



A Lovely Christmas

Kids are my favorite part of Christmas. They always add a welcome mixture to the company of family, good food, and sharing of gifts. We enjoyed not just Rylan, Aubrey, and Sierra on Christmas Day. Seven-year-old niece, Briana, also joined us.

We hosted Christmas at our house this year with a group of fourteen. Chris decided he would provide lunch and what a fabulous lunch it was! He served chunky, chicken noodle soup, deli sandwiches, drinks, chips, snacks and candies, doing all the setting up and preparation on top of providing needed dishes and utensils.

When Christmas is at our house, I always enjoy creating unique place cards for the dinner table. This year, using Google, I found elves in many sizes with a variety of costumes so Photoshopped each attendee's face onto an elf. The elves were then placed onto everyone's plates.



Dakota's Tracking Class

Just before Christmas, Dakota finished an eight-week tracking class. This photo shows her and I out practicing. Robert came along with us—a great opportunity to take pictures of us working.

We will be enjoying a visit from my Mom soon! She will be here to join in on the celebration of my 70th birthday on February 6th.

Afterwards, we will head to Modesto to locate a place for the **Great Gray Gathering** family reunion to be held in September.



Another Dog For Us?

With this News and View's issue, I was hoping to announce the arrival of another dog in our household through a foster program with our local German Shorthaired Pointer rescue group. We soon discovered obtaining approval from this group to foster a dog is a lengthy process. We are very close though having had a phone interview a few days ago and a home visit yesterday. I expect to have a foster dog to tell you all about in the next edition of Sue's News and Views. Stay tuned!

We decided to foster a German Shorthaired Pointer while waiting for a new puppy from Paris' breeder. We had expected puppies to be born early February. Alas, we recently found out the breeding did not take. We are now on hold until an alternate litter is born end of April. With this delay, we are happy we decided to move forward with fostering!