After researching versatile hunting breeds, Bill decided the Weimaraner was the breed for him. Elena Smith picked out a pretty little puppy bitch which she believed would suit him. Bill named her Frieda and as a team they would go on to make history.

Bill enrolled Frieda in obedience classes and began showing her in conformation. Frieda finished her Breed Championship with four majors, including a five-point major from the Puppy Class. She also earned her Companion Dog title, but life changed when Frieda hit the bird field.

Bill was not raised in a hunting household, but the first time he saw Frieda hunt and strike a point he became a devoted participant in AKC Hunt Tests. Frieda was a very intense and stylish hunter and as a novice handler, Bill had his hands full. Frieda had drive in spades and she took the position that if she was in the field, no other dog was needed. Whenever her brace mate, usually a male dog twice her size, decided to rough Frieda up she would give it right back to him. The gallery would watch the big boys getting scolded soundly by little Frieda, who would zoom ahead to point the first bird, leaving them in the dust.

Training Frieda to hold through the retrieve in the Master Hunter stakes took a lot of convincing. Bill and Frieda eventually reached an understanding which enabled Frieda to earn her Master Hunter title. Frieda was the first Breed Champion bitch to earn a Master Hunter title.

At nine years old she earned her Novice Agility title including an All-Breed win which propelled her into a Top Ten Agility Dog. Frieda became the foundation bitch for Hallmar Weimaraners and produced nine puppies, four of which became Champions with numerous performance titles. Frieda’s intelligence, intensity and drive continue to be found in generations of Hallmar dogs.

Her progeny include multiple breed champions with Best of Breed and Futurity winners as well as Group placements. In the performance venues, Frieda’s offspring have earned titles in tracking, agility, retrieving and hunting tests, including a Champion/Master Hunter. In Obedience, accomplishments include a High in Trial and a Top Ten Obedience dog. Frieda lived to be fifteen and one-half years old, truly a grand dame!

Breeders: Elena Smith (Lamberson) & Michael Lee  
Owner: William Hall

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