

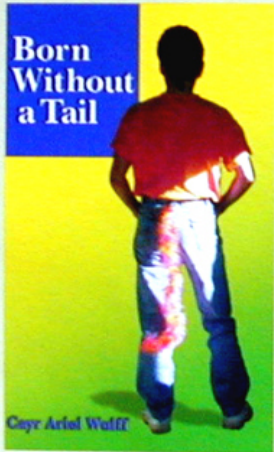
TELLING A Good Tale

If you are looking for a good book about rescuing animals, there are several good ones to choose from including the three featured here that were published earlier this year. All are by first-time authors, one of whom is a 9-year-old girl who wrote about her personal experience rescuing a three-legged Miniature Poodle mix. All believe that their efforts to help abandoned animals are making a difference and hope that through their books they will inspire others to get involved. The books are available online.

For the Joy of Dogs

As a foster parent for a dog and cat rescue group, Valley Save-A-Pet, Cayr Ariel Wulff has opened her home near Cleveland to 20 rescue dogs at various times. Along with providing food and shelter, Wulff has loved the animals unconditionally as though they were part of her own brood of four dogs and three cats.

Deep feelings for "Dillon," a Standard Poodle/Beagle mix led to her writing "Born Without a Tail," a book detailing life with these 20 rescued animals. She began writing the book when Dillon was 17 in an effort to preserve her memories of this special dog whom she adopted as a puppy. "I did not want to forget anything about him,"



she says. "He was so special to me."

The book captures the joyous and sometimes anxiety-ridden moments of living with multiple dogs. "I set out to tell a story about how their lives have interwoven," says Wulff. "Sometimes things have been very interesting with everyone trying to fit into the same house."

A longtime animal lover, Wulff is an artist who creates Yelodoggie art that appears on paintings, stationery, tote bags and coffee mugs. Since she was a girl, Wulff has held a special affinity for animals. "I always wished I had a tail," she says. "I used to pin pieces of material on the back of my pants or tie a jump rope around my waist with the long end hanging behind me." Thus came the title of her book, "Born Without a Tail."

The 176-page book sells for \$12.95, and a portion of the sales go to Valley Save-A-Pet. As for pet rescue, Wulff says, "So much needs done and not enough people are involved in rescue. I hope my book will encourage others to get involved."

A Good Thing to Do

Isabela R. Presedo-Floyd is a 9-year-old girl full of convictions about life's injustices. When she and her mother, Veronica Presedo-Floyd, could not find a suitable adopter for a three-legged white Miniature Poodle mix they fostered, she

decided to write a story about the dog.

"Three Paws: The Story of Marley" is a moving account of the transformation that "Marley" underwent from being an abandoned shelter dog with a severely injured right rear leg to an adopted dog loved by Isabela and her family. "No one wanted Marley because his leg was amputated," Isabela explains. "He was such a sweet dog. It made me mad that people didn't want him."

As foster volunteers for the Bay Area Poodle Rescue, Isabela and her mother were used to finding good homes for rescued Poodles. They were not used to receiving little interest. "Only two people called about Marley, and neither would have been an appropriate match for him," says Presedo-Floyd.

Inspired that Marley lives life as though he has four legs, Isabela told her mother she wanted to write a book about him. Presedo-Floyd suggested that her daughter take notes chronicling Marley's recovery and put them into a book. Over Thanksgiving break last year, Isabela wrote out her notes while practicing PowerPoint for school. Her mother took the notes and bound them into a book for Christmas.

Teachers and librarians at Isabela's school loved the book. As luck would have it, Presedo-Floyd found a publisher who had a rescue dog and also loved

book "will help to spread the word about how you can make a difference in the world," she says.