

The 'Blue' Dog

Potential owners of the Weimaraner should be aware the breed is **ONE COLOUR** only and that is **GREY** or shades of. It is not blue. A blue dog purporting to be a Weimaraner is incorrect and not a recognised colour by any of the UK Weimaraner clubs or the country of origin.

Genetic studies of the Weimaraner trace this as a percentage likely to be sourced from a cross breed litter. The Weimaraner carries the brown gene which gives it the unique colour (Probably the most distinctive feature of the breed) that it is, the **GREY GHOST**. A blue dog carries the black gene (Note the distinctive black pigmentation around the nose of the 'Blue' dog



Weimaraner grey (and shades thereof)



Typical representation of the 'Blue' coat

There are many litters of 'Blue' which are being marketed as 'rare' colouration and at inflated purchase prices. The Weimaraner Club of Scotland would advise you do not purchase such a puppy. The club exists to promote, assist and help in any way it can the correct breed type, ownership, health and wellbeing of our dogs and it would recommend that any prospective owner look to breeders **who only** breed the correct colour (silver grey, mouse grey or roe grey) and adhere to the club rules regarding best breeding practices. These are considered and put in place to try and protect the health and well being of the breed and also the owners with which they are placed.

Unfortunately, buying a Weimaraner has become a minefield, increased through social media and regularly scammed. Make sure you do your homework, never be afraid to ask the breeder to see a copy of the pedigree (detailing both parents), the Kennel Club Registration Certificate and any health certificates which the parents should have had prior to breeding (These are set out for the breed by the KC, so familiarise yourself with the required tests and what they mean)

If in doubt, you can always ask any of the UK Weimaraner clubs who will only be too happy to help. A detailed study - 'Tracing the origin of the 'blue weimaraner 'dogs by molecular genetics - by W.M Gerding, S Schreiber, G Dekomein & J T Epplen can be found on www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21385230

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