



# Blue Weimaraner Club of America

## Breeding Regulations

The Blue Weimaraner Club of America in keeping with its goal of encouraging the development of high quality 'Blue' Weimaraners has adopted these Breeding Regulations as part of its Code of Ethics to promote and foster the highest standards among breeders and owners, and to encourage cooperation in the improvement, advancement and protection of our breed.

To achieve this goal only those members willing to adhere to these high breed standards will be included in our Recommended Breeder List which is published in our Website, Newsletter and other media, i.e. flyers etc. Those 'Blue' Weimaraners that have been evaluated and approved for breeding by a qualified appraiser will be listed in the BWCA Approved Breeding Stock. Litters from 'Blue' Weimaraners on the BWCA Approved Breeding Stock list will be showcased on the BWCA Recommended Litters page and be allowed to compete in the Futurity/Maturity.

In addition to following these regulations, all breeders must educate themselves in health, genetics, and the breed standard before engaging in a breeding program. It is recognized that responsibility for the future of the Blue Weimaraner breed depends solely upon the educated choices and sound judgment exercised by breeders. To this end, the BWCA stands ready to assist. Anyone having questions about educational resources, breeding, or these regulations is encouraged to contact a member of the Blue Weimaraner Club Breeding Committee for assistance.

### Section I: BWCA Breeding Requirements

- 1 Membership in good standing in the BWCA;
- 2 To breed only those Blue Weimaraners that conform as closely as possible to the standard of the breed as put forward by BWCA;
- 3 To breed only from stock that is temperamentally, physically and mentally sound and that has demonstrated no serious health problems or crippling genetic defects and that are free of disqualifying faults as listed in the breed standard.
- 4 To obtain OFA or PennHip x-rays on Hips and Elbows and any other necessary medical clearances as appropriate for the Blue Weimaraner breed. X-rays are to be taken after 24 months of age for an accurate reading.
  - a. hips results should have a rating of Excellent or Good. A result of a Fair may only be bred to a dog/bitch with an Excellent rating for hips and only under approved circumstances by the BWCA. A result of Poor will not be bred.
  - b. elbows should have a result of 'normal'.
  - c. a passing CERF test for eyes
  - d. thyroid test of normal
  - e. negative test for Brucellosis prior to each and every breeding
- 5 Appropriate facilities for the clean and safe operation of a kennel according to the Code of Ethics, these regulations, and applicable local law;

## **Section 2: Requirements for the Owner of the Bitch**

- 1 The bitch will only be bred if she is in compliance with all requirements in Section 1 and is bred only to a dog that is an asset to the breed, and who is in compliance with Section 1.
- 2 The bitch may not be bred before she has reached the age of twenty-four (24) months and then only if she is healthy and physically and emotionally mature enough to handle a litter;
- 3 A maximum of four (4) litters over the breeding life of the bitch, and no bitch may be bred beyond age 72 months (6 years)].
- 4 Insure that all details concerning the mating be agreed upon before the mating takes place and recognize the importance of a written contract detailing all such agreements with the owner of the stud dog. All owners of a bitch must be disclosed to the owner(s) of the stud prior to the time of the breeding.
- 5 To keep accurate records of all breedings and pedigrees;
- 6 To disclose any genetic health disorders the breeder may have reason to believe could be carried by the bitch being bred, prior to being bred, to the owners/leasers of the dog that will be bred to said bitch; or to the parents of the specific puppy being purchased.

## **Section 3: Requirements for Puppy Care and Contractual Obligations:**

- 1 Breeder to provide proper medical care, diet, socialization, and exercise to the dam and her puppies and to be prepared to keep all of the puppies for as long as is necessary in order to place them in suitable homes;
- 2 To keep accurate records of all breedings and the results including the registered names and numbers of the sire and dam, the date of mating and whelping, the number of puppies born dead and alive, and the gender and registered name and numbers of each surviving puppy, and the name, address and phone number of the new owner of each puppy.
- 4 Provide to puppy owners
  - a) BWCA and AKC registration applications with the registered names and numbers of the sire and dam,
  - b) the litter registration number, or the individual registered name and number of the dog if available;
  - c) A Contract which includes in addition to the sire and dam information,
    - i. a basic written health guarantee that the pup will be free of any and all communicable diseases for a period of at least three (3) days after leaving the seller's premises as well as the seller's own guarantee against any hereditary diseases;
    - ii. a requirement for the buyer to get a physical exam of the puppy by a veterinarian within 72 hours after receipt of said puppy;
    - iii. a guarantee to take the dog back at any time for any reason should such a need occur;
  - d) a complete written medical history including a health certificate signed by a veterinarian;
  - e) information on any vaccinations and wormings given, any still due and their approximate due dates;

- f) written feeding instructions, and
- g) copies of the BWCA official membership application form, the Club Code of Ethics, and any other instructional materials deemed necessary;

#### **Section 4: Requirements for Stud Owners.**

- 1 The stud will only be bred if he is in compliance with all requirements in Section 1 and to breed him only to a bitch that is an asset to the breed, and who is in compliance with Section 1.
- 2 To keep accurate records of all breedings and pedigrees;
- 3 To insure that all details concerning the mating be agreed upon before the mating takes place and recognize that all such details are best written down in a signed contract for the protection of both parties. All owners of a stud must be disclosed to the owner(s) of the bitch prior to the time of the breeding.
- 4 To supply a signed Stud Service Certificate to the owner of the bitch at the time of mating;
- 5 To assist the owner of the bitch in placing puppies resulting from a mating with the owner of the stud.

#### **Section 5: Requirements for Litter Registration.**

- 1 No later than seven (7) days after a breeding, the breeder must complete and sign a Confirmation of Breeding form (see Attachment) and forward it to the Registrar.
- 2 Within three (3) days of the birth of each litter, the breeder shall inform the Registrar of the names of the parents and the number of puppies born. (For purposes of registering the litter, a litter is defined as one (1) puppy. The date of birth of a litter is defined as the date the first puppy of the litter is born.)
- 3 At five (5) weeks after the birth of each litter, the breeder shall inform the Registrar of the number of puppies which have survived to that point. The Registrar will then send the breeder an official Puppy Registration form (See Attachment), which includes the assigned registration numbers, along with an invoice for the appropriate fees, if everything is in order.
- 4 Upon receipt of the puppy registration form and invoice, the breeder shall complete and return the form with payment for all invoiced fees. The Registrar will then prepare pedigrees for the puppies, which will be mailed to the breeder within six months, if everything is in order.
- 5 Upon receipt of the pedigree(s) (See Attachment I), the breeder shall sign and distribute the pedigree(s) to the appropriate puppy owner(s). At the breeder's option, and under appropriate circumstances, the breeder may mark a pedigree "Pet Quality," to designate that a particular Blue Weimaraner is not to be bred.
- 6 All puppies should be sold on a Limited Registration unless the pup will be shown in sanctioned events that require full registration. Limited Registrations may be lifted by the breeder when and if a dog has been evaluated as a potential breeding candidate.. All pups sold with a full registration will be sold on a co-ownership contract with the breeder, until such time as the dog/bitch is retired, or spayed/neutered.

#### **Section 6: Exceptions to Breeding Regulations.**

The purpose of the Breeding Regulations is to preserve the qualities of the breed. However, it is recognized that the Regulations cannot cover every possible situation. Accordingly, the following provisions have been made for requesting exceptions to the Breeding Regulations.

- 1 Upon prior written petition, and upon reasonable notice (30 days shall be considered reasonable notice under all circumstances), the Breeding Committee may consider and grant (or refuse to grant) exceptions to these Breeding Regulations on behalf of the Board in the following circumstances:
- 2 A proposed breeding of a dog/bitch that does not meet Section 1.
- 3 A proposed breeding of any bitch that has already produced the maximum 4 litters or is over 6 years of age, or a proposed breeding involving other health requirements.
- 4 No request for an exception shall be granted unless a sound reason can be given for the proposed breeding. Breeder convenience alone shall not be considered a sound reason.
- 5 Upon granting a request for exception, a notice of the granting of the exception, and the reasons therefore, shall be published in the Newsletter.

#### **Section 7: Miscellaneous.**

- 1 The following are also requirements:
- 2 Between the third and fifth day of birth of each litter, the breeder shall have the tail surgically shortened to the required length and the dewclaws removed.
- 3 Between seven (7) and ten (10) weeks after the birth of each litter, but before the puppy leaves the breeder, the breeder shall have the pup micro chipped with the chip number included on the litter registration paperwork submitted to the Registrar. \* pending

#### **Section 8: Enforcement and Fees.**

- 1 **Enforcement:** These Regulations are part of the BWCA Code of Ethics. Accordingly, all matters of enforcement of these Regulations shall be handled under Section 7 of the Code of Ethics.
- 2 **Fees:** All BWCA breeding related fees are listed in an attachment hereto (See Attachment F).