

December 15, 1979

Dear Friends,

1979 dawned with Sandy still occupying her position as the only doctor at the Danville branch of Valley Veterinary Hosital. The clinic was remodeled this summer, changing her office into a surgery suite so she could perform minor surgeries in Danville instead of sending all of them to the main hospital in Walnut Creek. This was a great improvement for it not only saved the time and inconvenience of transferring the animals, but it also allowed Sandy to keep current with her surgical skills.

Milo continued in his position as a systems programmer at John Breuner Company, a large furniture retailer in Northern California. This year was indeed a milestone for it saw the implementation of the computer operating system that he was hired to maintain.

On the home front, 1979 began with the construction of a board fence on our hillside property with Sandy's father's help. We enclosed approximately an acre of ground so that we could bring two of our three horses home from the stable at which they were boarding. The third one remained because he is in training.

In April, Sandy left the back of her horse and met the ground rather unexpectedly, breaking her right leg in several places. After five days in the hospital, she began the seven month task of coping with a cast.

Summer was a busy time. We again imposed on Sandy's parents by having them come and assist in the construction of an addition to an existing shed. We added two horse stalls and a one car garage. This project was punctuated by several events. First was a four day visit from Ray Shorter of Australia as he began a two month tour of U.S. peanut breeding facilities. Ray was a neighbor when he was a PhD candidate in Ames. Second was a trip to Iowa by Milo for the annual farm meeting and family get-together featuring Milo's introduction to tennis by his sister Doreen.

In September, Sandy's employer sponsored her way to a Veterinary conference on the Hawaiian island of Maui. There we enjoyed a week of sun, sand, and crystal clear ocean for snorkeling.

We look forward to having Sandy's parents spend the Christmas season with us.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and A JOYOUS NEW YEAR

from ALL of us at 13950 Marsh Creek Road
Three horses (Currie, Seren, and Will),
Two dogs (Trouble and Friskie),
Three cats (George, Thor, and Satan),

and

Milo Sandy