

## Greater Cincinnati Weimaraner Club Position Statement on Weimaraner mix and “blue” colored dogs

Unfortunately the pet owning public is being led to believe that dogs with a “blue” coat color or dogs that are crossed with a Weimaraner to produce other coat colors and types such as but not limited to, Labrador, Poodle, Vizsla, etc. are desirable and are purebred dogs.

It is the opinion of the GCWC, the Weimaraner Club of America (WCA), and the Weimaraner Klub e.V., the Weimaraner Club of Germany where the breed originated, that a dog with a “blue” coat color is not a purebred Weimaraner, but originated with a cross breeding. A study on the coat color genetics of the Weimaraner conducted in 2010 in Germany verified this belief with the identification of a gene present in the Blue “Weimaraner” that does not exist in the Grey Weimaraner. A link to the published study:

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/21385230/>

The Weimaraner Club Of America Breed Standard states:

General Appearance - “medium sized gray dog”, Head - “nose-gray, lips and gums-pinkish flesh shades”, Coat and Color - “short, smooth and sleek, solid color, in shades of mouse gray to silver gray, a distinctly blue or black coat is a disqualification”, Very Serious Faults - “black mottled mouth”, A Disqualification - “distinctly blue or black coat”.

The WCA position statement on cross-breeding:

[https://weimaranerclubofamerica.org/pdfs/WCA\\_Position\\_Statement\\_CrossBreeding.pdf](https://weimaranerclubofamerica.org/pdfs/WCA_Position_Statement_CrossBreeding.pdf)

Clarification must be made that there is a long-haired variation of the Weimaraner that has existed since the formation of the breed in Germany, that is in fact a purebred Weimaraner. This variation is allowed in other countries but is unfortunately not allowed in the WCA Breed Standard due to an AKC restriction on separate breed varieties shown in conformation.

The GCWC believes that it is our club’s responsibility to protect the history of our breed by upholding the Weimaraner breed standard and supporting the breeding of the purebred Weimaraner only. It is our mission to support, be a resource, and educate Weimaraner owners and future owners of this wonderful breed. We are happy to provide information on the Weimaraner including history, temperament, exercise requirements, health, activities that you and your Weimaraner can enjoy together and much more!