



SURRENDERING YOUR WEIMARANER TO NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WEIMARANER RESCUE

Northern California Weimaraner Resuce, Inc. (NCWR) is a 501c3 non-profit organization, dedicated to finding forever homes for Weimaraners (and Weimaraner mixes when resources allow.) Our goal is for every Weimaraner to become a beloved, contributing family member.

NCWR assists Weimaraners in need in Northern California (from Bakersfield to the Oregon border.)

We understand that surrendering your Weimaraner is difficult, and we do our best to work with people in your situation, in as delicate and sensitive a manner as possible.

In return, we ask for your commitment to NCWR, including disclosure of all known behavioral and medical issues regarding your Weimaraner.

Foster vs. Owner Placement

NCWR does not board its rescues while searching for a home, unless the dog needs to be socialized with other dogs, or it is an urgent owner surrender and we do not have any open foster homes.

While we do not wish for any Weimaraner to have to adjust to one new home after another, we prefer putting him/her in a foster home while we search for the perfect forever home.

Fostering allows NCWR to get to know the Weimaraner personally, which helps in finding his/her perfect forever home. Fostering also gives the owner closure at the time decision to surrender is made, and avoids the emotional toll of waiting for a home, and meeting potential adopters.

If we put your Weimaraner in a foster home, you will sign a Release of Ownership and NCWR will assume ownership of him/her at that time.

If you choose to **keep your Weimaraner until placed**, you will be responsible for his/her well being, including exercise, attention, and all expenses. And, you will be asked to sign an Owner Surrender Agreement, which reiterates all that is stated herein.

While searching for your Weimaraner's forever home, we will thoroughly screen all interested parties and make the decision on behalf of your Weimaraner, regarding the best forever home.

If you are keeping your Weimaraner until placed by NCWR, and you find you are able to make changes in your lifestyle so you can keep him/her, we will be overjoyed! But, please let us know immediately, as we will be working with applicants who may be considering your Weimaraner.

Spay/Neuter

If time allows, please spay or neuter your Weimaraner prior to surrendering to NCWR. If time does not allow, and you are able, please make a donation to NCWR to help cover the cost.

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There are many spay & neuter clinics that charge a minimum amount for alterations, but, many have a 2-week waiting period, so plan ahead! And, you can contact NCWR at 925-385-5275 as we may be able to help you find a lower-cost vet or clinic in your area.

Information Gathering

Full Disclosure: Please tell all, good or bad. We want to find a perfect match for your Weimaraner, and we can only do this if we know his/her health history, good and bad habits, likes and dislikes, and how he/she has been raised (e.g., with other dogs and people, isolated, in back yard, with training etc.)

Following is some of the information we will need:

- Name/number of the breeder or owner from whom you obtained your Weimaraner – Please contact them first!
- Name and address of current veterinarian.
- Pedigree or AKC papers, if applicable.
- Name/Type of dog food you use.
- Description of your Weimaraner's temperament regarding;
 - Good and bad habits.
 - Biting history (human or dog)
 - Aggression toward human or dog.
 - Training history.
 - Hyper active, insecure, calm, laid back, etc.
 - Health history / injuries.
 - Age.

Vet Records. Please ask your vet to fax your Weimaraner's records to NCWR at 925-226-4048. If vaccines were done through a clinic, please fax the proof of vaccines.

Vaccines. We cannot take in a Weimaraner with an outdated rabies vaccine! Many local pet stores offer vaccine clinics at a reduced cost (e.g., rabies for 1 yr - \$15.) If you are not able to take care of this, please contact us and explain.

Pictures

Provide recent digital (jpg) photos of your Weimaraner taken with a camera, not a phone. Please send them via email to norcalweimrescue@yahoo.com.

We will list your dog's description and picture on the NCWR web site, as well as other related sites on the Internet. If you provide pictures that include people, let us know if you would rather we not use those pictures.

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Placement Process

The placement process might happen quickly or take several months. Please let us know your timeline – is the placement urgent?

If you will keep your Weimaraner until placed, we will contact you when we have a matching adopter who is interested in talking to you, and possibly meeting him/her.

At this point, the applicant is approved and he/she may adopt the dog at the first meeting. At that time, you would collect the signed Adoption Contract and adoption fee (typically a check payable to NCWR) and mail them with the Release of Ownership to the address on the forms.

Your Weimaraner is in Good Hands

Every volunteer working to find your Weimaraner a new forever home, does so with passion. Each of us has one or more Weimaraners of our own, and feels the same sense of responsibility toward every rescue Weimaraner, that we show our own.

Potential adopters are screened carefully. NCWR requires an adoption application, a phone interview, and a home inspection. We reject applications that do not meet minimum requirements for a Weimaraner. Such NCWR requirements include, but are not limited to: Allowing the dog to sleep indoors and be inside when people are home; ensuring the dog gets some kind of daily exercise or entertainment (training, dog walks, doggie day care, etc.), providing good nutrition and veterinary care; providing companionship including a human, dog or cat buddy to keep the Weimaraner company when his/her person is away from the house, crating limited to 2 hours a day and nighttime; Weimaraner or similar breed experience, and a lot of compassion for, and patience with the breed.

Time and Resources

Each volunteer working with NCWR is giving of his/her personal time.

NCWR operates on donations and adoption fees alone. Therefore, manpower and financial resources are limited.

We ask that you help us help you and your Weimaraner by making a financial donation to NCWR if at all possible.

Donations can be made via Paypal online at www.norcalweimrescue.org, or by sending a check payable to NCWR to P.O. Box 521, Corte Madera, CA 94976.

Please contact NCWR if you have any questions at 925-385-5275 or norcalweimrescue@yahoo.com.

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