

didn't go away. Then they tried a Standard that didn't disqualify. That failed. It is time to stop this harmful dilution of our effort and concentrate on breeding better Weimaraners, and enjoying them together. This can only be done with the recommended disqualification.

Respectfully,
Board of Directors
Weimaraner Club of America

TO: All Weimaraner Owners

FROM: The WCA Board of Directors

The decision of the Board to propose a vote on only two alternatives—to disqualify the blue dog, or to leave the Standard unchanged was based on some very straightforward points.

1. It has been a relatively short time since the whole WCA membership voted to disqualify the blue dog. (Overwhelmingly 432 to 153)
2. Nothing substantial has changed since that vote.
3. While a lot of turmoil has been created, the number of actual promoters of the blue dog and actual number of blue dogs is felt to be very small in proportion to the gray. Small interests are trying, perhaps successfully, to swing the actions of the majority.
4. A Standard should be a very stable document, changed only infrequently for very important and excellent reasons.
5. We could find no advantage to the Weimaraner breed in adding a blue color or a new variety.
6. So many of the arguments or beliefs advanced in favor of the blue dog are so thoroughly refutable that it casts a question on the validity of the rest. Examples are:
 - a. The Germans allow blues.
 - b. Blues are better hunters.
 - c. Blues do not vary in color as do the grays.
 - d. Blues are registered by AKC which means they are of high quality.
 - e. The WCA Board is trying to impose its will on the membership.
 None of the above are true.
7. We did not initiate action on the blue question. A definite campaign with letters, telegrams, and phone calls requested that something be done. Members of the Board also received reports of blue dogs being sold and advertised as desirably "rare." New owners often did not realize they were faulty until first showing them or after becoming attached to them. We agreed that something had to be done. We did not agree with the blue fanciers as to what should be done.
8. All of the Board Members present at the meeting felt that the gray color is one of the very basic things that made the Weimaraner a Weimaraner.

9. We felt that the time had come to finally take a stand to protect our Breed Standard and our traditional gray Weimaraner from constant attack by a vocal minority of blue proponents.
10. We have learned that some of the support for the blue dog comes from supporters of the disqualified longhaired Weimaraner. Their theory is that if the blue is accepted, then the question of the longhair can be raised again with hope that it too will be accepted.
11. A vote to disqualify will not bar the blue dog from any activity except shows.

The vote at our meeting was unanimous that the blue should be disqualified. One Director disagreed as to procedure. A subsequent poll of the Directors who could not be present revealed a count of nine (9) for disqualification and one (1) against.

The Board feels that it was elected to lead, advise, recommend, and use judgment, and feels that it would be avoiding its responsibility if it only rubber stamped.

We respectfully recommend to the membership that they keep the Weimaraner one color, and recommend a vote to disqualify the blue dog.

The Board of Directors
Weimaraner Club of America
T. W. JARMIE

TOP TEN WEIMARANERS THRU NOV. 9, 1969 PHILLIPS RATING

(January Gazette)

by Dorothy Driggott

	T. pts.	BIS	G1	G2	G3	G4	SS	B pts.	BOB
1. Ch. Doug's Dauntless v. Dor	3918	0	9	14	6	5	4	1206	69
2. Ch. Gwinner's Sportwheel	3436	1	7	3	9	7	3	619	45
3. Ch. Rum Runner v.d. Reiteralm	461	0	3	1	1	1	1	203	12
4. Ch. WC's Thunderwheel of Marquez, CD	450	0	0	1	0	5	1	175	13
5. Ch. Baron Dan Silver of Seattle	444	0	1	2	0	0	0	73	4
6. Ch. Castor v. Eschenfeld	413	0	0	3	1	4	1	211	21
7. Ch. Halann's Gustav, CD, NFD	328	0	0	1	0	0	1	227	8
8. Ch. Sportabout's Boeser Bengel	310	0	0	0	3	0	0	132	11
9. Ch. Ronamax Rajah v.d. Reiteralm	303	0	0	1	0	0	1	207	4
10. Ch. Landbee's Upland Tiger	292	0	0	1	1	1	0	122	15

THE ABBREVIATED HEADINGS ON THE NUMBERED COLUMNS ARE:

T. pts.—Total Phillips Rating System Points

BIS—Best in Show

Gr. 1 2 3 4—Group 1, Group 2, Group 3, Group 4 number of wins

SS—Indicates Weimaraner Specialty Show wins

B pts.—Total Weimaraner Breed Points in current year

BOB—Number of Best of Breeds in current year