

# Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2012

## From the Wolberts!

Hope all is well in your household.

We are fine: we gained a new family member in April, but then Sarah left in September for a year studying abroad.

Here's what we have to say for ourselves....

**Sarah:** Greetings from Japan!

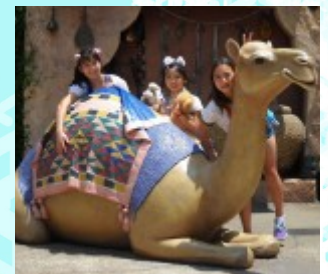
I've had a wonderful time spending the last of my sophomore year at UCSC and making new friends while studying abroad at Reitaku University in Japan. It's been quite an adventure living on my own for the first time and so far away from my family, but it has been a study-filled, yet enjoyable one. I

開けましておめでとうございます。 I look forward to seeing you all when I return next year!



**Lisa:** This summer I attended a summer art school in Vermont, where I learned to weld, sculpt, and make glass arts. My artistic endeavors were so fun that I was compelled to begin my senior year of high school by taking a ceramics class and starting my own crafts club. Both are going pleasantly well and have been fueling my creativity.

**Emily:** What happened to make this year go bye so quickly? I find myself asking this as I go over the events that occurred this year. This year I decided to quit violin and begin a third language, Spanish, and I am really enjoying it. Getting my first dog, Darwin, has fulfilled my life and has been providing me much appreciated company.

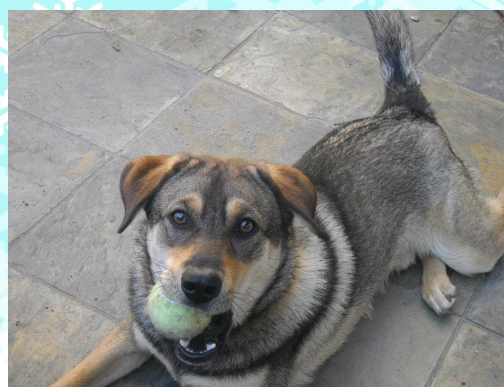


**Miki:** Since Emily quit, I also took a break from orchestra class at the community college, but I hope to go back soon. Darwin reminds me of a new baby—I never thought dogs would be so hard to take care of. He is like a real baby. For a short time I worked at a Japanese restaurant, Otoro Sushi, helping my friend and gaining new experience. I think it is the best sushi restaurant in the town. I visited Japan and Sarah early this December.

**Bob:** Once things get busy, they really get busy. In between paid employment, there always is more work needed outside, both around the house and maintaining the antennas. I'm beginning to really hate high winds...



**Darwin:** It's Ruff around here with my new family. But it's a dog's life, so I won't complain too much as long as they keep feeding me.



We no longer see much of this bobcat, now that Darwin is patrolling the grounds.