

# DO YOU REALLY WANT A WEIMARANER?

The Weimaraner is a short-coated dog. Its color ranges from light silver-gray to dark mouse-gray. The eyes are blue or light amber. The females are usually between 23 and 25 inches tall at the shoulder and weigh between 55 and 70 pounds. The males are larger at 25 to 27 inches at the shoulder and 65 to 85 pounds. This breed is used for hunting pheasant, quail, and other upland birds and waterfowl. It retains a very strong fur hunting instinct as well. They are bred for intelligence and stamina, to be able to work all day in the field. They love to work and play and have a seemingly endless energy. When not working, they *must be* part of the family, being included in everything you do. Although they excel at hunting, they are used for obedience, tracking, as show dogs, therapy dogs, are very good agility competitors, are used as drug detectors and police dogs in some parts of the world, and, raised and trained correctly, are great companions. They are a versatile dog with the brains and energy to do almost anything.

**DOES THIS SOUND LIKE WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR? THEN READ ON...**

## THE WEIMARANER PERSONALITY

**The following pretty well describes a Weimaraner:**

intelligent	fun-loving	demanding	strong-willed	devoted to his family
spiteful	loving	takes charge if no one else does		good with children
bossy	mischievous	responsive	stubborn	a guardian
a good watch dog	a good friend			

### **Are you confused?**

The Weimaraner is at times almost human. The degree of any of these traits depends on several things, but how the dog is raised has a big influence. A Weimaraner knows that someone should be in charge, should be the leader. If one of the humans in the family isn't the leader, the dog will take over. However, when one of the humans is in charge, the Weimaraner will accept its role as a family member.

### **The Weimaraner personality**

If you are a couch potato and live in a small apartment, no, a Weimaraner would not be a good idea. Neither of you would be happy and the dog would soon become a problem to live with. If you like moderate exercise, such as walking, and/or have a fenced yard where you can let the dog out safely, yes, it could work out well for both of you. If you can't say no and mean it or set boundaries of good behavior, don't get a Weimaraner. It would run the place. If you want an intelligent, stimulating companion that will require daily sessions of attention, training, togetherness, and fun, the Weimaraner might be for you. If you want a dog that sits quietly and waits for you to notice it, you should look at another breed. This is a breed you will either love or hate. Spend as much time around Weimaraners as you can before you decide if this is the breed for you.

### **How much Training will be Needed?**

The time you need will depend on two things:

1. What you want to teach (housebreaking, basic manners, tricks, advanced obedience work, retrieving, etc.)
2. How you train (consistency, praise, patience, and repetition work best with a Weimaraner).

Weimaraners are generally easy to housebreak and crate-train. They like to be clean with their personal habits and Mom will teach them early lessons. Many breeders begin elementary housebreaking before the puppies leave for their new homes. Many breeders will also begin gentling or socializing exercises at a young age to get the puppies used to being handled. Most people recommend that you should attend at least puppy socialization and basic obedience class with your Weimaraner. The exercise will be good for both of you and it will help establish that you are boss, while teaching both of you useful skills. Besides, it can be fun. Who knows, you may even have the class clown.

Weimaraners can learn to do almost everything. Weimaraner people often tell stories of dogs who can turn on the faucet to get a drink, open doors, even one who figured out how to turn on a microwave, and one that rang the doorbell when he wanted to come in. They can open the typical fence gate latch in a flash. They can learn as many tricks as you or they can think of.