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Quincy Smith: Wellington's 'Most Famous Dog'



Quincy's brick paver at Wellington's Patriot Memorial.

Visitors to the new Patriot Memorial in Wellington are greeted by a variety of personalized brick pavers that were sold to raise funds for the project. One of those bricks pays tribute to "Quincy Smith: The Most Famous Dog in Wellington." Quincy is owned by longtime Wellington residents Mickey and Lizz Smith, sponsors of the Patriot Memorial.

"There is no question she is famous," Mickey Smith said. "When I walk her on the weekends, no one knows me, but everyone knows Quincy."

Quincy is a 12-year-old mixed brindle whose lineage traces to humble beginnings at the Animal Care & Control facility on Belvedere Road. "She was in the back of the dog run, curled in a ball and obviously in distress," Smith said. "I took her as a gift for my wife because I thought if I didn't, she wouldn't be around much longer."

Once Quincy got better, she quickly made many friends. Smith, a personal injury lawyer with Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith, said he knew Quincy was truly famous while picking a jury once at the Palm Beach County Courthouse. "None of the prospective jurors knew the judge, the lawyers or the parties. No one. But when one of the jurors said she worked at Simmons Veterinary Hospital, where Quincy had been taken for boarding and care, I asked if she knew Quincy. I will never forget her answer: 'Of course.'"

Lizz Smith said she did not feel she was ready for another dog when her husband brought Quincy home. She had recently lost her beloved dog, Bodelia. "Quincy was so very special," Lizz said. "She helped me move forward after I lost Bodelia. I simply adore her."

When asked if Quincy is truly famous, Lizz, a teacher at Emerald Cove Middle School, points to the Andy Warhol-style print of Quincy hanging in the Art of Life Gallery & Frame Shop in the Pointe at Wellington Green.

"They liked the one they made for us so much they made a second one to use as a sample," she said. "It has been hanging there for many years, beside the photograph of Quincy that inspired it. They have sold several based on the sample, and we have sold several more for them when people have seen ours."

"Look, we know Quincy is not the most famous animal in Wellington, what with all of the expensive horses that come through every year. She has to be the best dog here, though," Mickey said.

For those interested in adopting their own famous dog, Palm Beach Animal Care & Control is located at 7100 Belvedere Road and can be reached at (561) 233-1200.