## PUREBRED ALTERNATIVE LISTING FOR RESCUED WEIMARANERS



By Chris Wiedmeier and Daisy

Any times when a rescued dog joins your family he/she will need to learn basic obedience commands or take a refresher class to help socialize the dog and reinforce training. When Daisy first joined our family she was timid and would not come when called, and she would run away if she heard loud noises. Enrolling her into a novice obedience class helped her overcome shyness around other dogs and people, and she learned how to heel, sit, stay, come, down, and stand for inspection. She has a great aptitude for obedience so I decided that competition would be a fun way for us to spend time.

A dog must either be registered or have a Purebred Alternative Listing (previously known as an Independent Listing Privilege) number with the American Kennel Club (AKC) before it can be entered into an obedience competition. As we did not have pedigree information for Daisy we obtained a PAL number from AKC. A PAL number allows unregistered dogs of registerable breeds to compete in AKC performance and companion events. A PAL registered Weimaraner can compete in the following:

- Agility Trials
- Hunt Tests
- Junior Showmanship
- Obedience Trials
- Rally Trials
- Tracking Tests

An application form is available at http://www.akc.org/reg/ilpex.cfm

In addition to the registration form, the following items are required:

- 2 color photographs of your dog
- One standing in profile
- One head-on showing the facial characteristics of the dog.
- Proof from a veterinarian that the dog has been spayed/neutered.
- A \$35.00 application fee.

Send the information to:

The American Kennel Club/ILP

P. O. Box 37933

Raleigh, NC 27627-7933

When the PAL number is assigned to your dog you will receive a certificate with the number that must be used instead of the AKC registration number when entering a competition event.

Daisy and I look forward to entering competitions this year and hope to see you and your PAL-registered rescued Weimaraner(s). If you have any questions, please contact me at cwiedmeier@sbcglobal.net



