

#### Weimaraner Club of W.A:

- Aims to develop a network of like minded Weimaraner fanatics in Western Australia
- Aims to help pet owners by providing breed information, rescue and fostering service, breeder information, general dog education and training
- Arranges social and fundraiser events throughout the year. Funds will go directly back into the club, especially towards rescue, fostering and adoption



# Weim Times

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## Puppies!

Lets be honest, who doesn't love puppies — especially bouncy silver coated blue eyed Weimaraner puppies?

Semester 2 puppy classes for 2013 kicked off in early August with puppies coming from all across Perth and as far south as Bunbury — with Cate and Gunner packing their bags to attend. Puppy classes are continually evolving within the Club. We are solely focused on Weimaraners and tailor training to address the breed. The first class of the season kicked off with some basic manners and positions. This is where we set expectations for the puppies. One of the first things we teach pups is sitting to gain attention. A special shout out for learning this one quickly goes to Macy who cottoned onto gaining a treat every time she sits, and now has become an expert in sitting in front of anyone looking her way.

Class Two focused on lead walking and recall, two really important lessons! Wei puppies are full of energy and in order to safely take puppies out into the world both these lessons are important. Guinness nailed lead walking in record

time and Henry took to puppy recall like a seasoned professional. Puppy socialisation and play are a big part of class. Introducing new people and new dogs plays a big part in how well puppies develop social skills. Lulu and Kaiser are certainly on their way to winning the hearts and minds of the boys at the skate park next door and we are never short of volunteers to leave their skateboards and visit for a pat. Over the next few sessions puppies will be increasingly exposed to different dogs and people with older dogs playing an important part in teaching the social structure and 'dog manners' to the pups. Next training session we will be looking at health, grooming and stretching as well as building on the basics introduced over the last couple of sessions. Different ways of playing with your puppy are also introduced, Gunner lead the way in our first class with some well-practised games.

If you would like to come along and meet the puppies let us know – all visitors are welcome.

*Written by Bree Pearce  
Photo courtesy of Karen Le Blanc*

# 2014 Calendar

It's that time of the year again!

Where members can submit photos for our yearly calendar and vote on the photos we want to see in the calendar! Then, of course, you buy one or more in time for Christmas and New Year!

Photos should fall under the following categories.

- **GENERAL** - for any photo that doesn't fit under a specific category.
- **SEASONS** - this includes Holidays (Christmas, Australia Day, Easter) plus season related!
- **ACTIONS/BEHAVIOURS** - Catch them in the act, on the move, tricks.
- **DOG SPORTS** - Agility, obedience, retrieving .
- **GROUP** - Multiple Weims in one photo

Please ensure you read the requirements before you submit your photos. Photos that do not meet the requirements will not be accepted.

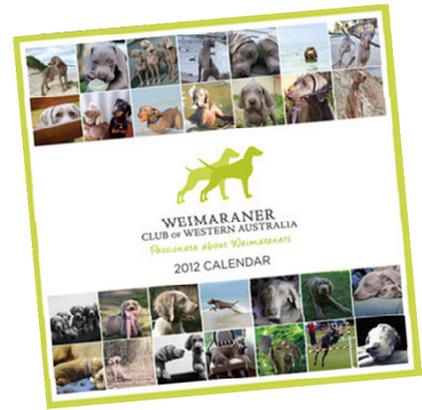
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<http://www.weiclubwa.com/2014-calendar>

Or submit via email to:  
[weimaranercalendar@gmail.com](mailto:weimaranercalendar@gmail.com)



## Vale

**Carmellis All That Magic (NZ) CD HTMS 'Bear'  
2002-2013**

Bear arrived in Western Australia in July 2002 after an 8 hour flight from New Zealand. He was a gentleman right from the start. He was only in the show ring for a short time. He progressed through puppy classes placing in all his graduations. In 2004 he gained his CD title in three straight trials. In 2005 he became very ill after being bitten in the throat by a spider. Which left him with mild Epilepsy. We almost lost him twice but he was a fighter. He was immediately retired from competition. He enjoyed his outings without the pressure of having to compete. In 2009 he broke his back leg between his stifle and hock in seven places. The vet performed a miracle and managed to fix the leg. He was left with a 20cm scare but amazingly no limp.

In 2011 we took up DWD and he attained his HTMS title. The same night he got his final pass for his title he also competed in the neuter class at the show gaining the dog challenge and Runner up Best of Breed. I was so thrilled with my Bear.

On the 27th of March this year we lost our beloved Bear. He has left a massive hole in my heart.

Rest in Peace Bear you will never be forgotten.

*Written by Cheryl Newbey*



# Seven Separation

## ... anxiety myths

Many dogs in our breed are slapped with the label of 'separation anxiety'. While this is a serious issue to live with (been there done that) it is also doesn't have to be a lifelong condition/state of being! There ARE successful ways in which you can address this behaviour. It requires consistency and a whole hearted approach. Here are some 'separation anxiety myths' I have adapted from a longer article on the topic from *The Whole Dog Website*:

Here are seven common myths, and why you shouldn't take them at face value:

**1.** Dogs who have separation anxiety are always "Velcro" dogs. This is a term commonly used for dogs who stick close by your side, not wanting to be away from you even for a moment. It's true that many dogs with separation issues follow their owners around the house. Some owners can't shower in peace, while others can't even use the bathroom without taking their dogs in with them. And a 2001 study (see "Resources," next page) by Gerard Flannigan and Nicholas Dodman did find that hyper attachment to the owner was significantly associated with separation anxiety. With all of that, it makes sense to believe that all dogs with separation issues must be Velcro dogs.

There are plenty of other dogs who, while they might not be strongly predatory, are just fine in or outside the house as long as they know someone is at home. So don't jump to conclusions. If your dog follows you around it could be separation anxiety, but it's not necessarily the case. And if your dog doesn't shadow your every move, that doesn't

mean separation issues can be ruled out, either.

**2.** Letting your dog sleep in your bed will cause separation anxiety. I can't tell you the number of times I've heard trainers advise owners not to allow their dogs to sleep with them, for fear the dog would become so bonded that being left alone would become unbearable. Nothing could be further from the truth. The above-referenced study also concluded that "activities such as allowing the dog on the owner's bed . . . was not associated with separation anxiety."

While it's true that sleeping in the owner's bed won't cause separation anxiety, if your dog already suffers from the issue, all of that night time closeness won't help. The goal is for your dog to learn to feel relaxed when alone, and if he can't even be physically separated from you at night, how can he remain calm by himself during the day when you're gone? Start by giving your dog an alternate sleeping space. Don't worry; it can be right by your bed at first. Place a dog bed next to yours and gently coax your dog back into his own bed each time he tries to climb up into yours; or, if necessary, use a short leash to tether him in place nearby. You might eventually choose to have him sleep farther away or outside the room altogether, but getting him out of your bed is a good start.

**3.** If your dog has separation anxiety, he won't eat while you're gone. Think back to a situation where you were extremely worried or afraid. Chances are, a tasty pizza wasn't the first thing on your mind. For many stressed-out dogs, the same mechanism is at work. But chewing provides stress relief for dogs, and in many cases, despite their stress, dogs will excavate stuffed Kongs, gnaw on chew bones, or work at food-dispensing toys. If you stuff a Kong or other food dispenser for your dog, place the item within easy reach and lay out a short trail of super yummy treats leading to it. This trail of treats is more likely to entice your dog to begin chewing than leaving the Kong lying there by itself.

Some dogs are too wound up to stay in one place to chew. For those dogs, a food dispenser that can be batted around, such as Kong Wobbler. These products allow the dog to expend that anxious energy in a more active way, and by providing that focus, may even prevent destruction.

**4.** If your dog destroys things while you're away, he must have separation anxiety. While it's true that destructiveness is the number one symptom of separation anxiety, many dogs are destructive for other reasons, including boredom, under-stimulation, or not being completely trained.

In cases of true separation anxiety, destruction is often focused on the owner's belongings, since the scent is comforting to the dog, or around doors and windows where the owner has left or can be seen leaving. Destruction of other items is possible, of course, but again, destructiveness in and of itself is not necessarily a sign of a separation issue. As with other clues, it must be factored in to the total case history.

**5.** Getting another dog will solve the problem. Whether getting a second dog will alleviate the anxiety of the first depends largely on whether the original dog's distress stems from being separated from a particular person (what we typically think of as separation anxiety), or from simply not wanting to be left alone, which is more accurately called isolation distress. In the case of the latter, any warm body will do.

That's good news, as the problem might be solved by the presence of a different person, another dog, or, in some cases, even a cat. So for a dog with isolation distress, getting another dog certainly could help; but there is always the chance that it won't; and, in the worst-case scenario, you could end up with two dogs with separation issues!

Unless you were planning to add another dog to the family anyway, it's better to do a bit of experimenting first. Consider fostering a dog for a rescue

organisation or borrowing a friend's sturdy, non-anxious dog for a short time. That way, you'll find out whether your dog is more relaxed with a buddy while you're gone. (Just be careful to end the experiment if your dog makes the guest dog anxious.) Who knows, if it works out, you might even decide to adopt the foster dog permanently!

**6.** A dog with separation anxiety should never be left in a crate when alone. This one is another partial myth. There are dogs who, if left crated, will frantically try to escape, and may injure themselves in the process. Others will chew themselves to the point of self-mutilation. Clearly, for those dogs, crating is not a good option. But for a dog who is comfortable in her crate, who sleeps in it at night, and doesn't mind being contained there for brief periods during the day, the crate might just be a saving grace. Many dogs will settle down more quickly when crated, particularly if the crate lends a feeling of being safely enclosed. For that reason among others, I prefer the plastic snap-together type crates to the wire ones.

**7.** If your dog has separation anxiety, it's best to ignore him while you're at home. This is probably an extrapolation of the traditional advice to ignore your dog for 10 minutes before leaving the house, and for 10 minutes after returning. Avoid making a huge fuss over your comings and goings, and keeping things on an even keel emotionally is the key.

#### **Treat the individual**

If your dog has separation anxiety, keep these myths in mind. While some might hold true, others just might not. Closely observing your dog's behaviour and evaluating it on an individual basis will allow your treatment plan to be that much more successful.

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*From The Whole Dog website.  
Article adapted by Carolyn Gale.*

## Animal Behaviour

This information are key points I gathered from a lecture at the DELTA Training Weekend in Sydney in May 2014.

With respect to animals looks and behaviour create instant assumptions. It's important to do as much research as you can on the breed of dog you would like to share your life with. Obviously here I am preaching to the converted – but please spread the word to friends or family who are considering adding a dog into their family. Research, planning and taking their time is of the utmost importance. So often our breed, stunning as it is in its physical appearance, are chosen by families who cannot provide the mental and physical enrichment a Weimaraner requires. They are hooked by the big floppy ears, the blue eyes and the comic nature – not realising that within 3 – 4 months they will have a clever, active, dynamic problem solver in their midst. Research and honesty is the key.

Early and consistent socialisation can make 'learning to learn' easier later in life. As pet owners we must view 'learning' and 'training' as a positive and exciting thing. It is not a chore. A dog who has learnt to learn early in life will adapt better throughout later life. Learning must take place in a safe environment. With your brand new puppy or adult rescue dog start at home, in a stress

free environment, away from distractions. Keep the dog in a thinking mode in a calm, safe environment (from the dog's perspective NOT yours) and this will limit fear and increase the bond the dog forms with you. The most sensitive and vital period of socialisation for a puppy is from 3 weeks to 14 weeks. During this period, and also later in life (especially with 'teenage' or juvenile Weimaraners who may default to being fearful of new situations/experiences) write a list of things you think your dog should be consistently and safely exposed to. See the article on Crate Training in this newsletter. Often once your dog is happy in their crate this is an awesome environment from which they can be exposed to new things in your home (think babies, toddlers, kittens, other dogs, new guests, guests who are nervous, depressed, upset or fearful of dogs) The list might include things like – car travel, vets, boys, noise, guests, parks, trucks, children, other animals, schools, other dogs)

The DELTA lecturers spoke about the importance of attending structured training classes right through adolescence into adulthood (3 – 4 years for a Weimaraner) I think this is of particular importance for our breed. Most dogs surrendered to the club for rehoming between the ages of 2 – 4 years have developed unwanted, and unsocial fear based behaviour due to inadequate training and socialisation. The lecturers emphasised that temperament was heritable, and that it was vital to research your potential puppies 'lines', pedigree and parents. This is why your breeder is an important key in choosing the right puppy for you and your family to spend the next 10 – 12 (or more if you are lucky) years with! Puppies born from anxious, easily aroused, unsocialised, or nervous breeding stock will often exhibit these behaviours or traits themselves. Puppies from calmer, healthy, relaxed and socialised parents will often exhibit better temperaments in the long run.

*Article by Carolyn Gale*

# Enriching Your Dog's Life

## ...Part Two

In the last newsletter I introduced the concept of 'enrichment' for your dog. This is the idea that living in a suburban context can be very repetitive and unfulfilling for the brain of a dog. We often underestimate their need to make choices and for variety in all aspects of their lives. I attended a DELTA weekend course and was introduced (and converted!) to the idea that we should think MORE like Zoo keepers in order to truly enrich our dog's life!

In the first part of the article I covered the physical environment; where your dog spends the majority of its life. The physical environment was the first aspect to address. In this part of the article I hope to cover:

- The social structure
- Sensory life
- Food – how is it presented? Is it novel/interesting or not?

### The Social Structure:

It is important to remember at all times that dogs ARE social animals and that YOU are part of their social group. If a dog spends most of its time (during a working week say) alone in a quadrangle (your back yard) YOU have to make the commitment to spend time with your dog. Even if you bring your dog inside when you are home you should make a real commitment to spend quality time outside in your dog's 'space'. Weather permitting eat outside, have coffee out there, take your newspaper out there, set up a radio while you are gardening.

Be mindful of the other people and dogs in your neighbourhood who your dog should know and/or come

into contact with. If you see your neighbours out in the garden when you take your dog out for his walk, ask your neighbour if you can bring your dog up to them on lead so that they can 'meet' them. Meeting new people is important for dogs, especially puppies and growing juveniles. My neighbour mows my lawn, his wife talks to my dogs over the fence, and I know, if anything happened to them while I was at work the neighbours would be there in a second. It's important to develop a network of people your dog knows and who they feel comfortable with.

In my role as the Rescue and Rehoming Officer for the Club people often ask if they should get a second dog to make their life of their existing dog better. That's like having a second child just so your first can have a playmate. While I know that this can be a valid reason in many ways – like all things it is not so simple! It is important to be aware that the addition of another dog will not necessarily reduce the social stressors of being left alone for 8 – 10 hours a day. Sometimes having another dog in their space can be incredibly stressful for a dog. There are several factors that can increase stress that can result from the addition of another dog:

Mismatching:

- Age
- Gender (same gender combinations are difficult to 'get right'. While not impossible, same gender 'packs' can sometimes require a lot more attention, consideration, patience and 'work' than mixed gender combinations. When rehoming a Weimaraner I always (with the exception of one special case where both girls were very similar and very social) abide by the rule of mixed gender combinations
- Health
- Temperament

It is worth bearing in mind that providing the right enriched environment, training the dog, making sure it is well (and constantly) socialised and giving it plenty of opportunities to meet appro-

priate dogs and people go a long way in fulfilling your dog's social needs. Often getting a second dog can mean that transport, activities like going to the shops, the local café, visiting friends are no longer manageable. This is then reducing the social experiences for your dog. If you do introduce a second dog – make sure that both dogs received training, socialisation, play time with other dogs separately! Another way to address the fact that your dog is a social animal left alone for long periods during the day is to arrange fixed day play dates. Find a dog who suits your own in age, play style and temperament and alternate with the other owner if having both dogs at your/their house during the week. Bree and Rowena have been doing this for some time now with their boys Albi and Zeus and they speak very highly of this arrangement and will address this in a separate article.

### Sensory Enrichment:

Can be divided up into:

- Manipulanda – Objects the animals can manipulate and explore. Make your own dog toys but always think 'no harm'. Be careful of using tires (especially steel belted radials) rope, brittle plastic, chain or plants with sap. Consider the weather and the seasons. In summer make large ice blocks for your dogs to lick. Make some stock and freeze it in large containers (ice cream containers etc) Put exciting things in the liquid stock before you freeze it; a favourite toy, a dentabone chew, fruit, raw honey. Avoid placing meat products in this activity. You can also invest in food dispensing toys, or make your own out of hard plastic bottles, or boxes. There are plenty of commercial varieties of puzzle feeders available like Kong and Bustacube. If you have a multi dog household do not use these if one of your dogs is a resource/food guarder. Always use these types of toys in a supervised situation first, before leaving your dog alone with them. Hang toys up

so they have to stretch, problem solve to gain access to them (again be mindful of rope etc and make sure it is safe)

- Texture – bedding materials, proprioception (see Part One of the article)
- Scents – natural and artificial scents

Scents – bear in mind that for dogs they experience most of their life through their nose! Spray old perfume, old after shave, raid your pantry and sprinkle old herbs and spices in the back yard. I use (almost on a daily basis) burning incense for this purpose. I have sought advice on incense that has calming, restful qualities and I *use* these. I burn them outside; in pots and hanging baskets.

- Sound – think about both natural and non-natural. Provide noise and also the absence of noise.
- Visual – vary the terrain inside your back yard and/or the views outside your yard. Consider the birdlife in your garden. I try to attract birds into the garden through birdbaths and several birdfeeders. It's a great way to ensure 'visitors' into your garden that will provide noise, colour and distraction for your dogs.

Enrichment is an important aspect of any pet ownership. Remember that during the day; all day, every day we have choices. We go to work, the shops, play sport, interact with people while our social 'best friend' is relegated to the backyard or house for many many hours on end. It is not only our job, but our responsibility to clean up after them, provide enrichment and to change their living environment on a regular basis so as to provide variety and stimulation in their lives.

*Written by Carolyn Gale*

## Books

Carolyn has shared many copies of 'Real Food for Dogs and Cats' to club members and would like them returned if they are no longer needed so she can pass onto others. Please post to Carolyn Gale PO Box 1341 Bunbury 6231. It's a very small book - easily hiding away where you might have forgotten about it!



We are also in the process of updating our library register and require your support with providing the following details via reply email in case you currently hold a Social Club book / DVD:

- Title:
- Author:
- Format:
- Borrow Date:
- Borrower Name:
- Borrower Contact (phone/email):

Send to  
**swhyatt@gmail.com**

We appreciate your prompt response and support.

*From the Club Committee*

## Blackdog Wear

The Weimaraner Club of WA is pleased to announce that we are now stockists of Blackdog accessories. Blackdog is a wonderful Australian brand who manufacture excellent quality leads, collars, harnesses and training accessories. We will carry a small range of leads, collars and harnesses to sell at social meets, and training events.

If you are after an item that we don't stock, we are happy to make special orders for club members. See their website for a full product listing [www.blackdog.net.au/](http://www.blackdog.net.au/)



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# Crate Training

*Although this article appeared in a recent newsletter we have received many questions regarding crate training. We hope this article, which is a basic start/overview is helpful for those wishing to commence crate training.*

It is easiest to start crating as a puppy, but older dogs can be easily crate trained. I always recommend that new adoptive homes crate train the Weimaraner they are adopting. For a dog dealing with the confusing and frightening experience of moving into a new home – crate training is one of the kindest things you can do. It keeps their new world 'small' (and thus less threatening) and replicates the 'den' that dogs would use in their own environment.

Teaching a dog to go into the crate:

- Use a word or phrase (a vocal cue) to show the dog you want them to go into the crate: "kennel-up", "go to your house", "place", "crate", "go to bed", "go to your room", are some suggestions.
- Use a small soft treat in one hand, get the dog interested in the treat held in your hand, and move with it right at the end of his nose.
- The hand that is on the collar is gently guiding him toward the crate opening and keeping him on track.
- Lightly toss the treat out ahead while the dog follows the treat into the crate. Repeat this several times before closing the door. The first stage is getting the dog to move freely and comfortably in and out of the crate.
- Leave the door open for several days. Play games by hiding the dog's favourite toy under bedding in the crate,

and give them the command 'find' and lure/encourage them to find their toy. Give them lots of praise when they find their toy.

- Several times a day (the more you can do this the quicker your dog will enjoy the crate) hide food treats in and under their bedding in the crate and give them the 'go to bed' command . . .

Use the crate ONLY positively!

Negative use (used as punishment or "banishment") will cause dog NOT to like the crate at all. The concept of a crate (a 'bedroom', a 'den') is a safe, quiet place for the dog. It is not to be seen as punishment. You must not consider it a 'cage', as it is not. A dog doesn't see its metal bars (if it's a metal one) only you do. Cover it in a sheet or blanket to make it warm, safe and inviting.

## IMPORTANT TIPS FOR USING A CRATE

- Ignore crying or whining
- With puppies - just put them inside using your verbal cue every time (coinciding with nap-time or after a big session of play works well). Give the pup things to do. A couple Nylabones - durable chews - to chew on, and sometimes they get a stuffed Kong.
- You may not want to put a towel into the crate...yet. Puppies will often destroy a towel or bed, and the towel will soak up pee. It makes it easier for a pup to pee in a crate when there is something to soak it up. As a pup becomes more reliable, I add an old towel, because I ultimately want my dog to have a nice bed to sleep on. Adding an old towel means I don't have to care much if it ends up being destroyed.
- NEVER let your dog out of his crate when he is crying or whining, unless you are certain he must go outside.
- Give your dog a "project" in his

crate; something he will ONLY get when he is crated. Examples: stuffed Kong (can be stuffed with peanut and fill with chicken bouillon and freeze - great for teething pups). Other stuffing ideas can be found on the Kong website: [www.kongcompany.com](http://www.kongcompany.com) .

- Puppies should only be left in a crate for one hour for every month he is in age before he has to have a toilet break.
- Adult dogs can be left for much longer once they are used to being in the crate and are toilet trained. Ideally, having a friend, relative or dog sitter come in the middle of the day to take the dog out is the best scenario if you are going to have them in the crate for longer periods.
- Puppies and dogs should be in the crate both when you are at home as well as when you are not home. Putting a dog in the crate only when you leave will quickly make the crate become a symbol for being alone, and can foster separation anxiety as time goes on. That doesn't mean the dog must be in the crate always when you are home, but for designated time periods (like, perhaps when you are eating, or when you are cleaning).
- Water in the crate: you be the judge. If you do choose to put water in the crate, a small metal bucket with a 2-way clip will keep the water off the floor of the crate and reduce dumping of water.
- Feeding in the crate: for pups, that is the best way to keep them thinking about dinner instead of everything else!
- Crates should be kept where the dog can still experience household activity. Keeping the crate in another separate room or the garage isolates the dog. Many a person has put plywood on top of a crate and made it into a side table!
- Most dogs will go into their crate on their own to sleep if you

leave the door open!

- You can cover the crate if external activity stimulates the pup too much when he should be sleeping, or if you want the pup to settle down. Covering reduces stimulation. Covering also helps calm the dog, especially if they are new to the home, or they are stressed for other reasons.

*Written by Carolyn Gale*

## 2013 Pointscore

The 2013 Pointscore is belatedly underway – my apologies for the delay.

The Pointscore year will run from 1 May 2013 to 30 April 2014.

Thank you to those who have already submitted results.

Those members competing with their dogs that have not already done so should send in their results since 1 May 2013 by the end of September 2013. From the end of September, results should be submitted within 30 days of the date of the event at which the result was gained.

Results are requested to be submitted within 30 days for the following reasons:

- The Pointscore celebrates the achievements of competitors and their dogs – if results are not submitted, how can we acknowledge and be suitably in awe of the wonderful achievements of our members;
- The Pointscore demonstrates the fields of dog sport in which the Weimaraner breed can compete and excel and hopefully will encourage others to consider pursuing one of these sports – a great way to learn about training your

dog, keep them physically and mentally stimulated and a great way to just spend time with your dog; and

- To spread the workload for the pointscore officer.

When submitting results for Obedience and Agility, where there are a number of different classes under the tick box (for example Agility Novice can be a pass in any of Agility, Jumping or the games of Gamblers, Snooker or Strategic Pairs at Novice level) I would really appreciate if you could indicate in the Show/Event Name or Club running event box exactly which class you have achieved the pass or placing in – just note AD, JD etc.

Please do the same when applying for titles – this will help me ensure I am crediting your dog with the correct titles/letters after their name.

You will receive an email acknowledging receipt of your result submission and confirming details of the result. PLEASE CHECK that I have got it right and query if you think your points do not add up or a result has been missed.

So now to the results submitted so far for 2013 - Congratulations to:

### **MOST VERSATILE WEIMARANER**

Zeba ADX JDX TD - Peter Ward – 95 points

Ch Belbracon Lover Seeker Keeper TD - Andrea Maxwell- 80 points

Ch Grausturm Silver Lining TD - Jo Ward – 35 points

### **CONFORMATION/SHOWING**

Ch Belbracon Lover Seeker Keeper TD - Andrea Maxwell- 50 points

Bromhund Easy on the Eye - Anne-Marie Ward – 22 points

Ch Greydove Blue Moon TD - Carolyn Gale – 7 points

### **AGILITY**

TCH Gunclip Smokey Jade CD ET TSDX RA JD - Bev & Jodie Auld – 40 points

Zeba ADX JDX TD - Peter Ward – 40 points

### **OBEDIENCE**

Zeba ADX JDX TD - Peter Ward- 25 points

Ch Grausturm Silver Lining TD - Jo Ward- 5 points

### **TRACKING**

T Ch Matrix RN - Christine Weetman – 65 points

Ch Belbracon Lover Seeker Keeper TD - Andrea Maxwell- 30 points

Ghostwind Pace and Grace TD - Marianne Connell- 30 points

Ch Grausturm Silver Lining TD - Jo Ward- 30 points

Gunclip Cosmopolitan TD - Holly Cassin- 30 points

Zeba ADX JDX TD - Peter Ward- 30 points

**Christine Weetman**  
**Pointscore Officer**

## 4 Years of Rescue!

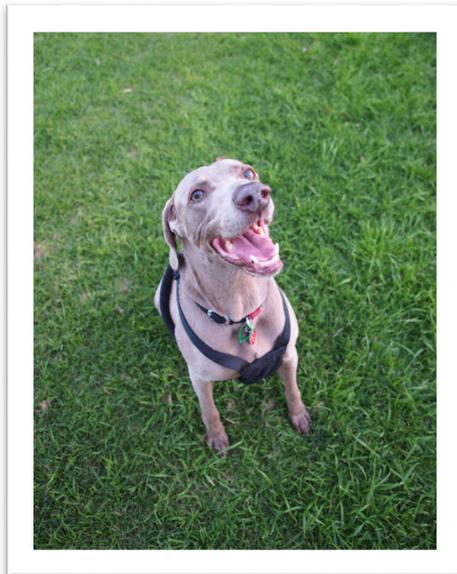
So... I had always been interested in getting a Weimaraner and in 2010 I met Carolyn, through a friend, who suggested I come along to the social meet to check out the club and get to know the breed a little more. Carolyn also informed me about the rescue program at the club and I knew that it was for me, so a few weeks after our initial meeting I officially expressed my interest in wanting to give a forever home to a rescue.

Now I already had a cat, so getting a dog that was ok with other pets took a little time but in September 2012 a lady in Victoria, contacted the Weimaraner Club there and put Charlie up for rehoming. He was 9 and a half years old, had lived with a cat previously and originally from Perth. With the help of Carolyn Gale, Marg Cockburn and Caroline Hatherley, Charlie was flown over on the 11th of October 2013. I met him at the airport, I was so excited and nervous!!

Charlie took a little while to get used to his new home, he struggled with anxiety for some time. During this period I took him to a vet who said that maybe he couldn't be helped and because of his age I should consider putting him down! I was horrified!! With Carolyn and the club's help and support and doing a lot of reading/learning, he's gotten so much better and is much happier... If only that vet could see him now!

It took about 8 weeks for Charlie and Jet (the cat) to become friends but now they are best mates!

Almost three years on, life is good. Charlie will be 13 years old in April next year. He loves going for our daily walk and saying g'day to his mates down at the dog park. He loves sneaking on to the bed for a snuggle when it's cold. He loves being a part of the conversation



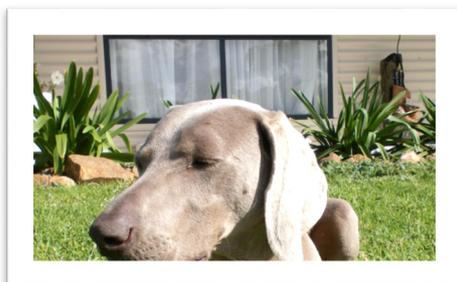
when we have people over, he thinks he's human. He loves a bit of cheese, especially if we take our eyes off the platter on the coffee table for a second. He loves playing hide and seek. He loves getting a treat after I cut his nails. He loves sticking his head out of the car window and smelling the world zoom by. He loves lying in the garden and snoozing in the sun. He loves me, my husband and Jet unconditionally... and I just love all of it!!

I feel that I am blessed to have him in my life and I am so glad that I've been able to give him a second chance.

Thank you to the Club and Carolyn, you do great things.

*Written by Lara Slattery*

We adopted Moose just over a year ago. He has become a very special part of our family and I just adore him, he does a very good job of keeping me company! He has fitted into farm life easily and enjoys all the space! Carolyn was a great help and runs a very good program, being so far away from



the city she made it very easy for me to pick him up and has always stayed in touch. The Weimaraner rescue program is a program that genuinely cares and makes itself available for ongoing support, which I believe ensures all adoptions are successful. Keep up the wonderful work

*Written by Veronica*

Our rescue girl 'Bailey' aka Ghostwind Lady Bug - and simply known as Princess to us, was three years old when she graced our lives in July 2011 after her owner experienced health issues and surrendered her. We are her third and forever home. Princess Bailey's beautiful, gentle nature meant she



quickly made her way into our hearts as well as onto our beds and couches! We feel truly blessed that we get to share our lives with her and are forever grateful to Carolyn and the Weimaraner Club of WA for our Princess.

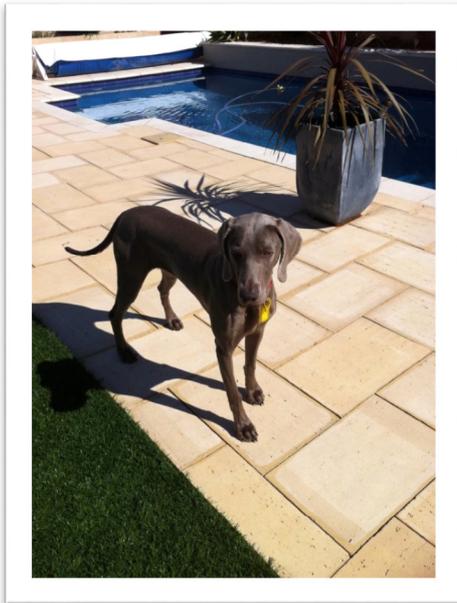
*Written by The Tozer family of Leschenault WA.*

We adopted Kirra through Carolyn at Weimaraner rescue WA after losing our male Weima Zeus to bloat. Carolyn was very professional & made every effort to make sure Kirra was going to a good home who knew Weimaraner's temperaments.

We have had Kirra since February 2012 and she is a pleasure! She required a bit of training when we got her after she destroyed my sofa! I was told she hates the beach?#% Well she often runs 10km up a deserted stretch of beach quite often!

To sum Kirra up, she is my best buddy

& lightens up my & my family's lives!



*Written by Katrina Jackson*

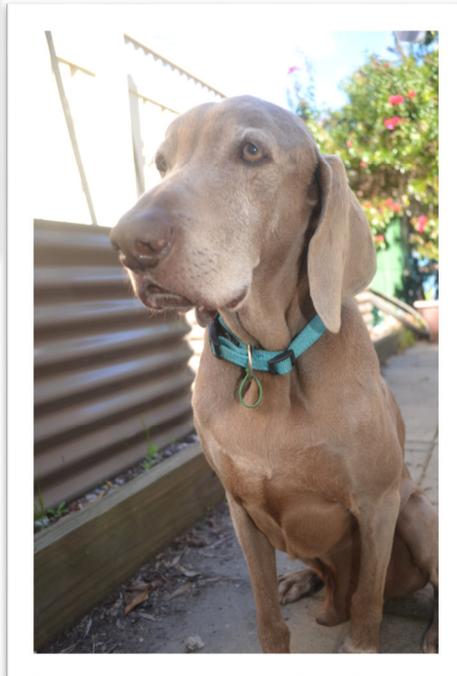
Paddy flew all the way to South Australia to join his new family and is a brother for Phoebe, who I had as a puppy from Greywei Kennels and who is the same age as Paddy but very, very naughty. They will both be 4 at the end of this year. It turns out that they both have the same grandfather on their mothers side (Graytysks Smokin in Havana Imp. USA) Paddy, pictured on the left, has a beautiful nature but he is an anxious boy who is not keen on other dogs, other than his sister who he loves. He had to be introduced to her very slowly and they are now the best of friends. He is a big softie, who loves nothing better than cuddling up in front of the fire with me and Phoebe. This is when he is the most relaxed, when he feels safe and secure.



PADDY PICTURED LEFT

*Written by Jackie Hunt*

I'm not really sure what to say about Mickey, except that we started looking at the adoption page after seeing another of the rescue dogs, we ended up talking to Carolyn about a number of the rescue dogs as they came into her care, but I think we got the dog that was meant for us. It hasn't all been smooth sailing bringing him into our family, but we love him, our lives would not be the same without him.



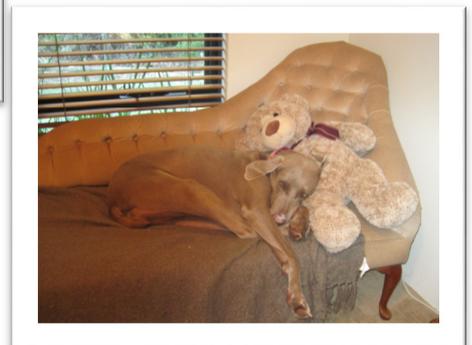
*Written by Narelle Marriott*

I have had Weimaraners in the past and love the breed so when my Jack Russell passed away I contacted Carolyn with a view to rescuing a Weimaraner to keep Bella (our rescued Sheltie-cross) company and also to guard the house as we had recently been burgled. Carolyn put me in touch with Billie-Jean's previous owners who were looking to rehome her. When we saw Billie, we immediately fell in love with her and it was obvious that she wasn't happy in her current environment and was in need of care and affection. We were led to believe that she was about 7 or 8 years of age at the time of adoption and we have owned her for 2 ½ years.

The first few months weren't easy as Bella and Billie fought every time I came home from work as they were

both trying to gain my attention and as Billie was a lot bigger than Bella, poor Bella came off worse. Carolyn put me in touch with Jenny Oliver who also has Weimaraners and is a Dog Listener. She was really helpful and extremely knowledgeable and we managed to rectify the problem. Bella is now 13 years of age and nearly blind and Billie seems to look after her when we are out walking in the local forest and beaches in the South West. Billie has had a few health problems, she is on medication for incontinence and also has "Collie Nose" – a nasal pigment condition. Both are being managed.

Billie is a joy to own and like most Weimaraners, prefers to be inside and is my true friend. She is refined, a real lady and obedient (most of the time). She is also quite comical and "smiles" as a greeting and "talks" in whimpers. As well as Bella, we also have two pet chickens and a cat and all live in harmony. As you can see from the photograph, Billie is spoilt and does take liberties at times!



*Written by Jacqui Crummey*

Prior to Luka & Zac I had 2 Weimaraners – Daisy (when I lived in the nations capital for work reasons - I bred her & kept one of her pups) & Chloe, her puppy. I relocated back to Perth when Daisy was 2 ½ & Chloe was only a few months old. They both lived to 15. We moved house to where we are now in Scarborough & "the plan" was after the kitchen reno's to get another wei.

We emailed eastern states breeders on a Sunday night (didn't know much about the Perth ones) & the next night

got a call from Carolyn Gale asking if we'd go sus out Luka who had been surrendered to The Dogs Home in Shenton Park, so we did the next day. With a house full of workmen, "the plan" happened but not with the time frame we thought (I'm a believer in "everything happens at exactly the right time") we bought Luka home (she had been there for 2 weeks) & that was just over 4 years ago (she was 10 ½ at the time of rescue). Having never had a 'rescue' before we utilised the knowledge, skill & expertise of Carolyn & Jennie Oliver (who used to live down the road from us) to get us through the early stages, coupled with our knowledge & intuition. Low & behold, within a year we were going to foster Zac, haha that turned into "not going anywhere mate, you're staying with us". Again we took advantage of Carolyn & Jennie's advice & time as we had never had a male wei before & never rescued two.

Zac recently turned 9 & we have had him for just over 3 years.

Our heart went out to Luka because of her age & we felt confident because we had 2 that lived to 15, that we could offer her at least a few extra years in our home, instead of another day at the kennel. Married with Jennie O's & Carolyn's help we thought we could achieve this. Then she really settled in and after having Zac in the house for a few days could see that they could be good mates & clearly, they won that decision!! It has been a time of growth for us, learning about them & helping us to help them have a good "rest of life", clear up any emotional trauma/baggage from past owners & also provide lovely companionship for each other & us. They settled in very quickly, our experience has been fantastic & we are privileged to be a part of their lives.

*Written by Colleen Pearce*



## The Weimaraner Club of WA welcomes the following new members...

Mali Hodges

David Hall & Michael O'Dwyer

Jasmine Hornby

Kate Emma Judge

James Le

Sarah & Stuart Wilson

Catie Kouw

## Dates for your diary...

### Perth Royal Show 2013

Weimaraners will be in the ring on Wednesday the 2nd of October 2013 at Claremont Showgrounds for the 2013 Perth Royal Show!

### Puppy Classes

October - 6th and 20th

November - 3rd and 17th

### Mid Semester Graduation:

September - 22nd

### Final Graduation:

November - 17th

### Social Meets

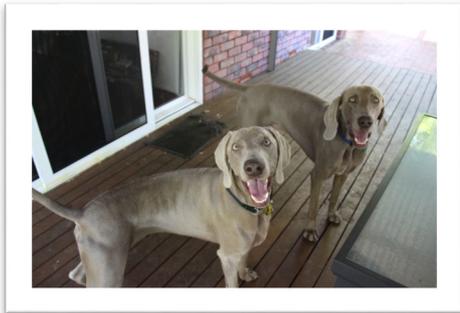
October 6th w/Sausage Sizzle (location TBA)

December— Date and location TBA, confirmed when calendar published

## Play Dates

Through the early morning mist they first laid eyes on each other. From that moment on the bromance had commenced. This was the start of a beautiful friendship between Albi and Zeus that commenced at Trackwest training one very early Saturday morning.

Albi and Zeus come from the Bromhund kennels. Albi is 4 months older than Zeus and they are related in some distant way. The result being that we had two very fit, energetic and active Weimaraners under 14 months old who were turning out to be more passionate gardeners than us. Our mission was how to harness this energy in a positive and constructive way.



Carolyn had the brilliant idea that Bree and I could investigate setting up some play dates for Zeus and Albi. We knew our yards were secure and dog safe. Both our neighbours were used to our dogs so a little extra noise would not be an issue. We did a trial run one afternoon at my place and watched how the two dogs interacted. Their bromance continued and their greeting was one of an airborne hug/body slam. Great start.

Days per week: we decided on two days per week, being a Tuesday and Thursday. The rationale being they spend Monday recovering from the weekend. Play date Tuesday and Thursday with a rest day in between. Then recovery day on Friday to be all ready for an energetic weekend.

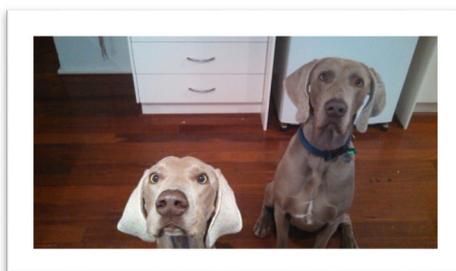
Location: we commenced using one yard then when that went into recovery mode we used the other yard. Now we alternate between the two, Tuesday at Zeus's place and Thursday at Albi's. That is working very well.

The aim of the play dates was to direct their excess energy in a positive manner. The family can only have so many gardeners. Prior to commencing the play dates both dogs got daily off lead exercise and were well socialised. They also both attended weekly obedience class. The play dates were just to add another dimension to their active social life.

The benefits were positive and immediate. We found both dogs were more settled and calm and also more focused at obedience training. In addition, just being around the house they were quieter and more relaxed. Albi has come home tonight from a play date and he's mellow and tired. He just wants dinner and his bed. So would I after playing with Zeus for ten hours. We have been successfully running the Albi and Zeus bi-weekly play dates since November 2012.

Setting up the play date does involve some planning and can require your own schedule to be modified. Though be assured that the benefits far outweigh any routine change you may have to make.

The play date sessions are so positive for all involved (both dog and human) and I would encourage everyone to try and set up something similar.



*Written by Rowena Williams*

## South Rally

### O ...and Tracking

#### Wrap Up

The Down South crew are a hardy bunch who brave the elements hail, rain or shine to train their dogs! Or perhaps we are just more mad than most! A small group of about 5 of us join other breeds in tracking training on Sunday mornings in the mosquito infested Ludlow Forrest. Usually it is an ideal spot – but this winter, as a result of all the rain we have had, it has become an infested mosquito breeding ground!! The mosquitos invade the cars and literally cover the dogs when they are out of the car. However, the tracking conditions are superb and the Weimaraners love it. Willa is really coming along and shows an unrivalled enthusiasm for the job at hand. For Chase it's all about getting to his ball at the hide in the end. He has come along this year so much he has trialled in a few trials all the way up in Perth! Easy has taken to the discipline like duck to water and loves 'working' for her handler Tony.

We have also met with a larger group of Weimaraners and their handlers on a few occasions to continue our Rally O training. Maisie and Georgia clearly love the discipline and also love working for their handlers; that is easy to see. We met in Collie by the river on one occasion, and then in Ludlow at Southern Meadow Kennels on another day. Thanks must go to Cheryl, the ever patient trainer who has encouraged and inspired our little group! Some of us are even that inspired (I won't say 'talented') to enter our very first Rally O trial in Bunbury at the end of September! We will keep you posted on how the dogs go there. A huge thank you to Cheryl for always being happy to drive long distances, and for designing the courses for us!

*Written by Carolyn Gale*

## BREEDER'S REGISTER

This Breeder's Register is not a recommendation of any particular breeder over another. It is not a complete list of all Weimaraner breeders; but is a listing of breeders who are members of the Weimaraner Club of WA and who have paid to have their kennel listed in this Breeders' Register

Refer to the website for mating /litter information.

### ASHBOLT

Amanda and Scott Williamson  
Sunshine Coast QLD  
0418 711 392  
sunnyweis@bigpond.com

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### GRISEUS

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# WARNING

## ON COMMENCEMENT OF BAITING IN CONSERVATION AREAS

The Department of Parks and Wildlife (formerly DEC) is commencing fox and feral cat baiting during September, October and November 2013 on conservation lands throughout the State. Please be aware and keep your dogs safe.

Read the information below and check out the website [www.dpaw.wa.gov.au](http://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au) for maps of baited areas if you are living in, intend holidaying at or are just traveling through these areas and might need a pitstop for your pooch – keep on lead and make sure they do not pick up anything from the ground.



Under the wildlife recovery program *Western Shield*, the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) carries out 1080 fox and feral cat baiting operations on nearly 3.9 million hectares of land it manages. The program is working to bring native animals back from the brink of extinction by controlling introduced predators such as the European red fox and feral cat. As a result of baiting, two native mammal species (quenda and tammar wallaby) have been removed from the state's threatened species list since the start of *Western Shield*. In addition, populations of many more native animal species have increased or continue to persist in baited areas under *Western Shield*. Continuation of baiting will allow us to reintroduce species such as boodies, bilbies and numbats to areas of their former range. The baiting operations extend from Karratha in the north, through the forests of the south-west to areas east of Esperance.



### 1080 is poisonous to humans and will kill domestic cats and dogs.

Pet owners please be aware that all State forest and most national parks and nature reserves are baited four or more times a year and must be considered dangerous areas for pet dogs and cats at all times. Pets are not allowed in national parks. If visiting these conservation areas it is advised that you leave your pets at home.

Pet owners are also asked to remain vigilant in preventing pets from entering baited areas. 1080 sausage baits are made of meat and are extremely attractive to dogs in particular, who can detect the baits from many metres away. The baits will tempt both well-trained dogs and fussy eaters. If you suspect your pet has taken a bait, induce vomiting and immediately seek veterinary attention.

Neighbours, please be aware that it is legal for DEC or other neighbours to bait as close as five metres from your boundary and as close as 150 metres from your dwelling. Pets can travel these distances very quickly.

Public notices are placed in state and local newspapers and all baited areas are signposted—please observe 1080 warning signs. Maps of baited areas can be viewed on DEC's website at [www.dec.wa.gov.au/westernshield](http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/westernshield).

**For information please contact your local DEC office or visit [www.dec.wa.gov.au](http://www.dec.wa.gov.au).**



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## Top Dogs!

**Well done to Christine Weetman and Matrix for the following results:**

- Matrix RN gained his Tracking Champion title on 14 August 2013 with a grading of Excellent

**Well done to Angela Docherty along with Randy and Enya for the following results:**

- 05/07/13 Hills Kennel Club Randy, Grauhund Addicted to Love Best in Group & Enya Ch Greydove Fine Romance Runner up and Enya gained her final points for her Neuter Championship Title
- 24/08/13 Gun Dog Club of Wa, Randy Grauhund Addicted to Love Best Neuter in Show, and also gained his final points for his Neuter title, and Enya, Ch N Ch Greydove Fine Romance Runner up Best of Breed

**Well done to Peter Ward and Zeba for the following results:**

- TDX4 pass
- RallyO Novice pass and title
- CCD pass and title
- Masters Agility pass

**Well done to Andrea Maxwell and Ari for the following results:**

- Ari (Ch Bromhund Underline Me) achieved her TD title

**Well done to Amanda Williamson and Lucas for the following results:**

- 27/07/13 Kempsey & Macleay Valley K.C. Show BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW Judge: Mrs D. Norman (Qld.) Gundog Specialist.
- 28/07/13 Kempsey & Macleay Valley K.C. Show BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW Judge: Mrs H. Weil (Qld.)
- 04/08/13 Junior Kennel Club Show Challenge Dog & Aust-bred of Breed Judge: Mr R. Malo Alcrudo (Spain) This show was a Pointscore for the Weimaraner Club of NSW, there were 38 Entries.
- 25/08/13 Nanango & District All Breeds K.C. 20km Endurance Test – passed Judge: Mr W. Doyle (Qld.) 'Lucas' now has his Endurance Title!

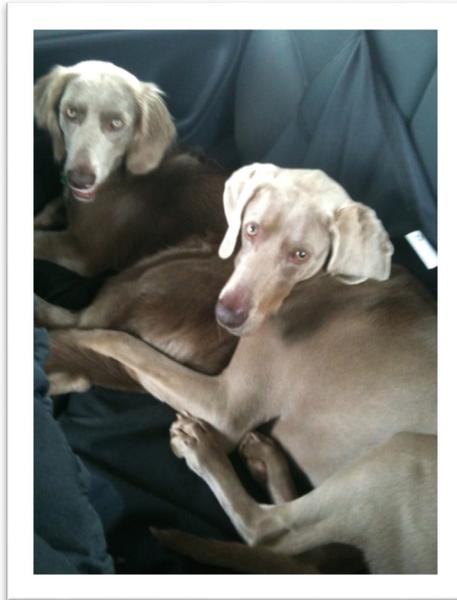
**Well done to Carolyn Gale and Tallulah for the following results:**

- 03/08/13 Ch Greydove Blue Moon TD 'Tallulah' – Best Neuter in Group at the Metropolitan Kennel Club of WA Championship Shows
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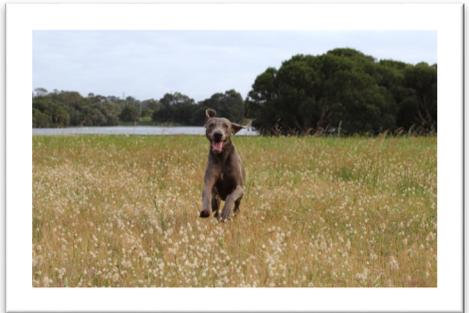
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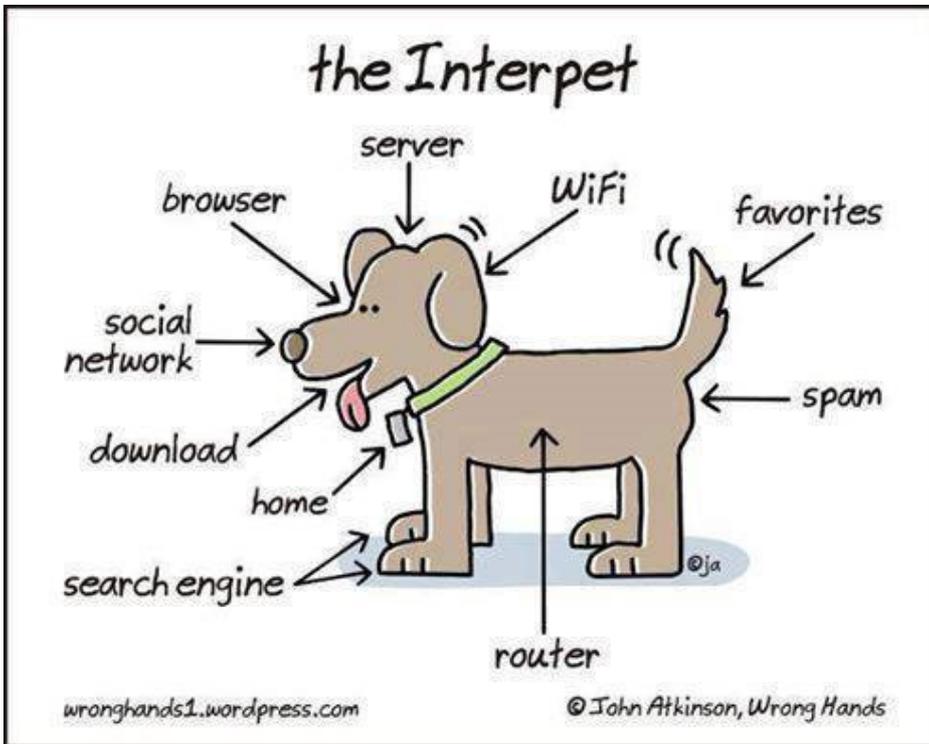
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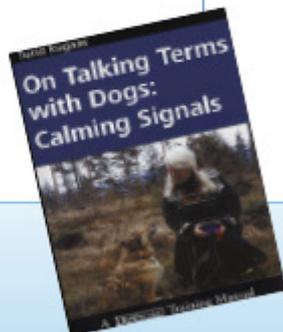


**Date** Sat 24 & Sun 25 May 2014

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### AGILITY CLUB OF WA

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Phone: 0438 913 585  
contact@agilityclubwa.com  
[www.agilityclubwa.com](http://www.agilityclubwa.com)

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CLOVERDALE WA 6985  
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Training 9402 1807 (daytime)  
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BALLAJURA WA 6066  
Phone: 0414 867 439

### GUN DOG CLUB OF WA (INC)

Club Type: Breed Club + Gun Dog Activities  
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Phone: 9405 3139  
[m.auld@iinet.net.au](mailto:m.auld@iinet.net.au)

### MANDURAH DOG CLUB

Club Type: TRAINING  
Karin Smale  
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### MIDLAND DOG TRAINING CLUB

Club Type: Obedience & Agility Training  
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Phone: 9377 6821 or  
Training - Jan Welyky  
Phone: 9572 2907  
[www.midlanddogtraining.com](http://www.midlanddogtraining.com)

### NORTHERN SUBURBS TRAINING & OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB

Club Type: Obedience & Agility Training  
Mrs Frances Coull, PO Box 122,  
Greenwood. WA 6924  
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[www.northernsuburbsdogclub.org](http://www.northernsuburbsdogclub.org)

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christineX@iinet.net.au

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## Dog activities explained!

**Have you considered trying one of the many 'dog sports' with your Weimaraner? The following disciplines utilise the talents and skills of the breed: AGILITY, OBEDIENCE, TRACKING and RETRIEVING.**

Go to the Canine Association of WA's website and click on 'Activities and Events' for a step by step guide on how to get started. You must be a member and your dog registered with the CAWA in order for you to compete. See membership applications on the website. If you find the process difficult to understand, please don't hesitate to ask us for help.

**AGILITY** tests the dog's ability to negotiate jumps, tunnels and obstacles under timed conditions.

**OBEDIENCE** teaches the dog to watch and listen for instructions from his handler. This is a great way to ensure your dog is socialised.

**TRACKING** uses the Wei's nose. The dog must follow a scent and 'track'. This is also good for older Weis who may be past running and jumping. Young weis are naturals at this!

**RETRIEVING** trains 'gundogs' to retrieve decoys from water and land and return it to their handler. What Wei doesn't love to do this?



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