Then, we found that the State of Tennessee would not approve the construction plans for the necessary building permit without a fire sprinkler retardant system covering the entire building-- both the new addition and the existing building. The Foundation was operating under the assumption that so long as the addition did not exceed 5,000 square feet it would be permitted to be built without a sprinkler system. This raised its head the day before the Hall of Fame induction ceremonies. Foundation President Dale Bush and I discussed it as we were traveling to Grand Junction. We agreed that we should proceed with the addition and the additional cost should be apportioned based on the amount of space occupied between the existing holders of display space and the projected holders of space in the new addition. We also talked about the 5000 square feet limitation on the new addition no longer being relevant. This was discussed in an open board meeting of the Brittany Fall of Fame and consensus was that although costs were increasing, additional space would be desirable. I took this guidance to the Bird Dog Foundation Board Meeting on Sunday. After discussion in the Foundation board meeting, I made the motion and it was seconded by Roy Pelton to apportion the cost of the sprinkler system to the existing space by Breed and the new space by projected space for each breed. It passed unanimously. Then after more discussion, I made the motion that we increase the new addition from 5000 to 6000 square feet. It was again seconded by Roy Pelton and after additional discussion passed unanimously. This left the entire project changed and in need of new cost estimates and planning.

I was notified last week that the Foundation has a new construction contract and Dale is working to establish a date for ground breaking early in May. When I find out the exact date I will publish it. I hope that it will be well attended by Brittany people as it is a historic occasion for our breed.

The new revised costs, as developed by Dale Bush, are attached, but the most important are below.

Cost of New Wing, 6000square feet ( less sprinkler )	\$313,852.00
Cost of New Wing Sprinkler	\$ 42,212.00
Cost of Display/Dividing Walls 336 linear feet@ \$81.60 per linear foot of wall	\$ 27,418.00
Brittany share New Wing ( based on Brittanys having raised 35.41% of the total amount)	\$111,138.99
Brittany share new wing sprinkler	\$ 14,947.40
Brittany Display/Dividing Walls to be determined at a later date	\$ 9,707.71

At last count we have collected:	\$119,833.09
Additional we have to collect to cover construction:	\$ 15,961.01

Please do not forget the total cost is double the construction cost. This is for the endowment to maintain and staff the facility. It can be raised over a longer time and can include bequests.

Donations can be made by making a lump sum donation or by making a pledge of \$1000 or more over a 5 year period. The \$1,000 pledged donation works out to \$200 per year. Contact Janet or myself for a pledge form. The Bird Dog Foundation is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) corporation and donations are tax exempt to the extent of the law.

Make donations to:

The Bird Dog Foundation, Inc.  
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Be sure to indicate it is for the Brittany space.