



Breed Feature WEIMARANER



They answered

A.1. Although my 'Ashbolt' prefix was only registered in 2010, I purchased my first Weimaraner in 2003. She was my foundation bitch and is still with us today.

Weimaraners are my chosen Breed because they are athletic, intelligent and wonderfully versatile. Easily trainable and eager to please, they are able to excel in many different disciplines as well as being wonderful family companions. I enjoy and compete in Conformation, Tracking, Rally Obedience, Lure Coursing and Retrieving. They are a great all-round dog.

A. 2. While the majority of Weimaraners shown today fit into the body proportions of the Breed Standard, there will always be some that vary from the specified measurements. The Standard states that "the length of body to height at withers be 12:11." making them slightly off square. Keeping in mind the height is measured from the wither to mid-pastern, not to the ground.

An often overlooked but very important body proportion of the Weimaraner is that of the forequarters. The Standard calls for a dog that is 'high on leg.' "Distance from elbow to ground is slightly longer than distance from elbow to point of withers." Some dogs are too deep in the chest or lack length of leg giving a long and low appearance which is incorrect. Weimaraners are used for locating and retrieving game. Head proportions are relative to this task. The length of muzzle is to be slightly longer than the length from stop to occipital bone. These basic but very important body proportions make up the silhouette of a balanced and athletic hunting dog that is the Weimaraner.

A.3. Below I have listed 5 points I feel are all of equal importance.

A: Colour & Body Proportions: Colour is the one thing that is unique to the Weimaraner or 'Grey Ghost'. Silver, Roe or Mouse Grey as well as shaded of these are acceptable. Unfortunately the hallmark 'Silver' colour isn't seen as often as in years gone by. Any red or brown seen in the coat is a serious fault. During times of coat change an 'eel stripe' may be seen along the back, this is not a fault, just new coat coming through. Eye colour is sky blue in puppies which darkens with age to

a light or dark amber. Skin pigmentation should blend with the coat and eye colour. Small white markings are permitted on the chest and toes only. Body Proportions as explained above together with the Grey colour make the Weimaraner easily distinguishable from other breeds and make them what they are.

B: Temperament: Weimaraners were bred to work in the Field all day with their Master. With this in mind they must possess a sound, alert and confident temperament with an eagerness to work. They are also good watch dogs and will protect what they know is theirs. Although Weimaraners can be aloof to strangers they should never show aggression, be shy or stand offish. All of which are disqualifying faults. Dogs that show any of these signs should be judged and placed accordingly.

C: Balance: Extremely important in the Weimaraner as this allows him to easily perform the tasks he was bred to do. Balance is made up of many things and is visible when both standing and gaing. A correct sized head should flow through a slightly arched neck into shoulders which are slightly laid back. An off square body with substance and level topline should have moderate angles front and rear with well boned limbs. The tail should flow from a slightly angled croup. His outline must be confident, harmonious and flowing without exaggeration. If all these parts fit well together it will be reflected when the dog is gaing.

D: Movement: An essential component in the Weimaraner. A hunting dog that is capable of working all day must have an efficient gait. They have to negotiate all sorts of terrain and swim in water. A smooth, ground covering stride uses less energy and allows dogs to work all day with ease. Restricted or exaggerated gaits are tiring and incorrect. When coming and going the hind feet should follow the front feet, pacing is undesirable. When gaing, a strong level topline is essential. Sway, roach or toplines that run up at the rear are serious faults. These can sometimes be disguised on the stack so when making a final decision it's best to see the dogs moving.

E: Size: Weimaraners are described in the Standard as being a 'medium to large sized hunting dog with the difference between dogs and bitches being easily distinguished'. A general observation sees the Weimaraner in Australia becoming too tall. The height Standard for Dogs is: 59cm-70cm (ideal 62-67cm) Bitches:

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Q.5. Does the Weimaraner breed have any significant health problems?

Q.6. What would your advice be to a potential puppy buyer when looking for a Weimaraner?

57cm-65cm (ideal 59-63cm) Being over or under the height standard requirements is a disqualifying fault.

A.4. the sentence I would add to the Breed Standard would be:

Back: Firm and muscular, without a dip. Not running up towards the rear. A slightly longer back, a breed characteristic, is not a fault. *A slightly longer back does not alter the dog's overall length to height ratio of 12:11.

A. 5. Weimaraners are generally a healthy breed. However, as with other deep chested breeds they are susceptible to Bloat. To help reduce the risk, Weimaraners should be fed smaller meals more often, not exercised before or after meals, not fed from a raised food bowl or have excess water added to dry food. Importantly, immediate relatives of a dog that has bloated should not be bred from.

Hip Dysplasia can affect the Weimaraner. Studies carried out at the University of Sydney show that 30% of HD is contributed to by genetics and 70% by environment (diet, excessive exercise in young dogs and dogs being overweight) Breeders can control the 30% by selectively breeding with hip x-rayed and scored parents. Although it doesn't seem much, it can be the difference between a happy healthy puppy and one who has a much lesser quality of life. Puppy buyers must also be made aware of how their care contributes to the puppy/dog's health and wellbeing.

HOD can also affect the Weimaraner. Unfortunately there is no test available so Breeders can only rely on each other being honest with their experiences to help avoid future cases.

A.6. I would strongly advise potential Puppy Buyers not to be in a

hurry! Purchasing a puppy with a lifespan of around 15 years is a huge commitment. Be sure to research the breed and its characteristics. Weimaraners are not a dog for everyone but those who take the time to train are greatly rewarded with a happy, well-mannered and loyal family companion. Talk to different Breeders and don't just buy the first puppy that comes along. Ask questions about health testing visit Breeders and view the litter's parents where possible to see how the dogs live and behave. Responsible Registered Breeders



will be happy to explain any health/temperament issues about the Breed and show evidence of testing done on the puppy's parents as well as offer genuine lifetime support.

**Amanda Williamson
Ashbolt**

A.1. For over 35 years. At first I was attracted by their colour and beautiful sleek appearance but these days it's all about their intelligence, energy and personality. They are often referred to as the "dog with a human brain" and that is what I love most about them. They hang on your every word.

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Weimaraners Greyghost



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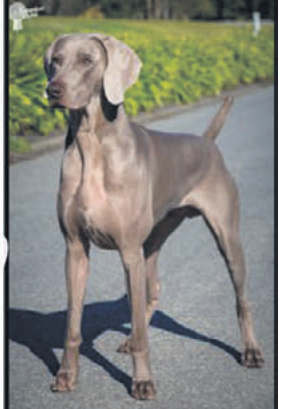
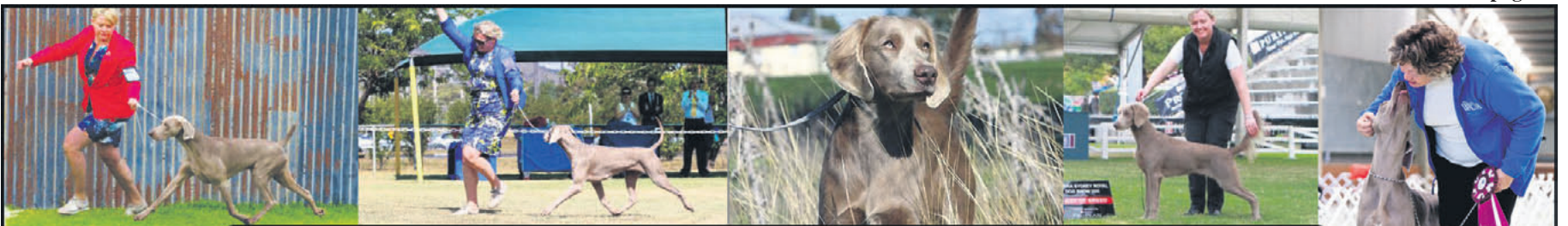
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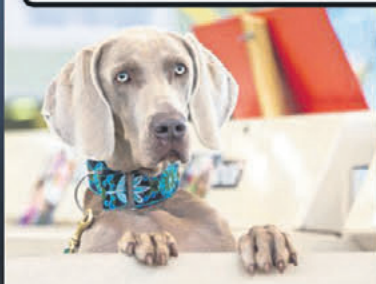
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A.2. Most breeders are aiming for the required 11:12 height to



Samantha Lawler

stud dogs/bitches available in a considered breeding program or just Fred and Wilma in the back yard time and again? We offer Health Guarantees covering general health, genetic health and hips. There should be some kind of guarantee and health testing of breeding stock.

Samantha Lawler Lukedom

A.1. I have been breeding Weimaraners for over 30 years. I first saw a Weimaraner over 40 years ago and was struck by their beauty, elegance, lilac grey short sleek coat and their amazing eyes. On investigation of this breed, when the time came for a new dog for the family, I was impressed by their equable temperament and their devotion to the family. From then I was encouraged to begin showing and my 2 youngest children became child handlers. My love for the Weimaraner has become

length ratio but there are an increasing number of untypically tall and square dogs.

A.3.

1. The big picture (silhouette)... does it look like a Weimaraner and have that stunning metallic silver coat colour.

2. Balanced in body (the correct proportions 11:12) and mind (confident and friendly)

3. Effortless ground covering movement

4. Level topline.

5. Muscularity and condition – a substantial and powerful athlete

A.4. The Weimaraner Breed standard is pretty comprehensive. If anything I would like to see more reference to a level topline, something we prize as breeders that is often overlooked by judges. A Wei should not have a ski slope topline.

A.5. Weimaraners can have auto-immune problems. It's something we as breeders are all aware of, particularly HOD at vaccination time. It is less frequent than it was 20 years ago but still rears its head from time to time.

A.6. To look for a breeder that has ongoing passion for the breed and is involved in promoting Weimaraners either via the show ring, field, obedience etc. Meet your breeder and their dogs. Do they ask you lots of questions assessing your suitability as an owner? A Weimaraner is definitely not for everyone!

Are they using the best

even stronger over the years and will always be my chosen breed.

A.2. As always with any breed, there will be dogs who do not display the correct proportions according to the breed standard. In the Weimaraner today it seems that some Weimaraners are not the "moderate" dog that they should be. They are too tall, too heavy, too angulated, and their proportions are not correct.

A.3. 1) Above all the dog should reflect as far as possible the Breed Standard with correct size, balance and coat - often overlooked, particularly with the long coated variety.

2) Conformation - a balanced elegant dog, males that look like males and females that look like females.

3) Movement - a correctly built Weimaraner should have free flowing ground covering movement with reach and drive.

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4) A well-conditioned muscular dog that looks as though it could work all day in the field. After all the Weimaraner is a Gun Dog.

5) Although placed 5 on this list,

visit the breeder to see where and how the puppies are raised and how they are cared for and to discuss health issues in the Weimaraner.

Val, Narelle & Samantha Greydove Weimaraners



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A.1. I have had my first Longhair Weimaraner male since 2012, now known as Gr CH Sharlani Fudgie Bear ET. He has recently been used at stud in QLD and sired a lovely litter of 9 puppies. I am still currently searching for my ideal foundation bitch, as longhair or longhair carrier females are a coveted treasure both within Australia and New Zealand. I was attracted to the longhair variety of Weimaraners specifically for their beautiful coats, exceptional temperaments and the clear intelligence behind the breed.

A.2. I think Australia and New Zealand are home to some of the best Weimaraners of both varieties in the world, however I would like to see longhair Weimaraners become closer in conformation to the Weimaraner present in the rings and the standard, as there should not be a stark difference between the varieties except with reference to coat.

A.3. 1. Movement, good movement, including reach and drive, which should indicate equally appealing underlying conformation should be effortless and smooth.

2. Temperament.

3. Coat; this is the only point of difference in the Weimaraner standard between the varieties. For Longhairs the coat should be a soft, long topcoat with or without undercoat with Good feathering and breeching, and the tail with a good flag. The hair of a longhair can be

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quite deceiving and often makes this variety appear fundamentally different to the Weimaraner however a keen eye should be able to look past the excess hair to the underlying structure of the longhair, if needs be hands on will certainly clear up any confusion and there should be the same conformation underneath the coat to that of a Weimaraner.

4. Balance and soundness.

5. Type.

A.4. I would like to see a picture reference to the longhair variety, as a picture is worth a thousand words.

A.5. The Weimaraner is a fairly robust breed; however there are a few points to be mindful of: Bloat or Gastric Torsion, Hip Dysplasia, and eye or eyelash disorders. I would recommend these points are discussed with any breeder in regards to the medical history of the parents, grandparents and great grandparents.

A.6. Do your research and make sure this is the right dog for you; Weimaraners are very intelligent and require lots of exercise and engagement from their owners. Research not only the breed but the various breeders available to make an informed choice and check the health of at least 3 generation behind your puppy. I would always recommend a registered breeder who has taken the time to complete appropriate health checks on parents. These dogs are like a silver shadow and will literally follow you from room to room when at home, but from this loyalty they become the "versatile gundog" and can become proficient in obedience, agility, and hunting or be a wonderful addition to your family, particularly I love how laid back the longhairs can be. Longhairs are not a common variety and so you may have to wait for the right puppy, but once you see their teddy bear faces and feel their soft coats it is hard to turn these guys down.

A.7. (Longhair only) Do you feel Weimaraner Longhair are at a disadvantage in the Gundog ring when competing against their short coated relatives?

Absolutely not, and in most cases I think this has been a blessing for Weimaraner longhairs in Australia. Given the longhair variety is relatively small in numbers when compared to Weimaraners, having the space

to be judged as a separate variety enables smaller breeders and owners the space to work on improving the breed. I have experienced judges whom have never seen the variety before and have stated so! So to me it is still important that judges are aware of the separate varieties and do some research to understand the difference in coat and how this can impact appearance (but should not change the concept of structure!) I believe the only disadvantage can come about when individuals are close minded to the breed variety and I hate to hear of any qualified judge saying a longhair "is not a real Weimaraner" this sort of disparagement should be overcome by the fact that it is a recognised variety within the country of origin Germany and has been for many years. I understand Weimaraner Breeders worked very hard to have the breed recognised as two different varieties within Australia and I thank the time Australian breeders have taken to make this a reality; I hear that South Africa has recently made a decision to move forward in the same direction.

Verity Adams

A.1. I bought my first Weimaraner in 1972 and then registered the Ghostwind prefix in 1973. Weimaraners are my chosen breed because of the following:

1. They are very sleek, elegant and that look is what attracted me in the first instance.

2. They are intelligent, loyal, smart and keep you on your toes. If you can be the master of this breed then there is no other breed for you

A.2. This topic is discussed all the time. I would say in general, body proportions in Australia and New Zealand conform to the standard. However we do have breeders who like them longer and some like them shorter, this can be seen in various states in Australia. I think one of the problems is that some owners who are breeding don't understand that length comes from the rib cage and not a long loin. In general if the proportions are correct the dog should look balanced and never short or long.

A.3.1. Breed type (what have you got if a Weimaraner doesn't look like a Weimaraner?)

2. Soundness in both conformation and temperament

3. Movement, they should display

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an effortless free flowing gait which is essential to the breed.

4. Size and Proportions. The standard has a great variation in size. There is no excuse for under or OVERSIZE Weimaraners. They are a medium to large dog, not only a large dog. Proportions I have already discussed.

5. Coat and colour is the icing on the cake. The coat is quite harsh and should be clean, shiny and well groomed.

Both males and females should have coat on their underside. Often displaying an eel like stripe down the back and a very pale fine band of silvery coloured hair across the top of the back skull between the ears and this is known as the Grafmar Cap.

A.4. The head of the Weimaraner should be noble and aristocratic with parallel plains viewed in profile and the width of the skull and mussel as seen from the front should complement each other.

That is the back skull shouldn't be broad and the mussel snippy.

A.5. The main problem that we have to deal with is gastric torsion (Bloat).

This has been a killer within this breed for many years. One of the main Veterinary University in the United States is now conducting studies and research into this topic. The breed also suffered from immune problems which now days we don't hear as much of. HOD can also be a problem but again not as prolific as it was years ago. We are also seeing Distichiasis and Trichiasis, both conditions affecting the eyes. Base narrow mandibular canines have also been cropping up over the



past few years. These last conditions are ones that breeders need to be aware of in their breeding programs.

A.6. When looking for a Weimaraner puppy you should always follow these points;

**Sue Shrigley
Ghostwind Kennels**

A. 1. I have owned & loved Weimaraners since 1976. I have bred Multi Champions & also 3 Dual Champions (2 Field & 1 Retrieving). I fell in love with the stunning appearance of this breed &

also because of its versatility. We started off with a male & female. My then husband, Gary & myself ventured out into the dog world enjoying & winning in Obedience, Retrieving, Showing & the biggest love of all Field Trialing. Sadly we don't have Field Trials here in Qld anymore. There is nothing better than seeing your dog working naturally in the field.

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A.2. Overall, I feel that Weimaraners being shown today are of a high standard. Thanks to the many



avid enthusiasts who have imported strong lines from both USA & Europe. It is encouraging to see many IN

SHOW & GROUP WINNING WEIMARANERS currently being shown here in Australia today.

A.3. When judging the Weimaraner, judges must realise we go under the FCI standard. Making their judgement from there.

1a. General Appearance. Medium to large size hunting dog. Functional working type, pleasing in shape, sinewy and very muscular.

2b. Head piece. Long, strong muzzle, especially in the male, also moderately deep muzzle not snipey. Must be pleasing to the eye with long ears almost to corner of mouth.

3c. Definitely, movement being of strong reach & drive, with hocks straight up & down.

3c. The length of body to height at withers is approximately 12:11.

4d. A level topline on movement. The Weimaraner is longer in back but make sure not too long in loin, this will cause dips & up in rear.

5 e. Temperament is very important being alert & quick to learn.

A.4. A very hard question. The Standard has been set.

A.5. Generously, The Weimaraner Club of America has an article on

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health issues on their website that gives an overall run down on potential health issues.

A.6. Don't rush into buying a pup.

Study the Breed & Breeders. Ask yourself are you suited to own a Weimaraner & willing to give him the love, attention & training that this hunting dog requires.

Weimaraners are happy to lie

down beside you but also happy to get out in the open & use their natural instincts.

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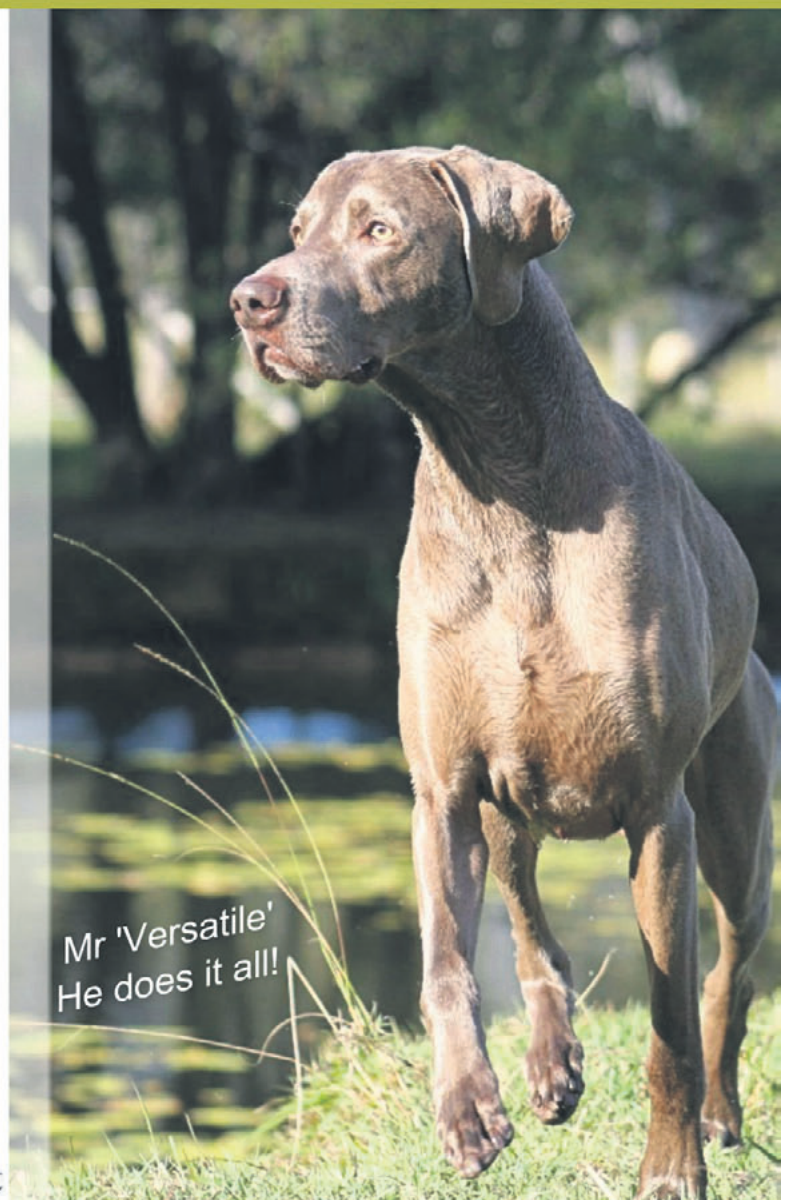
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The Breed Standard

HISTORY: There are numerous theories regarding the origin of the Weimaraner Pointing Dog. Only so much is certain : That the Weimaraner, which at that time still contained a great deal of liam hound blood (« Leithund ») was already kept at the Weimar court in the first third of the 19th century.

In the middle of the 19th century, before pure breeding was started, breeding was mainly in the hands of professional hunters and game keepers in central Germany, mostly in the regions round Weimar and in Thuringia. As the days of the liam hounds passed, the dogs were crossed with the (« Hühnerhund ») and breeding was continued with this cross. From about 1890 on, the breed was produced according to a plan and regarded as suitable for registration in a stud book. Apart from the short-haired Weimaraner, a long-haired variety occurred, if only singly, since the turn of the 20th century. Since being admitted to the stud book, the Weimaraner has been pure bred, remaining mostly free from crosses with any other breeds, in particular, Pointers. Therefore the Weimaraner is likely to be the oldest German « pointing » breed, which has been pure bred since 1900.

GENERAL APPEARANCE:

A medium to large size hunting dog. Functional working type, pleasing in shape, sinewy and very muscular. Difference in type between dogs and bitches easily distinguished.

Important proportions:

- Length of body to height at withers approximately 12:11

- Proportions of the head: From tip of nose to stop slightly longer than from stop to occiput.

- Forequarters: Distance from elbow to mid pastern and distance from elbow to point of withers about equal. [Distance from elbow to ground is slightly longer than distance from elbow to withers]

TEMPERAMENT:

Versatile, easily trained steady and passionate hunting dog. Persevering in systematic search, yet not too lively. Remarkable ability to pick up scent. Ready to seize game and other prey; he is a good watchdog, without aggressiveness however. Reliable pointing dog and worker in water. Remarkable inclination to work after the shot.

HEAD AND SKULL:

Skull: In balance with the size of body and facial region. Broader in dogs than bitches, yet in both, the relationship between width and cranial region to total length of head must be in good proportion. Median groove on forehead. Slightly to moderately protruding occipital bone. Zygomatic arches easily traceable behind the eyes.

Stop: Extremely slight.

Nose: Nose leather large, protruding over the underjaw. Dark flesh colour, merging gradually into gray towards the rear.

Muzzle: Long and, especially in the male, powerful, appearing almost angular. Region of canines and carnassial teeth equally strong. Bridge of the nose straight, often slightly arched, never with a concave curve.

Flews: Moderately deep, flesh coloured, as are the gums. Slight labial corner. Jaws: Powerful.

Cheeks: Muscular, clearly defined. Definitely clean head.

Eyes: Amber colour, dark to pale, with intelligent expression. Sky-blue in puppies. Round, set barely slanting. Lids well fitting.

Ears: Lobular, broad and fairly long, just reaching to corner of mouth. Set on high and narrow, forming a rounded off point at tip. In alertness, turned slightly forward and folded.

Mouth: Bite: Complete, regular and strong dentition. Incisors should touch with a correct scissor bite.

Neck: Noble in appearance and carriage. Upper line arched in profile. Muscular, nearly round, not too short, clean. Becoming stronger towards the shoulders and merging harmoniously into the topline and chest.

Forequarters: Front legs General: High on leg, sinewy, straight and parallel, but not standing wide.

Shoulders: Long and sloping. Well fitting, strongly muscled. Well-angulated shoulder joint.

Upper Arm: Sloping, sufficiently long and strong.

Elbows: Free and lying parallel to median plane of body. Turned neither in nor out.

Forearm: Long, straight and vertical.

Pastern joint: Strong and taut.

Pastern: Sinewy, slightly sloping.

Body: Topline: From the arched neckline, over the well defined withers the topline merges gradually into the relatively long, firm back.

Withers: Well defined.

Back: Firm and muscular, without a dip. Not running up towards the rear. A slightly longer back, a breed characteristic, is not a fault.

Croup: Pelvis long and moderately sloped.

Chest: Strong but not unduly broad, with sufficient depth to reach almost to the elbows and of sufficient length. Well sprung ribs without being barrel-shaped and with long ribs. Forechest well developed.

Underline and Belly: Rising slightly, but belly not tucked up.

Hindquarters: General appearance: High on leg, sinewy and well muscled. Standing parallel, turning neither in nor out.

Upper Thigh: Sufficiently long, strong and well muscled.

Stifle: Strong and taut.

Lower Thigh: Long with clearly visible tendons.

Hock Joint: Strong and taut.

Hock [Rear pastern]: Sinewy, almost vertical in position.

Feet: Front: Firm and strong. Standing straight in relation to median plane of body. Toes arched. Longer middle toes are a breed characteristic and therefore not a fault. Nails light to dark gray. Pads well pigmented and coarse.

Hind: Tight and firm, without dewclaws, otherwise like the front feet

Tail: Set on slightly lower than with other similar breeds. Tail strong and well coated. Carried hanging down in repose When alert or working, carried level or higher. In countries where it is allowed by law, appropriately tail docking is permissible for shorthaired Weimaraner used for hunting.

Gait/Movement: Movement in all gaits is ground covering and smooth. Hind and front legs set parallel to each other. Gallop long and flat. Back remains level when trotting. Pacing is undesirable.

Coat: Skin: Strong. Well fitting but not too tight.

Qualities: Short-haired: Short (but longer and thicker than with most comparable breeds), strong, very dense, smooth lying topcoat. Without or only with very sparse undercoat.

Long-haired: Soft, long topcoat with or without undercoat. Smooth or slightly wavy. Hair at base of ear long and flowing. Velvety hair is permissible on tips of leathers. Length of coat on flanks 3-5 centimetres. On lower side of neck, forechest and belly, generally somewhat longer. Good feathering and breeching, yet less long towards the ground. Tail with a good flag. Hair between the toes. Hair on head less long. A type of coat similar to a double-coat (Stockhaar) with medium length, dense, close fitting topcoat, thick undercoat and moderately developed feathering and breeching sometimes occurs in dogs of mixed ancestry.

Colour: Silver, roe or mouse grey, as well as shades of these colours. Head and leathers generally slightly paler. Only small white markings on chest or toes permitted. Sometimes a more or less defined trace occurs along the back. Dogs with definite reddish yellow markings may only be given the classification good. Brown marking is a serious fault.

Sizes: Height at withers: **Dogs:** 59-70 cms (ideal measurement 62-67 cms) **Bitches:** 57-65 cms (ideal measurement 59-63 cms)

Weight: Dogs: about 30-40kgs **Bitches:** about 25-35 kgs

Faults: Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog and its ability to perform its traditional work.

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