

# Animal rescue veteran becomes author of book

by Mike Lesko

Editor

**BEDFORD** — Ariel Wulff has dedicated much of her life to animal rescue. It is her passion.

"No matter how many difficulties there are with any animal, the relationship is rewarding," she said. "Every animal has something to teach us."

The former Bedford resident recently wrote a book entitled, "Born Without a Tail."

It is about pet ownership and her 30 years of work in animal rescue, which she said entails "taking animals out of bad situations and giving them the mental and physical attention that they need to recover."

Wulff will sign copies of her book Aug. 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at "Canine Fun Days and Greyhound Reunion" at the Metroparks Polo Field on Chagrin River Road in Moreland Hills.

Wulff, an artist, will be at the event's Valley Save-a-Pet booth. A portion of the book's proceeds will go to that organization, which she became involved with two decades ago.

She has been an animal lover since she was a child and has owned numerous pets over the years. Today, she has five dogs and three cats.

Not all of them have had easy lives. A dog that she named Troll ended up on her

doorstep in the late 1980s. Wulff took him in.

"He had been horribly abused and had wounds," she said. "You couldn't get near him with your feet because he had been kicked as a young dog."

"We were told that kids ran into him with bicycles," she said. "So when he was with me, he could still sense that danger when bikes were around."

After his early troubles, Troll lived 19 comfortable years with Wulff. He died earlier this year.

"That was an example of an animal that was really scarred for life," she said. "Although he was loved, he still had issues — so many that he probably would never have been adopted from a kennel."

"We were always very careful with him because he was unpredictable," she said. "He lived a long, happy life with us and was a very loving dog, but there were still things that would trigger bad behavior."

The book is available at amazon.com, borders.com and target.com along with the Purr-fect Place thrift shop on Broadway Avenue in Bedford. The store is operated by Valley Save-a-Pet.

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Ariel Wulff, who recently wrote a book entitled, "Born Without a Tail," is shown with one of her dogs, Dillon, a 20-year-old poodle-beagle mixed breed. "He was the reason I sat down to write the book in the first place," she said.