



General Information

*****Please Read Carefully*****

* Please note, we **WILL** adopt to out of state applicants, **BUT** we do not ship or transport dogs to adopters. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Our time and resources spent on transports are solely to save a dogs life by getting them transported out of a life or death situation. All adopters must be willing to pick up the dog in person after they are approved for adoption. If you are interested in adopting and unwilling to pick up the dog in person you are inquiring about please do not continue with the adoption process.

Note to Families with children: Weimaraners are large, energetic, demanding sporting dogs and can have strong prey drives. They require lifelong mental and physical exercise as well as training. All breeds of rescued dogs require even more time, training and patience than the typical dog and WRN Weims are no exception.

For the safety of your children and the welfare of our dogs, WRN does not adopt to families with children under the age of eight. Families with children ages 8-10 must have owned a Weimaraner in the recent past. Families with no Weimaraner experience must have children age 10 and over. This same standard applies to our foster homes.

****Communicating with us****

****Please be prepared to correspond with an adoption representative via email. Due to application volume, time restrictions, and the general nature of rescue, almost all of our correspondences are done by email. Please check your email regularly to see if you have been contacted.****

While we most certainly look forward to hearing from people interested in adopting, we will only respond to serious inquiries. The easiest way to ensure that you are contacted back is to take the five minutes and submit a **COMPLETE** application. That indicates to us that you are serious about the possibility of fostering/adopting.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and for taking the time to inquire about our rescue dogs.



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Spay/Neuter Policy

It is our policy not to adopt our rescues into homes with unaltered pets, while spaying and neutering is a personal choice, it is in the best health interest of a pet to be spayed or neutered. It aids in the reduction of homeless animals in the local community and to us, it shows you are a responsible pet owner who understands the problem of pet overpopulation. It cuts down on chances of testicular cancer in males - not to mention the marking and mounting issues when a new pet is brought in - as well as mammary tumors and cancer in females.

If you are unclear about the benefits, please speak with your vet about this issue. If your current pet is not spayed or neutered, please do not continue the application process unless that pet is elderly and no longer able to produce offspring or has a significant medical reason for being unaltered. The spay/neuter status of all current pets in any adoptive home is verified through the vet reference and no adoption is approved until this is done.



Frequently Asked Questions about Fostering with Weimaraner Rescue of the North:

Q: What are the responsibilities of a foster parent?

A: Foster parents are responsible for providing a safe and supportive temporary home for a rescued Weimaraner, and tending to the dog's medical, social, and behavioral needs. Specifically, foster parents will:

1. Be willing to follow the rescues advice and perform things to maintain the highest level of safety, most importantly feeding the dog in the manner we advise. If you would like to foster for us, you **MUST** have a crate and be prepared to work on crate training and to **ALWAYS** feed your foster dog while crated if you have multiple dogs or children of ANY age under 12.

****We do not allow or approve of "free feeding" when our fosters are in a multiple dog household as this is a liability issue and makes a fight likely, increases the chances of injury to you the foster, and the dog.**

As always, it is solely the responsibility of the foster to use common sense and provide safe, appropriate supervision of ALL child/dog interaction.

2. Commit to safely and responsibly care for the dog until he or she is adopted. **This includes NEVER allowing the dog to run loose. (Anyone who does this will have the dog taken and will be considered to be in violation of the foster contract, possibly resulting in civil action.)**

3. Submit a Foster Agreement within 24 hours of receiving the dog.

4. Seek prompt veterinary care when approved by the WRN director. **All fosters must acknowledge to any vet clinic that the dog belongs to the RESCUE and ALL vetting decisions are to be made/approved by the director after speaking to veterinary staff or the foster will be responsible for unapproved vetting expenses.**

(a)WRN believes in minimally vaccinating pets, especially Weim's as there are serious health consequences such as cancer that result in the routine over-vaccinating of pets in this country.

*At this time, we **ONLY** cover rabies, **INITIAL** 5 way or 7 way vaccines, **NOT A SERIES** unless the dog is a puppy (*****We no longer recommend, pay for or administer "boosters" of any kind for the standard 5 or 7 way vaccines*****) unless approved ahead of time by the Director, and under some circumstances Bordetella ***ONLY*** if the foster has pre-approved plans to board their foster in the future.



Current studies show that one initial vaccination from a 5 way or a seven way vaccine in an adult dog provides immunity. If you would like to read more about this, contact a holistic vet in your area or look up info from vaccination authority Dr. Safra @ UC Davis. Tests we pay for are 3dx snap, 4dx snap and standard heartworm tests if the vet does not carry the 3dx or 4dx tests. **Blood panels and urinalysis will only be covered at the discretion of the director if they are directly approved by the director as a result of specific concerns the vet explained.**

At this time, we provide spay and neuter surgeries to dogs in our care, as well as tumor biopsy/removal when recommended by a vet and approved by the director. Masses will have histology performed when recommended. Needle biopsies will also be considered for masses. We also cover heartworm treatment if a dog is heartworm positive. We cover needed medical vetting and unfortunately, so we can have the funds to save the next dog that needs us and to conserve resources, we do not cover dentals for dogs in foster care or other procedures that are elective in nature. **Ultimately, all decisions on vetting are to be made by the Director after consulting with the vet who examined the dog.** If there is a problem or condition resulting in pain or making eating difficult, for example, that will be considered.

****We will pay for the combined 3dx or 4dx tests, BUT if your vet does not carry those tests, we WILL NOT pay for Lyme or other tick Bourne testing.** Weimaraner's are sensitive dogs and often have reactions that can sometimes result in a variety of ailments including seizures and death days, weeks, even months after the vaccine is administered, therefore *we will **NOT** cover any other vaccines*.

If your vet feels a vaccine other than the ones listed above are needed, they will have to contact the director and get approval **PRIOR** to administering such vaccine. The foster is responsible for choosing a reasonably priced, trustworthy vet in the area. We always appreciate and strongly encourage fosters to take the time to call vet offices in the area to inquire about the possibility of giving a rescue discount. **WRN reserves the right to have the foster utilize a vet of our choosing.**

*******UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES will Weimaraner Rescue of the North reimburse for unnecessary treatment, unauthorized vet visits or any expenses or treatments that result from an unauthorized vet visit.***This does not apply to emergency vet visits of a catastrophic nature.***



Vetting expenses are ONLY reimbursed by the organization if pre-approved by WRN.

5. Keep careful medical and other records on the dog and send any medical records to the rescue promptly.

6. Handle day-to-day care of the dog, including

-feeding a proper quantity of a good quality dog food;

-keeping the dog clean and groomed;

-ensuring the dog's safety at all times.

-** ensuring that the dog's collar and ID tag stays on the dog at ALL times!*******

7. Provide socialization and training, according to the dog's needs, to try to help the dog become a highly desirable, adoptable pet.

8. Send weekly updates, along with pictures of the dog and his/her foster family.

*******Please keep in mind- most times, the dog is coming to you fully vetted, so if this is the case, taking a dog to your vet just to see what they think of the dogs health is NOT a visit that will be covered!*******

Can foster dogs be kept in a secure outdoor kennel?

No, it is not safe or an environment we approve of keeping dogs in our care. Part of our role as foster parents is to help socialize and train the dogs as good household pets. That requires that they develop good indoor "manners," house training skills, and compatible relations with humans and other pets, and that won't be achieved if the dog isn't kept inside as one of the "family."

Q: Can I become a foster home if I live in an apartment? Or don't have a fenced yard?

A: If you can show realistic expectations and understanding of a dog's needs and potential behavior "issues," and have a plan for how you'll deal with such eventualities, then you can still be approved as a foster home. Have you considered issues such as how a high energy dog would get adequate outdoor exercise, what the "potty" schedule would be, and how you would deal



with a dog that turned out to be a loud barker or howler? You will also need approval from your apartment manager.

Q: What types of things would disqualify me as a foster home?

A: You must be at least 21 years old to become a WRN foster home because foster parents must be able to enter a legally-binding contract to agree to care responsibly for our dogs. Other criteria are less black and white, because a lot depends on your individual circumstances. But these are some of the things that would hinder approval process:

- * planning to move or have major home renovation within the next 6-12 months**
- * Unable to financially provide a quality food, bedding, and a crate**
- * have a heavy travel schedule**
- *if you are a smoker**
- * if you are pregnant or have new baby**
- *if you are unable to provide adequate exercise that an active dog like a Weimaraner REQUIRES.**
- * have a newly-adopted pet (within the past 3 months)**

If any of these things apply to you, please think long and hard before applying to foster. In many cases, you may be better off waiting until your household situation is more stable before taking on this new commitment.

Q: Will I get to meet the dog before deciding to foster it?

A: If the dog needing rescue is located in a shelter near you, you may go there to evaluate the dog before deciding. But in many cases the dog is too far away or the situation is too urgent for that to be practical, and the decision will have to be made on the basis of the description given to us by shelter workers or other rescue volunteers.

Q: What if I get a dog with behavioral problems?

A: Many dogs **WILL** come to foster care with some behavioral issues, large or small. Whether it's chewing, howling, marking, growling, digging, "counter surfing," snake-chasing, door dashing, or something more significant, it's best to recognize that few new dogs will truly be 100% problem-free, and you'll need to be prepared to deal with these things. Fortunately, most behavioral problems will be minor, and it can be extremely gratifying to take in a less-than-perfect dog and help him develop to his full potential. You can start reading books and Internet sites on obedience training and figuring out ways to dog-proof your home or otherwise prepare



yourself for the challenges that may come with fostering. We highly recommend watching the dog whisperer or reading books by Cesar Millan. Our WRN volunteer network is also on hand to support each other with advice, suggestions, and encouragement. The bottom line is that each dog, no matter what its issues, is the responsibility of the foster parent who took it in. So it's best to be prepared and to understand the commitment, and if the thought of having a dog that requires much dedicated attention and training is a significant concern, then perhaps fostering isn't for you.

Q: What if I start fostering but then can't continue?

A: Because it's not easy (and sometimes not even possible) to move a dog from one foster home to another, it's important that you not agree to foster a dog unless you are able to make a commitment to that dog for however long it takes. If your situation changes and you can't continue fostering, we will TRY to move your current dog, if feasible, but there's no assurance we'll be able to accomplish that in a timely manner so you'll likely need to figure out a way to stick it out until that dog is adopted. After that, we will try to find other ways for you to remain involved and help our rescue effort, other than fostering.

Q: What if my foster dog doesn't get along with my cats?

A: A good number of rescued Weimaraners will not get along with cats. So if you have cats, it's your responsibility to figure out a plan to be able to reliably separate them. If that's not feasible, it will be essential for you to only agree to take in dogs that are known to be trustworthy with cats.

Q: What if I must go out of town on a trip?

A: If you are taking a trip you **MUST** alert WRN. We may have a nearby WRN home that can keep the dog while you are away. If approved WRN temp housing cannot be found, the foster is responsible for boarding expenses.

Q: Will WRN pay for approved medical expenses?



A: We will indeed cover essential medical care. However, as a non-profit charity we have a limited budget, and spending a huge amount on one dog could mean not being able to save several others. So it is essential that we practice careful money management. The core medical services that we provide for every dog include: exam, spay/neuter, vaccinations, heartworm test, worming, monthly heartworm preventative, and flea preventative. Other out-of-the-ordinary medical needs must be approved by the director.

Q: How does WRN support the foster homes?

A: WRN maintains the website and the Internet presence to locate and prioritize dogs needing rescue, and arranges for them to be brought in to the program. For each new dog, we provide a microchip, ID tag, collar (**THAT MUST BE UTILIZED WITH ID and KEPT ON AT ALL TIMES**) wormer, heartworm preventative, flea preventative.

Q: What expenses does the foster family have to cover?

A: Foster families should have the following for their foster dog(s): leash, food, crate, food and water bowls, training treats, toys, and chewies. Some other non-essentials are usually also helpful: X-pen or baby gates, car harness or tether, dog bed, grooming supplies (shampoo, nail clippers), and potty supplies (pooper scooper, enzyme accident cleaner, etc.).

Q: If a foster dog destroys something of mine, will I be reimbursed?

A: Sorry, no. Our budget doesn't cover loss of property. We recommend that you keep a close monitoring eye on each new dog until you're assured of his trustworthiness.

Q: If I really fall for my own foster dog, will I be able to adopt him?

A: Foster families will still be able to adopt. We LOVE 'foster failures'!!



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Q: May I independently find someone to adopt my foster dog?

A: Sure! But the prospective adopter still must go through our WRN adoption process. We are legally responsible for each dog brought into our organization, and have an obligation to follow proper procedures to ensure that the dog will be going to the right home. If you have a relative, friend, or neighbor that is interested in your foster dog, have them fill out an adoption application and list you as one of their references.

Q: Do I have a say in the adoption process?



A: While the Director of Placement concentrates on whether the applicants will provide a suitable forever home for a rescue dog in general. The foster parent provides feedback to those who makes the final approval decision.

Q: How long does it take to get approved as a foster home and/or adoptive home?

A: The approval process time will vary depending on how busy our WRN volunteers are and the urgency of the dog. It can take anywhere from a week to a few months...It will probably take us a few days to reach your references and then call you for a telephone interview. We then recruit a home visit volunteer, who will contact you to schedule a time to come inspect your property. After that, it should be just a short time before you hear if you're approved to be WRN foster or adoptive home.

Q: Why do I need a crate?

A: We recommend a crate so that the dog does not chew or have accidents in your house.** It is a good way of setting boundaries so the dog knows it does not have "free reign" that has not been **EARNED** as this can lead to behavioral issues!!!! This especially applies in a new environment with new people. Things like being allowed on the couch and the bed should be earned! This is very important with intelligent, strong willed dogs like Weims! It is important that a dog gets use to a crate so we highly encourage crate training while the dog is in your possession. It makes the dog more adoptable, and things like staying at the vet less traumatic. This is also to ensure that dog's safety, while they are getting used to the new home. If a particular dog is having issues with catching on, we can suggest techniques and ways to handle it.

Q: Can I have an electric fence?

A: We do not approve of electric/invisible fences. Invisible fences are used to contain pets, but they do NOT prevent other dogs or wildlife from entering your yard! This type of fencing also



allows your pet to become an easy target for dog snatchers. These systems can also fail or short circuit.

*******We only approve of electronic fencing when YOU are outside with the dog to give direct supervision. If you are not willing to directly supervise your adoptive or foster dog, or if you feel it is ok to EVER leave your dog outside unattended please do not continue with the application process because if we find out your dog is not properly supervised we will take it back even if it is adopted per our contract. *******

You can also find more information on fostering or adopting from us here-
<http://weimaranerrescue.weebly.com/fostering-and-adopting.html>