

Great Lakes Weimaraner Rescue

Great Lakes Weimaraner Rescue was created in an effort to support and provide for the rescue, recovery, care, rehabilitation and re-homing of Weimaraners in need across the Great Lakes region. No one individual is Great Lakes Weimaraner Rescue...several individuals came together to form a collective and collaborative organization with our sole purpose being to assist Weimaraners in need.

Dogs that are received into GLWR's program come from a variety of backgrounds and situations. Some are recoveries from various shelters. They may have arrived into the shelter as a stray and not reclaimed by their owner or the animal may have been surrendered to the facility by their owner. Most of the dogs that we receive into our Rescue program rarely come from abusive situations. They typically come from loving families that can no longer keep them due to a move, divorce, death in the family, etc.... Others come from families that just didn't know what they were getting into when they bought a Weimaraner puppy!!

Weimaraners are not the type of dog that can be expected to keep themselves entertained. They need both physical and mental stimulation to be happy, healthy and content. They have a higher than average need for exercise than other dog breeds and are not the type of dog that will lie around and wait for "their turn". They expect to be part of the family and if left to their own means without constructive outlets *could* become destructive. They love to be with "their people and families". You can learn more about the breed at www.weimclubamerica.org or at www.akc.org.

Adopting to Families with Children

For the safety of your children and the welfare of our dogs, GLWR takes special care and consideration when adopting to families with small children, especially if the family has never owned a Weimaraner. This precaution is to protect both the children and the dog. Weims can be exuberant and easily excitable; many children have been knocked to the ground as the Weim tries to beat them to the door, to the car or to the kitchen to get "cookies". Weims, like any other breed, can be wonderful companions for children. However, this breed also has a low threshold for things such as pulling, pinching, poking and of course teasing. No dog likes to be teased.

Children, especially toddlers, often do not understand physical boundaries and are typically at the dog's height, putting them at greater risk for injury from a reactive, dog response. Children will sometimes hug too tightly or too long, grab the dog for stabilization when attempting to walk, slap the dog when excited or trying to "pet" them, squeal into a dog's sensitive ears or want "kisses" when a dog is sleeping. While all these behaviors are very natural for a child, they are behaviors that are uncomfortable for a dog.

It's important to note that pre-teen children of any age should NEVER be left unsupervised around any dog regardless of how "good" you may believe that dog is with children, this is especially true with toddlers and any child under the age of 5 years - dogs are not are not four legged babysitters - they are animals with big teeth! After all, dogs will be dogs, and kids will be kids - it doesn't make either of them "bad" it is just makes them who they are!

Weimaraners are large, energetic and demanding sporting dogs that can have strong prey drives. Extremely intelligent and loyal dogs, they require lifelong mental and physical exercise as well as ongoing training. All breeds of rescued dogs require even more time, training and patience than the typical dog and GLWR Weims are no exception. Please be sure your family's schedule will allow for time to play, exercise and train your dog. If you have a young family, please think ahead to what your family's lifestyles will look like as your children age and become involved in extracurricular activities and think about whether a Weimaraner will still fit with that picture. Remember - adopting a Weimaraner is a long term commitment as the breed has an average

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For all the reasons noted above we ask that families with children interested in adopting a GLWR Weimaraner understand that it may take us a little longer than typical to find the right dog for your home and lifestyle. We take extra care when placing dogs to families with children to make sure it is the right fit for everyone. We want to make sure that the adoption experience is a good one for our dogs and also for you and your family. We want our dogs and adoptive families to be happy and be good "rescue ambassador's" in their communities and help spread the word about adoption options available for displaced Weims and all breeds.

If a GLWR Weimaraner still sounds like the right fit for you and your family, we welcome your application!

Our adoption process consists of an Adoption Application, Reference Checks and a Home Visit. Once you fill out and return the attached application and your references have been checked you will be contacted for a phone interview and then a volunteer will set up a mutually agreeable time to conduct your home visit.

Once you have completed the adoption process and have been approved** you can start meeting dogs!! Our dogs are currently living in foster homes throughout Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and even Canada. Typically you will need to travel to the foster homes to meet the dogs; however, there may be occasions where the foster parent can work with you on making other visitation/location arrangements. We also find it helpful for you to bring your entire family (pets included) to meet the dogs to make sure that all personalities mesh well. We do not operate on a "first come, first served" basis. We place the dogs with which family we feel is the best match for the dog, everything we do is with the dog's best interest in mind. We do not ship dogs.

Once you have completed the application please send it to the GLWR Applications Coordinator at the following e-mail address: applications@greatlakesweimrescue.com You can also fax it to 800-640-1617. Please feel free to contact us at anytime if 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 HELPING US TO PROVIDE SAFE, LOVING,
AND PERMANENT HOMES TO WEIMARANERS IN NEED!



Adoption Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION

**GLWR reserves the right to refuse applicants for any reason

Date:

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email Address:

Email Address:

Age(s) of applicant (s):

Your Occupation and occupations of others in you house:

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?

Please give us a Personal Reference INCLUDING Name, Address, City, State, Zip, and Current Phone Number.

How did you hear about Great Lakes Weimaraner Rescue?

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?

- Landlord's name and phone number:
- Do you have any roommates?

Is your home multi-level or single level ...i.e. will your Weimaraner need to use stairs to get to the dog accessible areas of the household (this may only be a concern if you perhaps may be considering adopting a senior animal)?

Do you have any acreage with your property? Is the area fenced or unfenced?

How long have you been at this address?

Do you have a fenced yard?

- Type of Fence?
- Height of Fence?
- Is the yard securely enclosed without any breaks in the fencing?
- How will you handle exercise and potty duties?
- What is the size of your yard?

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

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

Is your home "pet safety proofed" to ensure the safety of a pet in your home?

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

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YOUR FAMILY

Please indicate the number of adults living in your home.

Who will be the primary caretaker for your new Weimaraner?

If you have any children living with you 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 you don't currently have children living in the home do you ever have children under the age of 10 visit your home on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis?

If yes, how often (times a week, month, or year?)

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

Are any members of the household allergic to dog hair or dander?

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.

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?

What brand of food do you feed your current pets?

Are all your current pets up to date and current on vet care, vaccines, and heartworm testing/preventative? If so, how often do you vaccinate them? Can you provide proof if requested?

Will your current pets accept a new dog?

How would you characterize your current house pets (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/raised in the past 5 years with outcome (i.e. death, gave away, lost, etc.)

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Have you ever taken a pet to a shelter/rescue or had a pet run away?
If yes, please provide details as necessary.

Do you collar and tag your pets?

Are all required pets registered per your local regulations with your city, township, or county?

VET INFORMATION

Before submitting your application, please contact your Vet's office to give us permission for them to release information to us regarding your pet(s). Recently we have encountered that Vet's 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. Your application will not be processed if left blank

Name of person you spoke with:

Please give us a Veterinarian Reference INCLUDING Name, Address, City, State, Zip, and Current Phone Number.

Veterinarian Clinic:

Veterinarian:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone Number:

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

Please note by signature or by initializing that you are granting GLWR, Inc. the approval to obtain medical information on your pets through your Veterinarian.

Are you prepared for the financial responsibility of dog ownership, including routine and emergency medical care, food, toys, etc? How much do you believe it may cost to adequately maintain your pet?

Please list what you may know of common health problems and specials needs of Weimaraners. Have you researched the breed's general medical information? Are you aware that this deep-chest breed can be prone to a digestive emergency called "Bloat"?

GENERAL QUESTIONS

Have you ever owned a Weimaraner? If so, how recently?

Why do you want to adopt a Weimaraner?

When do you plan on adding a Weimaraner to your family? (If you double-click on the box, a window will come up and you can choose 'not checked' or 'checked')

Now

Within 3-6 Months *

Over 6 Months **

*If you have chosen 3-6 months please understand that your application will still be processed, however we must prioritize adopters that are ready to rescue now since we have so many Weimaraners needing homes.

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

Have you applied with another Weimaraner Rescue within the last 3 months?
If yes, which rescue?

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

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

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

Where will the dog live? Inside Outside Both
(If you double-click on the box, a window will come up and you can choose 'not checked' or 'checked')
Please provide details as necessary.

Where will the dog sleep at night?

What are your feelings about dog crates and crate training?

All of our dogs under the age of three years are required to attend obedience classes after adoption. Those older than three years are highly recommended to be enrolled and attend training classes with their new adoptive owners for the bonding experience. Are you willing to take your dog to obedience classes?

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

Have you in the past bred Weimaraner dogs? Do you have any current interest to do so?

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/Agility -
Hiking -
Playgroup/Daycare -
Walks -
Dog Walks or Outdoor Sporting Events -
Snuggle Time -

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

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

Our Weimaraners are located in foster homes throughout the Great Lakes Region. 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?

Do you agree with ALL 5 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.
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I agree to keep all necessary vaccines and tests current each year, including rabies, distemper, heartworm, etc... and to keep my pet on heartworm prevention.

If for any reason I am unable to keep my Weimaraner, I understand that I am legally bound to return my dog to Great Lakes Weimaraner Rescue.

Do you understand that the committee or club makes no representations or guarantees as to the condition, health, behavior, or personality of the Weimaraner you adopt?

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. This visit must take place at a time when all members of your family are home. Will you allow a GLWR volunteer to visit you and your family in your home?

If a home visit is not probable due to your location, timing or some other circumstance, GLWR may allow a virtual (digital) picture tour of your home and environment. Do you have the ability to provide digital photos of your home environment?

Some Weimaraner Behaviors...

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?

And Lastly...

Is there any additional information you would like to share with us or are there any additional conditions or special circumstances that you would like to share with us that would help us to match up the best possible Weimaraner for your family? Can you describe the type of personality and physical appearance of Weimaraner you are looking for?

Please return this application:

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Fax: (800) 640-1617

or

Snail Mail:

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P.O. Box 372
Grand Haven, MI 49417
Attention: Applications Coordinator