



**WEIMARANER  
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For information and advice for people interested in the  
Weimaraner breed in Western Australia.



**Finding a Breeder and  
Weimaraner Rescue**

Always purchase your Weimaraner from an ANKC registered Weimaraner breeder. If you are looking for an adult dog, most state Weimaraner Clubs provide a breed rescue service and some breeders occasionally have an adult dog looking for a new home.

Feel free to contact us for more information on sourcing a Weimaraner or rescue. We are also sometimes looking for foster homes for our rescue dogs.

For more information go to

**[www.weiclubwa.com](http://www.weiclubwa.com)**

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## General Appearance

Weimaraners are described as a medium to large sized hunting dog. They are a strong, sinewy, muscular, aristocratic gundog. There is a very distinct difference in appearance between the male and the female.

Their most well known feature is their beautiful silver grey coat and stunning green-blue to amber eyes. Weimaraners are no longer a tail docked breed in Australia.

They have a long, fairly strong tail. Nicknamed the “grey ghost” this breed has many admirers.

### Size (Height at withers)    Weight

**Dogs:** 59-70cm (ideal 62-67cm)    **Dogs:** 30-40kg

**Bitches:** 57-65cm (ideal 59-63cm)    **Bitches:** 25-35kg

## Colour & Coat Types

The Weimaraner comes in one acceptable colour, but of many shades. The silver grey colour of the Weimaraner is actually a dilution of a solid liver colour, which is why the Weimaraner appears to be “silver” rather than “blue” like in other breeds (Blue is a dilution of black).

Shades of silver are described as silver, grey, roe and mouse grey. The Weimaraner comes in two coat types – the more common short coat, and the long hair, which is less commonly seen.

The long hair Weimaraner generally has a softer, slightly longer topcoat and may or may not have undercoat. They also have feathering on the ears, tail, breeches, legs and chest.

### Is the Weimaraner right for you?

The Weimaraner is a unique breed and is not necessarily suited to all families. Adding a Weimaraner to your family is a long term, serious commitment, so please do not take it lightly.

These dogs give you their hearts and do not deserve it being broken by someone that made a snap decision getting a cute little grey bundle. Always do your research before you purchase a puppy.



## Exercise

As with any large breed, exercise should be approached with structure in their early lives, as growth of large bones and joints occurs rapidly and over exercise and overfeeding can cause many issues.

Your breeder in every instance should provide you with information on appropriate exercise for your puppy. As adults, Weimaraners should probably have around 30-60 minutes of exercise daily.

Weimaraners do very well with mental stimulation in the form of obedience, tracking or other games that make them have to think. Mental stimulation can be as effective as physical exercise and a combination of the two usually works well for most Weimaraners.

## Training

Weimaraners are an incredibly intelligent breed that needs mental stimulation, or they can become bored and destructive. As a puppy, obedience training is a must, and will keep down the physical exercise, which must be controlled to ensure correct growth and avoid joint issues.

Weimaraners can be easy or hard to train, and it really does depend on the personality of your dog and your training methods.

There are a huge variety of activities that the ANKC offers that you can enjoy with your Weimaraner, from Agility to Field trials.

Visit: [www.dogswest.com](http://www.dogswest.com) for more information about activities you can compete in with your Weimaraner.

## Temperament

Their personality has been described as a complex mixture of aloof aristocrat and silly clown. They are confident but they may stand back and fully appraise a stranger before committing themselves, however once a Weimaraner gets to know you, you will be their friend for life.

They were originally bred as a hunting dog and retain a lot of that instinct today and are still being used to work all over the world. Due to their nature and hunting instinct they require a lot of socialisation, attention and exercise to their brains. A bored Weimaraner can be a very destructive Weimaraner!

Anywhere you read about a Weimaraner, you will read that the Weimaraner is a dedicated companion dog. They have an extremely high dependence on human companionship and will not thrive without it. Weimaraners are best in their homes lying by their masters side and often many issues arise when Weimaraners are left outside on their own for long hours at a time or rarely let inside to be with their owners.

If you think you want a Weimaraner, you must embrace every aspect of their temperament and that means understanding that you cannot change this dependence on companionship, because it has been retained and bred this way for many many years and isn't likely to change!

Weimaraners are also a lot more inclined than other gundog breeds, to have a protective instinct and therefore they have in the past been used as watch dogs and guardians (not attack dogs).