



## Noa Safra

Noa graduated from the Koret School of Veterinary Medicine at the Hebrew University in Israel in 2000 and practiced veterinary medicine in a small animal clinic. While in Israel, one of her favorite hobbies was breeding and showing Weimaraners. She was an active member of the Israeli Weimaraner club, and as a vet student took part in a research project on HOD (Hypertrophic Osteodystrophy) in Weimaraners. After graduation, Noa sat on the medical committee of the Israeli Weimaraner club and became more and more interested in continuing her education and studying canine hereditary diseases.

She came to Davis with her Weimaraner, Eleanor, to pursue her PhD in the Comparative Pathology Graduate Group. Her research project in the Bannasch lab involved the characterization of the molecular basis of high levels of uric acid in Dalmatians (Hyeruricosuria).

In her free time she likes to train her Weimaraners in agility, take part in Weimaraner club activities, and dream of when she will have more spare time for horseback riding!

Noa completed her PhD in the Bannasch Laboratory in 2007. She subsequently has returned to Davis with her husband Oded and their son Adam to pursue the genetic cause of HOD in weimaraners.