

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 you can find everything you need in a small town.



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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