

Summer is flying by

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It's hard to believe that it is a month since I posted anything here. So busy! And a lot of company. Today I am alone...though expecting a writer friend who lives in Portland for lunch...so I'll take a minute to update things.

My granddaughter 19, finished her almost-3-months in Costa Rica, where she was attending language immersion school and also volunteering in a national refuge for rescued animals, and came here for a brief visit before returning to Germany. She came away with a great love of the country, a lot of new friends from everywhere, and a conversational comfort with Spanish.

There was a tragic interruption when one of the volunteers was murdered by poachers/drug runners. He had been patrolling sea turtle nests at night, guarding the eggs, which bring a hefty price and are therefore valuable to poachers. There is now a reward for the capture of the murderers and there has been a lot of publicity (google MURDER LIMON COSTA RiCA), but no arrest yet, and it was a devastating set of events for young idealistic volunteers.

Here is Nadine, with a knkajou, which is actually related to the raccoon family. She also worked with baby monkeys.



The world is a big place and there are many things to see and do. But it's also a small place, and we can find the things we need in our own backyards.



My grandpa's grandpa, this is why I'm confused. If the parents, it is hard to tell the male from the female



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