

2015 Life Time Achievement Award

Marge Davis

Marge has been involved with Weimaraners for over 40 years since her oldest son, Jimmy, was interested in hunting and spent his savings, \$125, on a Weimaraner, Dixie. In desperation, to save her house from total destruction, she took her to obedience classes. After winning first place, Marge was hooked. While attending obedience trials she decided that if she was going to spend all day at a show she wanted a Weim that could do everything. She found the perfect puppy, Ch Eb's Ketcha Summer Breeze, CDX, TD, SDX, RDX, VX and became totally involved.

As a breeder she bred the first dog to be awarded the AKC VCD title, Ch Seabreeze Seraphim, CD, OA, OAJ, TDX, NRD, VX as well as Ch OTCh Eb's Red Hot Seabreeze, JH, UDX, NA, NRD, VX, the first Weimaraner champion to earn an Obedience Trial Championship. Her bitch, Ch Colsidex Seabreeze Bet the Farm, TDX was the dam of 9 champions as well as grand dam of Ch Colsidex Seabreeze Perfect Fit, all-time top winner with 33 Best in Shows.

More importantly, as the only remaining founder of the Weimaraner Club of South Florida, she has spent 40 years as a Board member and/or officer, serving in all capacities including set up and cleanup crew. Without her efforts, the club would probably have disbanded. She has been active in putting on WCA Rating Tests, WCA Hunt Tests as well as an annual Specialty show. She has been a member of Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach for 40 years and member of Jupiter Tequesta Kennel Club for 30 years where she has held every office except President. She is also a member of the Central Florida Tracking Club which is her favorite thing to do.

Her greatest contributions have been to the WCA. She served on the Board of Directors for 8 years and as Secretary for 8 more years. She was Chairman of the Ways and Means committee for more than 20 years. As a member of the National Show Committee for 9 years she was Trophy chairman as well as Ways and Means and manned the merchandise table at each National earning between \$3,000 and \$5,000 for the WCA each year. Every year she shipped approximately 50 boxes of trophies and merchandise to the host hotel and donated the shipping charges (a very substantial amount).

Not content to do all those jobs she helped organize the Top 20 and was there to help put up the ring and take it down.

For the past 20 years, Marge has mentored prospective judges during ringside judging. She has actively participated in judge and/or breeder seminars and provided quality Weimaraners for the "hands-on" portion of judging seminars whenever asked by a representative of the WCA.

The AKC contacted Marge to be an "AKC New Exhibitor Mentor". She accepted and was contacted by a complete novice who had just purchased a Boykin Spaniel. Marge worked with her, gave her advice and made it a point to be ringside when she showed her dog. She finished her dog and is now starting with a new Boykin. She contacted AKC and told them she "hit the mentor lottery" when she became involved with Marge.