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Dear WCA Member,

My name is René Viehmann and I am writing you today on behalf of the recently formed Blue Weimaraner Club of America (www.bwcoa.com). We have sent the attached letter to the WCA Board of Directors as well as a copy to the editor of the Weimaraner Magazine in hopes of its inclusion in an upcoming issue. As you will read in the letter, we are requesting that a petition or vote be allowed to remove the disqualification status of the blue coat color. In addition, we are requesting that the Open conformation class be split between the blue and gray coat colors.

In order for this request to have a chance, we need your help. We need your support. Many of you may not be aware of the history involving the blue Weimaraner and its disqualification in the early 70's. I am writing today to offer some information so that if/when this topic comes to a petition or a vote, you have enough information to make your own decision on whether or not you support our cause.

If you wish to do some of your own research, you can visit www.blueweimaraner.com. The owner of that site has spent many years researching and documenting the history of where the blue Weimaraner came from as well as the controversy up to and since the disqualification. A brief summary of points: <http://blueweimaraner.com/history.html>. If you have further questions, we encourage you to visit the discussion forum on the BWCA website to ask. <http://www.bwcoa.com/phpBB2/>

Before their disqualification in 1972, the blue Weimaraner was allowed to compete in conformation as well as WCA ratings tests. The disqualification came due to some infighting amongst the WCA members regarding the origination of the blue coat color. Some people believed it was due to cross breeding, others believed it was a genetic mutation. From the time the first blue Weimaraner came to the United States in 1950 until 1972, the blue Weimaraners were in standard and not considered any different from their gray relations.

The BWCA asks for your support in our quest to remove the disqualification from the blue coat color. If you support our cause or at least feel that it should come to a vote, we encourage you to let the WCA Board of Directors know by sending them an email. Please also cc me on your message to them so that I can track our support.

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Thank you for your anticipated support.

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