

Tell Me About Weimaraners!!!

Most people know one thing about weimaraners - that they are a beautiful breed of dog. Their color is very distinctive, from silver-gray to mouse-gray, and they are short haired. But the characteristics of this breed go far beyond the physical beauty, and these are the things that make them a breed that is not suited to every home.

GOOD POINTS

1. They have a short, sleek coat that requires minimal brushing. They shed twice a year.
2. They are natural watchdogs and very protective of what they consider theirs. **HOWEVER, THEY ARE ALSO NOTORIOUS FOR BEING RECREATIONAL BARKERS.**
3. They are very good with older, considerate children.
4. They are excellent jogging or long walk companions. **THIS BREED REQUIRES A LOT OF EXERCISE - after all they are a hunting breed.**
5. They are very curious and want to be a part of whatever you are doing. They must be indoor pets, they very much want and need to be part of the family.
6. Overall they are a vigorous and long-lived breed of dog. Average life span is 10-12 years.
7. They are very playful and will create games to play with you.
8. They are very sensitive to your moods and want to be touching you when they lie down.
9. Most are good hunting dogs.
10. They love to retrieve and carry things.
11. They love to go with you anytime, anywhere.

BAD POINTS

1. They are very destructive and most are chewers until they reach maturity. Some are chewers their entire lives.
2. They will eat anything - pantyhose, lava rocks, sofas, pillows, etc. They are also natural thieves and you must put things up out of their reach.
3. As a result of the above 2 traits, a crate (wire or plastic) for confinement when not supervised is a **must** for this breed. If you can't stand to put a dog in a crate, please don't buy a weimaraner.
4. They are stubborn and hard-headed and smart enough to be manipulative. They will try to get away with everything possible.
5. They can be dog fighters.
6. They are usually too strong and active for elderly owners.
7. They must have consistent discipline and obedience training at an early age. Without it the dog and owner will be miserable.
8. This dog must **never** be allowed off leash in an unfenced area in the city. They are very untrustworthy and may chase the first animal they see.
9. See GOOD POINTS # 2 and 4.
10. They are prone to having allergy problems, hip dysplasia, diaphragmatic hernias, and bloat. Also making a recent appearance, eye problems.
11. They were created to hunt anything with fur or feathers, and often will kill small animals.