

THE RESCUE DOG



Rescue dogs come from Animal Shelters, private parties and rescue groups. Northern California Weimaraner Rescue has handled rescue Weimaraners from 4 months of age through 12 years. Some of these dogs have had very little training, some have been outdoor dogs, some have been valued family pets. Some are strays and have not been reclaimed by their owners so we know very little about their background. Some were purchased as cute little pups but grew up into a dog that was more than the owner was willing to deal with, some are from divorces, owners moving, job changes.

Some have excellent pedigrees and some are back yard dogs. Most are the traditional grey color, others are blue and some are Weimaraners mixed with other breeds. Each situation is different, but all rescue dogs share the same characteristics. They are happiest when with people. The recent loss of their home leaves them somewhat confused and lonely and may exhibit some shyness and apprehension. Some may have separation anxiety. They recuperate quickly in most cases. We don't know what these dogs have gone through, but all respond to love, attention and direction. Many of these are perfectly lovely family dogs who need someone to bond with. Many people give up dogs because they do not understand the animals basic behavior and needs.

When considering a rescue Weimaraner, please consider all ages, not just the youngest dog listed. These dogs all have love and companionship to offer. All dogs must be spayed or neutered before placement.

Here is a brief description of the age characteristics.

DOGS 4 MONTHS UP TO 1 YEARS OF AGE: These dogs are the ones everyone wants because they may have the longest life expectancy. Yes, this is true, however, they are also the most difficult to live with. We seldom get young pups. Many of these dogs are given up because the owner did not want to give them the training they need or to deal with their adolescent period. These dogs need lots of direction, socialization, training, exercise, love and attention. They are normally too energetic for young children. They may chew and dig and have bad habits. Some are not housebroken. These dogs normally learn quickly and respond to direction and to someone who cares about them.

DOGS AGE 2 THROUGH 7: These dogs are beginning to settle down and mature. They usually have had some sort of obedience training. They need lots of exercise and are looking for direction and companionship and enjoy doing things with their people.

DOGS 7 AND ABOVE: These dogs have a hard time losing their homes and are anxious to bond with someone again. They are more mellow and less active and are really the best to adopt. They can be easy to live with in many ways can integrate more quickly into your life because of their maturity and eagerness to fit in. Every day is special to them. Rescue dogs are not perfect. They just need to know what is expected of them and want to be a part of a family. Stress plays a very large role in the lives of Weimaraners and can have a detrimental affect on the dog. When stress is removed, personalities change. When these dogs are adopted into a good home and receive the attention they are craving, after visiting these dogs later on, they are different animals. With the proper home that appreciates them, they change and personalities blossom. Dogs are like children in that they need rules to follow and must have human companionship which provides security.

