

**Blue WEIMARANER TODAY!**

# NEWSLETTER

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## Call for Your Field Stories

FEBRUARY IS FIELD TRAINING MONTH. SEND ME YOUR STORIES OF HOW YOU GOT INVOLVED WITH FIELD TRAINING.

I'll be selecting several stories to go on the blog and in the next newsletter about how you became involved with training your dog for field and / or hunting.

### SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS TO THE FLICKR GROUP

I started a new group on Flickr to submit your photos to **Blue**

**Weimaraner Today**. There is also another group for Blue Weimaraners, Which will be a feed for the Blue Weimaraner Club of America. I debated if I should start a new group, but I felt I needed one that was dedicated to BWT for our newsletter submissions and the new monthly photo competitions. Why not join both groups? It's easy enough when you upload your photos to Flickr to

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Photo by Leslie Nicole

## True Blue

### IS YOUR BLUE WEIM LOOKING PURPLE IN YOUR PHOTO?

Have you ever taken photos of your Blue Weim against a green background and then you notice your slate-gray dog looks purple? Without getting too much into the technical details, your camera wants to balance the color. When your camera sees a lot of green, it

wants to dump in some magenta to balance the green. Magenta is the opposite of Green in color corrections. So what can you do?

### COLOR CORRECTION

We need to adjust the color. To do this, you will need to have

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## CORRECTION!

Last month, we announced that the UKC (United Kennel Club) would be lifting the DQ for Blue Weims and they would be allowed to compete in conformation. This information was based on information from two sources who had talked to the UKC. Unfortunately, there was a misunderstanding about what DQ means to the UKC and thus a misinterpretation by one of my sources. It does NOT mean that they can now be shown, only that they can now be registered. Still a small step forward, but a big difference from full acceptance. Next time!



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*Heaven goes by favour.  
If it went by merit, you  
would stay out and your  
dog would go in.*

MARK TWAIN

# Letter from the Editor & TOC



**Editor Leslie Nicole  
with Ellie & Bella**

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Happy February everyone. Am I the only one longing for at least the Crocuses to bloom?

I didn't post much on the blog in January. A bedroom & bath renovation project stretched out way longer than anticipated.

I've spent the past few days mapping out articles for the blog and I'm pretty excited. You'll start seeing several articles a week. If you aren't already subscribed to the posts, you may want to. (It's that orange "chiclet" up in the top right corner of the blog.)

Speaking of memberships and subscriptions, here's the master plan. We need to get a large membership so that we have a large collective voice. Having large numbers in our membership will make a difference in being heard by registries, the media and by sponsors. It will help to change perspectives.

I would love to someday be able to offer big prizes. I mean really big prizes for the top Blue Weimaraners. In order to do that, I will need to get sponsors. In order to get sponsors, I will need to show a big following.

If you know of someone who has an interest in Blue Weimaraners, please ask them to go to the site and subscribe. It's anonymous, it's safe and I rarely ever send emails, so they won't be bombarded.

If you have a personal site or blog, a little link love would be appreciated.

Be sure to check out the new group on Flickr.

Another thing I'll be announcing soon is the plan for a Quarterly e-book of all Blues with titles and points towards titles. I'll tell more in next month's newsletter.

Have fun training!

Leslie Nicole

## NEWSLETTER NOTES

Click on text to take you to the link online even if it's not underlined. Resources don't allow for a polished publication. My apologies for grammar and style errors.

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BE  
MINE!

## FROM THE EDITOR

Have a story, photo, video, or brag that you would like to have featured? Have an idea for an article or request for a feature?

Please drop me a line!

[contact@blueweimaranertoday.com](mailto:contact@blueweimaranertoday.com)

Also, please send me the links to your personal blogs / sites / flickr, YouTube channel, etc.

*Leslie Nicole*

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## EDITOR

Leslie Nicole

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## BLUE WEIMARANER TODAY

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Print them out, put them in a binder.  
Someday, this will be our history.  
Newsletter is hyperlink enabled. Click to surf!

## True Blue *continued from cover*

Some kind of Image editing software. I use Adobe Photoshop, but other image editing software should have similar functions.



Here, I have opened up the Levels in Photoshop and dragged the middle cursor under the GREEN tab in the histogram slightly to the left. Be careful not to go too far. Really, a smidgen of correction will usually do the job.

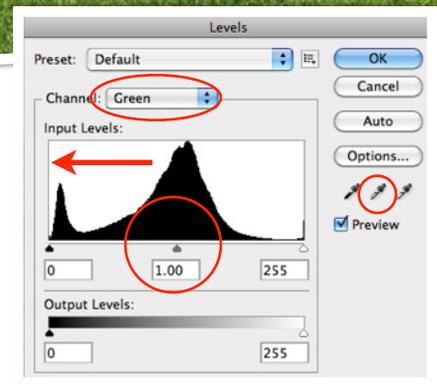
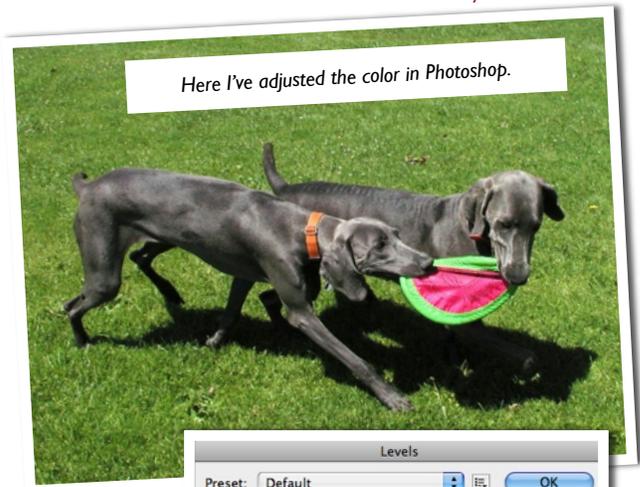
It may be that your image software has a different way to adjust the color. Poke around to see what your software has. The basic idea is the same: Take out magenta and add green. Photo printers will also usually have a way to correct the color if you can't correct the photo itself.

One last tip: Another way to correct color is with white balance. Because our dogs are gray, using the white balance eye-dropper will work to remove the color cast! In Photoshop, you would use the middle eye dropper. See illustration at right.

**by Leslie Nicole**  
*Editor*

*In the photo below, Lucy (orange collar) plays tug 'o frisbee with her littermate sister, Ellie. They got together for their last play date before Ellie moved off to France. These sisters were very close.*

*Photo by Leslie Nicole*



You can use **Levels** in Photoshop to correct the magenta color. Either slide the arrow under the histogram under the **Green** tab a smidgen to the left, OR use the middle eye-dropper to click on a mid-gray area on your Blue Weim.

Your software may vary, but the idea is the same.

## Cleaning Your Dog's Teeth

*by Dr. Sherry Weaver Reprinted with permission from the Trinity Valley Weimaraner Club News*

Imagine what your teeth would feel like if you didn't brush for three years. There would be sensitive gums and a large amount of material and infection under your gum line. I know I wouldn't let a dentist clean carefully under my gum line if they hurt that much!

The reason for maintaining good oral health is that it prevents the bacteria and debris under the gums from causing life-threatening infections. You don't accomplish this if you don't clean adequately under the gum lines, and you can't clean under the gum lines if it hurts.

This is the dilemma. If you brushed your dog's teeth daily, you may get away with cleanings while your dog is awake (if he or she is extremely docile). Typically, awake dental care focuses on removing the visible tartar and does nothing about the more serious disease under the gums. If, however, like most of us, you do not brush daily, the only option that may give your dog the extra years of life is to have the teeth thoroughly cleaned while under sedation.



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# BLUES ROCK!

## WAGS AND BRAGS OF OUR AWESOME BLUES

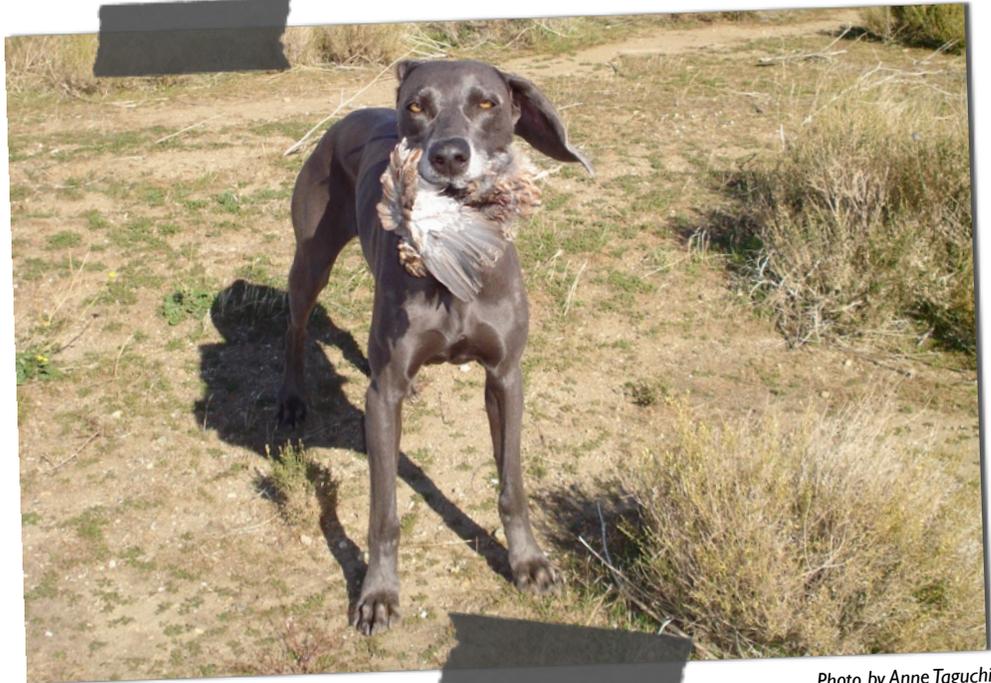


Photo by Anne Taguchi

### NEW MASTER HUNTER TITLE

**(“Indy”) Spectrum Once in a Blue Moon, CD MH CGC TDI TT NAVHDA NA I/112 (field pointed)**

I'm very pleased to announce an important new achievement. Indy has earned the final leg of her Master Hunter title.

Master Hunter (MH) is an AKC title given for their highest level hunt test.

In order to earn the title, a dog must have qualifying scores in 6 “legs” of official AKC hunt tests or 5 if they have already earned their Senior Hunter title. Indy had her SH title and thus passed 5 legs to qualify. According to the [AKC Pointing Breed Hunting Test Rules](#) book:

*A Master hunting dog must give a finished performance and demonstrate clearly that it deserves to be qualified as such. This is the complete hunting companion that any hunter would be proud to own.*

To qualify, a pointing dog must locate birds, prove staunchness, honor the point of it's brace mate and retrieve downed birds

completely to hand. It must also cover ground with intelligence, boldness and show that it hunts for it's handler.

The MH title is a proud accomplishment for any Weimaraner and Indy is probably the first Blue Weimaraner to hold this title.

In addition to AKC hunt tests, Indy has the [NAVHDA NA I](#) (Natural Ability hunt test, Prize I) title which she passed at 13 months with a perfect score of 112. Beyond hunt tests Indy is also an experienced and pointed Field Trial Weimaraner. Indy is owned and amateur handled by Anne Taguchi of [Touchstone Weimaraners](#). Under Anne, Indy placed as Southland Weimaraner Club's Top Winning Amateur Handled Field Dog for 2006 and 2008. In actual hunting, Indy proves herself with experience and a sure nose.

Indy's sweet, biddable temperament is reflected in her titles for TDI (Therapy Dogs International), CGC (Canine Good Citizen), TT (Temperament Test) and CD (Companion Dog - obedience title).

### Congratulations to Anne and Indy!

*Update: Indy took 3rd in an all breed Amateur Gun Dog stake (handler Raul Pineda) at the Orange Coast Weim Club trial*

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[Steady with Style \(field training\)](#)

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## FEBRUARY WALLPAPERS



The desktop and phone Wallpapers are now ready to download.

I hope you enjoy them!

Let me know if you have any problems.

[CLICK TO  
DOWNLOAD](#)

This month's photo:

"The Girls" by Leslie Nicole

Ellie and Bella in the fields of France.

**Option:** if you have the capabilities to work with a layered photoshop file, you are welcome to the master file to drop your own photo's in the frame.

Just drop me a line via [email](#) requesting the file.

#### **NOTE:**

The more members we have, the stronger the voice we have. If you would like to share the newsletter, think of recommending to friends and family to sign up to receive the newsletters. Thank you!

## FROM MY ROLODEX:

**Site:** Doberman Dawn

1. How to Dremel  
dog nails

2. How to bike with  
your dog

[Click here for the site.](#)



**BELLA'S FIRST MEAL  
(SORT OF!) ON HER  
OWN AT 3 WEEKS  
OLD. SHE  
PRACTICALLY SWAM  
IN HER FORMULA  
AND TURKEY!  
(with 10 pups mom  
needed help.)**

## Call for stories and photos

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quickly go to your groups and enter to both groups.

### MONTHLY THEMES AND PHOTO COMPETITIONS.

Each month will have a theme and we will vote on the photo of the month. You can still submit photo's that aren't in the theme, but we will use the themed photos for the photo competition. If you don't have a Flickr account, you can still submit photos by email, but they won't be included in the competition. Photographs submitted to the Flickr group will also show up on the photo feed on the blog.

For story and photo submissions, see the blue box to the right on this page.

Thanks!

## Member Photos

Normally this page is full of subscriber's photos. This month was supposed to be Field Work, but I think everyone was too busy in January to submit and since there are several field trials this month, I thought it would be best to hold off on the Field photos for the next issue.



**GABBY**

Gabby pointing something in the grass.

*Photo by Michelle Adkins*



## SUBMIT

Go to our **Flickr GROUP**

to submit your photo for next month and participate in the photo contest. [click here](#)

## MARCH THEME FIELD WORK

Submit photos of your Weimaraner pointing, retrieving, hunting or training for field. If you don't have a Flickr account, email me at: [contact@blueweimaranertoday.com](mailto:contact@blueweimaranertoday.com)  
Emailed submissions will not be eligible for the contests.

This page is for subscriber's photos of their Blue Weimaraners. Blue Weimaraner Today can not monitor member's activities. This page is not intended to endorse members.

*Nobody can fully understand the meaning of love unless he's owned a dog. A dog can show you more honest affection with a flick of his tail than a man can gather through a lifetime of handshakes.* Gene Hill

## IN MEMORY OF: DUVA

### Blues from our past

Taken back before the Blue was disqualified around 1970.

#### SANDVOLD'S DUVA ALMEIDA BLUE

By Karen Sandvold

This is a photo of Duva retrieving. Duva was a beautiful Weimaraner, full of spirit who loved to retrieve. She won the puppy stakes in an all-breed retrieving fun trial.

