



Michigan Weimaraner Rescue, Inc. Relinquishment Information

Do you have a Weimaraner you can no longer keep? We're experienced in placing Weims in just the right homes... it's what we do. All surrenders or shelters dogs that are brought into our program stay with Chris Conklin, our state Weimaraner Rescue Coordinator, for a brief evaluation period. Chris is a professional all breed dog trainer with over 22 years experience, 16 years specializing in Weims. She is recognized as an expert witness in canine behavior evaluation by the State of Michigan, and has been a Therapy Dogs International and AKC Canine Good Citizen approved evaluator for over 12 years. She is also the Ingham County Kennel Club public education coordinator and holds present and past positions on the board of Michigan Purebred Dog Rescue Alliance and Southern Michigan Weimaraner Club. She is a member of the Obedience Training Club of Greater Lansing and American Dog Owners Association.

The dogs are kept in Chris' home, not a kennel or facility. She has a 2 acre fenced in yard, so they will have plenty of exercise and socialization while staying at her home. Each Weim is evaluated for socialization with adults, children, other pets, strangers and also for aggression. (Aggressive dogs are not deemed suitable for placement.) Special abilities and personality traits are noted. Please take the time to fill out our canine profile, this helps assure that your dog gets the best chance at finding a new home that suits his/her personality and needs. Obedience and crate training are begun as soon as the dog enters our program and continues through placement. For the first 24 to 48 hours Chris lets the dog just "be a dog." We call this their de-stressing period; it allows the

dog time to get acclimated to its new surroundings without any social demands being made on him. After that time, they are slowly introduced to the dogs in her home, starting with her three personal dogs that are 11, 8 and 1. Most dogs, after a few days are ready to be moved to a foster home, where they will live in a family environment until we find the best match. All dogs are kept in our program a minimum of two weeks.

Our adoption process: Prospective adopters are thoroughly screened. They are required to fill out an application and sign a release for a veterinarian and home check. All dogs are micro chipped and placed on a lifetime contract; if for any reason they can not keep the dog it must be returned to us. The people that adopt from us do not always live on a farm with lots of acreage, but they are able to make a commitment to give the dog the mental and physical exercise it needs to be a well adjusted Weim.

Surrendering Your Dog: All dogs that are brought into our program are kept with us until they are adopted, (unless they are deemed aggressive or in some cases, have a severe health issue). Your dog will be kept in a loving foster home until placement, so he will never know the stress of an animal shelter, and you won't have to worry about if he'll be placed "in time." Foster homes consist of a small group of experienced Weim owners that are dedicated to helping the breed and have been approved by the Board of MWR, Inc.

During certain periods throughout the year, around the holidays for example, we receive more requests on dogs than we can take at one time. If you are asked to wait, please be patient, as we are not trying to be uncooperative, but strays and shelter dogs must come

first. Please... if you decide to place the dog yourself, pass on our contact information. We see several of dogs come into our program through shelters 6 months to 2 years down the line, where the owner had previously sought our help then decided to place the dog themselves. Even though I have never met your dog, I care, so please; let me know if you decide to make other arrangements for your dog.

Michigan Weimaraner Rescue operates under the auspices of the Weimaraner Club of America Rescue Committee, according to the guidelines established by the Weimaraner Club of America and the American Kennel Club.

Some of the things we'll need to know and fill out if you decide to relinquish your dog to MWR, Inc.

- Breeder, if known
- Dogs name, age and spay/neuter status
- Negative Heart-worm statement from your Vet
- Why you have decided to relinquish your dog
- Fill out relinquishment form and sign (will send upon request)
- Fill out canine behavior profile (will send upon request)

If you have any further questions please feel free to call or email me.
Fax all forms to (517) 351-2194 or (219) 362-1714.

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