

Christmas 1985

Dear Friends and Relatives,

A Merry Snowy Christmas to all of you from Colorado! We hope this holiday season finds you all healthy and looking forward to the joys of a New Year.

We were able to spend a week playing in the snow at Steamboat Springs early in the year. Skiing is still a family favorite and we only wish we could go more often. Jennifer is already a ski bum and anxious to stay on the slopes long after her Mom and Dad are ready to quit and hit the hot tub. Could it be we're getting old?!

In March, our horse population increased by one with the birth of a new thoroughbred colt named Ben. After spending a week sleeping in a cold barn we've decided the next one will be born during a warmer part of the year!

Over the 4th of July we went home to Iowa to see family and for Sandy's high school class reunion. It reminded us how green and beautiful the Midwest can be and also how lucky we were to grow up there. Some classmates had changed, all had grown wiser and no matter where each had gone there was still a special bond that brought us "home."

We spent most of early 1985 arranging the rezoning of a small house in Parker that we wished to remodel into a veterinary hospital. In July we bought the house and began moving walls to convert living room, kitchen and bedrooms into reception room, laboratory, operating and X-ray rooms. Milo has done a tremendous job as a carpenter, electrician and general contractor doing most of the work himself at night and on weekends. All he wants for Christmas is a chance to watch Monday night football again! We opened for business in November and Sandy is excited to have her own hospital and to be able to escape the commute into Denver.

Milo continues to work as a systems programmer for American Television and Communications and to be the stabilizing influence amongst all the other changes. Organizational changes in the company this fall have provided some new opportunities and the coming year promises to be an exciting one for him there.

Jennifer is 4 1/2 now and great fun to have around. She attends preschool in Parker and looks forward to all the wonderful things you get to do when you are "grown up" at 5. This year she introduced us to the wonders of going out to "trick or treat" in the snow at 20 degrees, to the necessity of having a Rainbow Brite doll for Christmas because "everyone has one!" and convinced us we should own stock in a children's clothing company to keep her in big enough shoes and long enough pants.

We look forward to Christmas with Sandy's folks here in Colorado and expect to see Milo's Mom in January. We hope this year has been good to you and that you look forward to the joy and adventure that waits in 1986. Have a blessed holiday season!