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A dog lover's true life adventure: Two middle aged women maneuver through one unexpected pet debacle after another in a rugged and isolated cabin in a National Park. They emerge from a dark and difficult time as they discover that even the tiniest of lives is precious; heartache and joy go hand-in-hand, and love is an eternal circle of wagging tails.

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Jennifer Priester says

I really loved this book, and at this time, 4/17/13, Circling the Waggins is my favorite nonfiction book as well as one of the best books I have ever read!

Although there are some sad moments, much of the book is really funny. I love how the book is told in present tense as if everything is happening now and brings you right into the moment with the author. I found myself able to identify with many of the problems and joys the author has with her pets throughout the book. While I was reading I often found my mind wandering, not because the book lost my attention, but because it often brought up memories of my pets, both past and present, as well as good and bad.

When I started reading I had plans on reading only a few chapters a night, but once I started I couldn't, or at least I didn't want to, stop...aside from a few bathroom and snack breaks. I literally loved it so much that I finished the whole book in one night.

Besides dog's, in this book, there are other animals as well, such as cats and mice. Every animal was very interesting and fun to read about.

I also really like how there is a different photo before each chapter in the book. There are also some really good animal and animal related facts throughout the book, and the ones I didn't know already, I found to be very interesting.

Kathy Govreau says

I absolutely loved this book! The author has a perception of animals' personalities that few people have. I was thrilled to read about the kindness she had for the mice. Many years ago I had rescued a male & female and they had a very strong bond; when the female could no longer run on her wheel, the male would move it very slowly for her so she could get some exercise.....

Karen says

I really enjoyed this book, and I was happy to read about more than just cars and dogs. The mice were definitely interesting. The author goes above and beyond for her pets. I'm glad there are rescue people out there like this.

Lianne Simon says

Circling the Waggins warmed this cat lover's heart.

It's not a literary masterpiece, but if there's any animal lover in you, read this book. Cayr treats her pets the way many of us would like to--with the self-sacrificial love we often don't even show to other humans.

The author presents a first-hand account of her relationships with rescue animals over the years. Raising the

little ones. Taking care of the sick, the infirm, and the aged. Mourning the dead. A little help and a lot of love from her furry friends, added to her own resilience, help her maintain her sanity. She delights in her sometimes oddball charges, seeing the best in them, and organizing the chaos of multiple dogs, cats, and mice, into a home.

Read it. Who knows? Maybe you'll end up with a pet from your local shelter.

Marcel says

Delightful, especially for animal lovers, but an absolute MUST READ for dog owners and anyone who is thinking about adding a dog to the family.

Scorpio says

Really enjoyed this book about this misfit author and her experience with her misfit pets. It's both funny and sad, but I found myself laughing more often than not. Liked this book much better than her first book, and came away from it feeling like I knew all the pets myself.

Robert says

This is an intimate, honest, and touching journey of the heart as told by a dedicated pet-loving woman. Cayr Ariel Wulff shares her experiences, concerns and deep emotions with the reader.

The setting is a cabin-home in a national park forest. The characters are several adopted dogs, cats, and, for a while, domestic mice -- and two compassionate women. From the snows of winter, to the Halloween costume parades, this is a world founded on the love of dogs.

The candor and honesty of this biography is something of a revelation. The author's love of dogs and life, and dedication to the well being of her needy adoptions, ultimately gave her a new awareness and understanding of the experience of living.

Kelly Meister-Yetter says

In this heart-warming sequel to her debut memoir (*Born Without a Tail*), C.A. Wulff describes in hilarious detail the gang of animals who color her world and keep her sane. From lovable mutt Waldo (one of five dogs!) who appears to be both a dunce and a genius, to the trio of cats who try her patience by leaving their mark (and their footprints) in all the wrong places, to the rapidly-multiplying rescued feeder mice that she

finds herself emotionally attached to, Wulff's deft writing touch makes you wish you were a member of her pack.

Friends Planet says

Very disappointed. I found this book poorly written and not insightful. Did not get the sense that the love for pets was genuine and the constant reference to her personal issues was overbearing.

Richard Stephens says

Cayr's story is proof that through love and laughter, animals can heal the human mind and body.

Kelley says

This book is for anyone who is a pet person, especially a dog person. It's always nice to read about how crazy other people are with their dogs to know that you are still considered completely sane in this realm of dog ownership. I didn't like the comment about spaying and neutering. Yes we have pet over population, yes we have puppy mills, yes there are loads of irresponsible breeders, and most dogs and cats should be spayed or neutered.

The quote on the very last page is so true and wonderful. This book reminds me of all my dogs I have had, have now, and all the dogs we have fostered and saved this year. If you like reading about animal antics and the crazy things we do for them, then I recommend this book.

Cayr says

More than twenty years of performing pet rescues could wear anyone down. Especially when the pets that end up being permanent residents in your home are the most irascible, insane and ridiculously un-adoptable pets known to man.

That's the premise of *Circling the Waggins; How 5 Misfit Dogs Saved Me from Bewilderness* by C.A. Wulff, released from Barking Planet Productions.

Circling the Waggins follows two middle aged women as they maneuver through one unexpected pet debacle after another in a rugged and isolated cabin in Ohio's National Park. Coping with Waldo, a way-too-brainy boxer mix, plus a mentally challenged hyperactive Shih-Chi named Rocket Boy, is difficult enough. Add three more canine misfits, a mysteriously humming cat, and an impromptu mouse rescue gone wrong, and it might be a recipe for total disaster.

Mdolfan says

nice read for an animal lover.

Bob Tarte says

There's a lot more to living with dogs than wet noses and going walkies. Cayr Ariel Wulff entertainingly chronicles the rocky flip side of pet care in "Circling the Waggins," a heroic tale of triumph over turmoil and exhaustion. Wulff and her companion Dalene take in the misfits that have defeated lesser souls, including genius behemoth Waldo – a 75-pound golden/boxer mix with equal parts brains and brawn – an exuberant but mentally challenged Shih-tzu/Chihuahua named Rocket Boy, plus three more dogs, aging cats, and way too many accidentally acquired pet mice. Despite the challenges presented by this demanding and eccentric crew, Wulff's chronicles may still send you to the animal shelter to do a bit of rescue on your own. You'll want to reap the rewards of love and joy which "Waggins" so beautifully describes.
