



Read about the Breed

Weimaraner

Sporting Group



The Weimaraner is Nick-named the "Gray Ghost" for its Distinct Color

Breed History:

- Bred by the nobles of Weimar, Germany in the 19th Century to hunt game.
- Early Weimaraners were carefully protected and not allowed to be owned as pets!
- A "jack of all trades" breed that excels as a working, show, or companion dog.
- The first German Weimaraner club was formed in 1887, and the breed was recognized by the AKC in 1942.



Keys to the Breed:

- High Energy Indoors
- Special Exercise Needs
- Special Grooming Needs
- Good Watchdog
- Good with Kids

Breed Characteristics:

- **Appearance** — A powerful, well-muscled dog with a short, smooth coat of a distinctive glossy silver to mouse gray color. The eyes are also striking, typically a light color ranging from amber to blue-gray.
- **Grooming** — Weims only need a quick once weekly brushing in addition to teeth and nail care.
- **Exercise** — They are high energy dogs that are bred to run all day on the hunt. Daily vigorous exercise is needed to prevent boredom and destructive behavior.
- **Temperament** — Weims are friendly and highly intelligent dogs, but can also be questioning and stubborn in nature. Early obedience is necessary as they are very dominant dogs, but they can make good family pets, watchdogs, and are good with children. The Weimaraner has a strong hunting instinct, so they may not interact well with other small dogs or small animal pets (unless raised with them).

Vital Stats:

- **Size** — Dogs (males) stand 25-27 inches, bitches (females) 23-25 inches
- **Weight** — Dogs average 66-88 lbs, bitches 55-77 lbs
- **Life span** — 10-12 years on average
- **Common Health Issues** — Pet shop puppies should be avoided due to hip dysplasia, hemophilia, bloat, and eye disorders
- **Breed Clubs** — Weimaraner Club of America

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AKC Standard Says:
"A medium-sized gray dog with fine aristocratic features. A picture of grace, speed, stamina, and alertness."