

Weim Friends Rescue

About Us

Weim Friends Rescue is an all volunteer 501c (3) non-profit organization based in Cincinnati, Ohio. We rescue, rehabilitate and re-home abandoned Weimaraners. We dedicate many hours to helping the Weims that come into our program. Please be patient with us as we have full-time jobs and we conduct our rescue work after hours. We look forward to speaking with you about our rescued Weimaraners!

About the Weims

We are often asked why Weimaraners need rescuing. Many of the Weims that come into foster care have been surrendered by their owner who is no longer able to care for the dog whether it is due to financial or personal circumstances. Some are relinquished to a shelter or picked up as strays and the owner does not reclaim the dog. Few come from abusive situations where the dog may need special care prior to adoption. All of the Weims have big hearts and are hoping to find a permanent home that will love them through their senior years. All of our Weims live with a foster home who become the experts on what family will be the best match for their foster Weim. They will have the final say on where the Weim is placed. We do not have a shelter facility.

Are you Weim Ready?

If you have owned a Weimaraner in the past, then you know that they are eager to please, have lots of energy and make themselves a part of the family. If you have never owned a Weimaraner, then we encourage you to review the article **“Living with a Weimaraner.”** This article will help you better understand the breed and determine if a Weimaraner dog is the right breed for your family. We also suggest that you take the **“Weimaraner Quiz”** to see if you are ready for this active breed. To learn more about the breed please visit the **“Weimaraner Club of America.”**

Our Adoption Process

After we receive your completed Adoption Application and your references have been checked you will be contacted for a phone interview by one of our Coordinators. Another volunteer will contact you to set up a mutually agreeable time to conduct your home visit. **NOTE: We ask that ALL family members be present for the home visit.** *Weim Friends Rescue reserves the right to deny any application.*

Once you have completed the adoption process and have been approved, your Coordinator will put you in touch with the foster homes to learn more about the dogs that you are interested in meeting. All of our dogs are living in foster homes within the Greater Cincinnati, Ohio area. You will need to travel to the foster homes to meet the dogs. We ask that you bring your entire family, including any dogs, to meet the foster dog to ensure all parties will get along. We do not hold or ship dogs. We place the dogs with the family we feel is the best match for the dog. If you don't feel a connection with the dog, then we encourage you to be patient until the right one comes along. **NOTE: At this time we are only able to accept applications from families who live within a 4 hour radius of downtown Cincinnati, Ohio (zip code 45202) or from a previous adopter. This rule is for the safety of our dogs – we need to be sure we can get our dogs back quickly in the event an adoption doesn't work out. If you live outside of this area or do not meet the requirement of being a previous adopter then we request a referral from your local rescue or club. We also encourage people outside of our area to check with their local Weim rescues first: <http://www.theweimaraner.com/> (see Rescue tab)**

Adoption Fees

All of the monies we receive go directly back into the rescue to care for the Weims in our program. We do not offer refunds, so we ask that you take the time to be certain that you are prepared to make a lifetime commitment to the adoption. Should you not be able to fulfill the adoption commitment, you must return the dog back to the rescue.

*Puppies (up to 6 months)	\$450
Puppies (6 months to 1 year)	\$400
Young (1 year to 2 years)	\$350
Adult (3 years to 6 years)	\$300
Mature (7 years to 9 years)	\$250
Senior (over 10 years)	\$200 (*includes basic blood work panel)

*Puppies under the age of 6 months require a \$100 deposit that will be refunded following proof of neuter/spay surgery. Please send your completed Adoption Application to: weimfriendsrescue@gmail.com Please feel free to contact us should you have questions about our adoption process. We look forward to receiving your completed application and speaking with you soon. Thank you for your interest in adopting a rescued Weimaraner!

Weim Friends Rescue Adoption Application

YOUR FAMILY

Date:

Full Name:

Spouse/Partner Full Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email Address:

Age(s) of applicant(s):

Please list the occupation(s) of all adults in your home?

Does either job require frequent out of town travel?

Are you or your spouse/partner subject to relocation?

Are you a student?

Are you in the military?

If you have any children living with you or visit your home on a regular basis, please list their names and ages*.

If you don't currently have children, do you plan on adding children to your household in the future?

If we do not know the history of a foster dog then we do not adopt to families with children under the age of 10 years. We generally post this information in the dog's Petfinder profile. Do you understand this?

Have all members of the household agreed to adopt a Weimaraner?

Although Weimaraners have short hair, they do shed their coat twice a year. Are any members of the household allergic to dog hair or dander?

Do you have any planned vacations or planned moves within the next 2 months, as we must prioritize adopters, since there are many Weims needing homes?

YOUR HOME

Do you live in a house, apartment, condo, or mobile home?

Do you own or rent?

If you rent, lease, or live in a condo do you have permission to have a dog? Please provide your Landlord's name and phone number and proof that you are able to own a large sized dog. We must have documentation of your Landlord's approval before your application can be processed.

Landlord's name and phone number:

Do you have any roommates? If so, please have them complete the Roommate Consent Form. All Roommates must complete and sign this form before the Application can be processed.

Is your home multi-level or single level? This may be a concern if the dog has special needs or is a senior who might have trouble using stairs.

How long have you lived at this address?

Is your home large enough to comfortably accommodate a 50-85lb average sized Weimaraner?

Do you have a fenced yard?

- Type of Fence?
- Height of Fence?
- Is the yard securely enclosed without any breaks in the fencing?
- What is the size of your yard?

How will you handle exercise and potty duties?

Is there a local dog-friendly park or area nearby to exercise your dog should you require one?

What is the activity level of your household (quiet, moderate, or active)?

YOUR PETS

Please list the CURRENT pets you own. Please describe by listing the name, type, sex, age, where kept and whether or not they are altered. Please include any farm animals and small critters.

Pet's Name	Type of Pet (dog, cat, etc.)	Breed	Gender	Age	Where Kept (indoors, outdoors, kennel, crate, house, garage, etc.)	Spayed/Neutered Yes/No?

Will your current pets accept a new dog into your home?

How would you characterize your current house pets, as this will help us match you up with a suitable Weimaraner: (dominant, submissive, friendly, playful, shy, scared, fearful, territorial, etc.)

If you currently have a dog(s), do any have any issues with resource guarding their food, toys, people, etc.?

Please list ALL pets you have owned PREVIOUSLY with outcome (i.e. death, gave away, lost, etc.). Don't list current pets.

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Have you ever returned a pet to a shelter/rescue?

Have you ever had a pet run away?

Do you collar and ID tag your pets?

Do you register your pets in accordance with your local city, township, or county regulations?

We recommend feeding your Weimaraner smaller meals and at least twice a day. We discourage "free feeding." Are you aware that this deep-chested breed can be prone to a digestive emergency called "[bloat](#)"?

What brand of food do you feed your current dogs?

Weimaraners can live up to 15 years of age. Are you prepared for the financial responsibility of dog ownership, including routine and emergency medical care, dog food, toys, etc.?

VET INFORMATION

NOTE: Before submitting your application, please contact your Vet's office to give them permission to release information to us regarding your pet(s). Most Vet offices will not give out any information until the client has given permission. Please provide the name of the person you spoke with at your Vet's office below.

Name of person you spoke with at your Vet's office: _____

Please give us a Veterinarian Reference INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

Veterinarian Clinic:

Veterinarian:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone Number:

*Signature Approval to request information regarding any and all client pets: _____

***NOTE: via signature approval you are granting WFR, Inc. the approval to obtain medical information on your pets through your Veterinarian.**

Do you keep current on core vaccinations for all your current pets (i.e. distemper, parvo, rabies, etc.)?

Do you agree to keep up on core vaccinations for your new Weimaraner (i.e. distemper, parvo, rabies, etc.)?

Do you keep current on heartworm testing and heartworm preventative for all of your current pets?

What heartworm prevention brand do you use?

Do you agree to keep current on heartworm testing and heartworm preventative for your new Weimaraner?

Do you keep current on flea preventative (in season) for all of your current pets?

Do you agree to keep current on flea preventative (in season) for your new Weimaraner?

GENERAL QUESTIONS

Weimaraners are large, energetic, demanding sporting dogs and can have strong prey drives. They require substantial mental and physical exercise, as well as training. It is important that you will have the time to care for a new family member.

Have you ever owned a Weimaraner?

If so, how recently?

If not, have you taken the "Are you ready for a Weim Quiz?"

Have you bred Weimaraner dogs in the past?

Do you have any current interest to do so?

Do you understand that all animals adopted from WFR are altered and therefore cannot be used for breeding purposes?

Who will be the primary caretaker for your new Weimaraner?

Why do you want to adopt a Weimaraner?

What factors made you decide that a Weimaraner is the right breed for you?

What other breeds of dogs have you considered before choosing a Weimaraner?

Have you applied with another Weimaraner/Animal Rescue within the last 3 months?

If yes, which rescue?

Do you prefer a male or female dog? Please explain your reason for desiring a particular gender?

Do you have a preference in color (gray or blue)?

What age range are you interested in? Please explain your reason for desiring a particular age?

Would you be interested in adopting a special needs dog (i.e. physical handicap, health handicap, etc.)?

Can you describe the type of personality and physical appearance of the Weimaraner you are looking for?

What Weimaraner currently in our program are you interested in?

Where will the dog live? Please provide details as necessary.

Inside Outside Both

(If you double-click on the box, a window will come up and you can choose 'not checked' or 'checked')

What activities do you plan to participate with your Weimaraner and how often (Daily, Weekly, Monthly, Once in a while, Never)? (If you double-click on the box, a window will come up and you can choose 'not checked' or 'checked')

- Obedience Training
- Agility/Rally
- Doggy Daycare
- Dog Park
- Walks/Hikes
- Jogging/Running
- Dog Events or Outdoor Sporting Events
- Snuggle Time/Companionship
- Hunting

Are you willing and able to provide daily on-leash walks with your Weimaraner?

How long during the average workday will the dog be left alone?

Where will the dog be kept when no one is home?

Where will the dog sleep at night?

What are your feelings about dog crates and crate training?

What are your feelings about dogs getting on the furniture or in the bed?

Where will the dog be kept when you travel out of town?

Are you willing to take your new Weimaraner to positive training obedience classes, if needed?

Are you willing to address any behavioral issues and work with your new Weimaraner on training issues, if needed?

Are you willing to allow time for the new Weimaraner to acclimate to your home and its new surroundings?

Even if the dog is housetrained, they may have accidents and require re-training. Are you willing to work with your new Weimaraner on potty training, if needed?

Weimaraners are known to be "**counter surfers**" and can be very skilled at getting onto counters, cupboards and into other areas of the home while seeking food or fun. Are you aware of this type of behavior and how would you manage it if your Weimaraner liked to "surf"?

Weimaraners are hunting dogs and therefore typically have a **soft mouth**. They can, however, be very oral when seeking attention from their human families or from other animals. Younger dogs especially will nip at tug at clothing, hands, etc. to gain attention. Are you aware of this type of behavior? Do you feel you can adequately deal with this type of behavior?

Weimaraners can be higher energy dogs and in their excitement may like to jump up on people to get attention. We discourage that type of behavior, but some dogs may need constant reminders that the

behavior is not appropriate. Are you aware that this particular breed can be a “jumpy” dog?

Weimaraners are highly intelligent dogs and require not only physical exercise, but mental and emotional stimulation as well. They desire to be a “**part of the family**” rather than just a pet. Are you ready for a dog that wants that level of interaction with you?

Weimaraners, like all higher energy and higher intellect breeds, can sometimes be prone to issues with **separation anxiety**. Some dogs, depending upon their history and genetic make-up may be predisposed to this type of behavior. Are you familiar with separation anxiety in dogs? Do you feel you can adequately deal with this type of behavior?

Our Weimaraners are located in foster homes throughout the Greater Cincinnati, Ohio area. Do you understand that you and all the members of your family (including current dogs) will have to travel to meet the dogs that you are interested in at their foster home?

Part of our application and approval process requires a phone interview. What is the best time to call and the best number to reach you on?

Part of our application process requires a home visit. Will you allow a volunteer to visit you and your family in your home? **NOTE: This visit must take place at a time when ALL members of your family are home.**

Please provide us with a Personal Reference that is NOT a relative that we may contact.

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone Number:

How do you know your personal reference?

Do you agree with ALL of the statements listed below? (If you double-click on the box, a window will come up and you can choose 'not checked' or 'checked')

- I agree to never let my dog off leash, unsupervised, when outside of a fenced in area.
- I agree that my Weimaraner will be an indoor house pet only.
- I agree to keep a collar with identification on my pet at all times.
- I agree to keep all necessary vaccines and tests current each year, including keeping my pet on heartworm prevention.
- I understand and agree that the Rescue makes no representations or guarantees as to the condition, health, behavior, or personality of the Weimaraner you adopt.
- I agree to give the Rescue permission to check on the health and general welfare of the Weim if necessary
- I agree that I have never been subject to legal action for cruelty to or neglect of animals. Further, I agree that I have never owned an animal that has been confiscated by an animal control officer or humane organization for violations of state or local animal control regulations or animal agreements.
- If for any reason I am unable to keep my Weimaraner, I agree to return it to Weim Friends Rescue. I understand and agree that there will be no refunds of the adoption fee.

Please return this application via email: weimfriendsrescue@gmail.com or via mail: Weim Friends Rescue, Inc., P.O. Box 43303, Cincinnati, OH 45243-2116. Thank you for your interest in adopting a rescued Weimaraner!