

WCA 2016 LIFETIME ACHIEVMENT AWARD

Howard Knight

Howard Knight, born in 1884, was involved in his family business of Knight Publishing in Providence, Rhode Island. His donation to American history was his front-line involvement with the introduction and development of the Weimaraner breed in America.

In 1928 Howard met a German named Fritz Grossman who was visiting New Jersey. They became friends and exchanged information about the strictly German-owned Weimaraner breed and the club that controlled the breed. Rules of the German club forbade ownership of Weimaraners by non-Europeans. In 1928 Howard was sponsored by Herr Grossman and was accepted into membership.

Despite his promises to protect the purity of the breed, the German Weimaraner Club sent Knight two sterilized dogs in October, 1929. After experiencing the wealth of the hunting capabilities of these two dogs, Howard continued his pursuit of breeding stock.

Finally, in 1938, after receiving notice of the sabotage with the sterile dogs the German club sent three bitches and a male puppy to him. They were litter sisters Adda and Dorle v. Schwarzen Kamp, Aura v. Gaiberg and puppy dog, Mars aus der Wulfsreide.

Others joined Howard Knight's efforts and in December, 1942 our breed was recognized by the American Kennel Club and had its coming out at Westminster in 1943. The Weimaraner Club of America held its first annual meeting in Boston in February, 1943. Howard Knight became the first President and Lifetime Honorary Member.

Until the postwar imports began to arrive in 1948, all American Weimaraners descended from Howard Knight's Mars, Aura, Adda and Dorle.

Howard passed away in 1965.