



# Blue Weimaraner Club of America

## Our Code of Ethics

The Blue Weimaraner Club of America in keeping with its aims of encouraging the development of high quality 'Blue' Weimaraners has adopted the following 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. All members in good standing of the Blue Weimaraner Club of America subscribe to and uphold this Code of Ethics.

Members shall bear in mind that a Code of Ethics is more than a set of rules; it is a commitment to a high standard of practice in owning and breeding. Adherence to the spirit of such a Code is as important as adherence to its law.

### MEMBER RELATIONS

Members shall be aware at all times that the Club exists to protect the breed and that these aims are to be uppermost in the minds of members in all their activities in the breed. In all questions of ethics, covered or not covered by the Code, the individual member shall act solely in the best interests of the breed, and the membership as a whole shall aid any fellow member in upholding these interests. Members agree to educate the public and represent the breed favorably at all times.

Members will at all times display good sportsmanship and conduct themselves in such a manner as to reflect credit upon the Club and the breed.

Novices are encouraged to seek the advice and assistance of more experienced owners and breeders and the more experienced shall assist the novice in solving problems and share, for the good of the breed, the benefits of his or her knowledge.

### TREATMENT

All Blue Weimaraners owned by, or in the care of, members shall be given a proper, healthy environment, nutrition and care at all times. No member's dog may be treated in an inhumane manner, subjected to cruel or unusual punishment, and/or mentally or physically abused. Nor may they be subjected to any conditions likely to result in any kind of harm or danger to the animal's health. No member shall have more dogs than he or she has facilities to adequately keep. Breeders shall protect their 'Blues' against breedings which are not carefully planned.

### SALES

A breeder shall be discriminating in the sale of his or her pups and in the type of home in which they are placed. No member shall engage in wholesaling litters or in individual sales or

consignments of pups or adults to pet shops, dealers, catalog houses or fundraising events, no matter how charitable.

A breeder shall accept responsibility for the welfare of the pups produced by him or her for the life of those dogs, and shall be available to his or her buyers for whatever reasonable aid and assistance they may need. BWCA members shall help and support their fellow members in fulfilling this obligation.

A breeder should provide, and buyers should ask for, adequate written contractual proof of sales and guarantees. No promise should be made orally which is not later put into writing. (At a minimum, such a contract should provide for terms of refund or replacement, between seller and buyer, due to severe genetic health problems such as hip dysplasia). It is the ethical obligation of member-breeders to guarantee pups produced and sold by them to be as represented.

Breeders shall ensure that each puppy buyer receives a BWCA membership application, and shall also encourage participation in the Club.

### **ADVERTISEMENT**

All advertisement of puppies and adult dogs, written or oral, shall be factual and as forthrightly honest as possible in both substance and implication Advertising and promotion, written or oral, shall be confined to the aspects of the breeders stock. The breeder shall be cautious in discussing the show and/or breeding prospects of any puppy for sale, lest he/she imply a guarantee of success which cannot be assured. All Blue Weimaraner Club kennels shall include in each advertisement the statement: "BWCA Member Kennel."

### **IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT**

Failure to adhere to the mandatory provisions of these Ethics, may result in proceedings for suspension and/or expulsion pursuant to the Bylaws of the Blue Weimaraner Club of America.

### **BREEDING REGULATIONS**

Anyone breeding 'Blue' Weimaraners bears a great responsibility to the future of the breed and shall use the AKC Standard as a guide for all breedings. Persons breeding their Blue should match stud and bitch based upon: temperament, conformation, the individuals and their bloodlines, and basic accepted principles of health and genetics. To this end, the BWCA has established Breeding Regulations which are incorporated in this Code by this reference. It is the responsibility of all persons involved in the breeding of Blue Weimaraners to know and adhere to the provisions of the Breeding Regulations.

[Click here to view the BWCA Breeding Regulations](#)

*I declare that I am 18 years of age or older, a member of the BWCA in good standing, not under sanction by the American Kennel Club, that I have read and understand the provisions of this document, and that I agree that adherence to these provisions is a condition of membership in the BWCA.*

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Signature of Applicant

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