



## MERRY CHRISTMAS 2010 FROM THE VAN RIPER FAMILY

We do hope that the 2010 year has been as wonderful for all of you as it has been for our family. Given that we are all scattered across the country, we are making an effort to stay connected and share with you a few family highlights from 2010.



**Charles & Sandy in Iguazu, Argentina**

Together, **Charles and Sandy** attended the International Wildlife Disease Association meeting in Iguazu, Argentina in June and then traveled through this spectacular country for a week seeking exotic birds and great adventures. We also were able to escape the Tucson heat several times this summer up to Dolores and the Colorado cabin where Charles is working on migratory birds and tamarisk beetles. Charles also traveled to the Netherlands in the fall for a meeting of the European Section of the Wildlife Disease Association. Sandy has been keeping very busy managing her web sites, enjoying her white dove business, and running the family rental properties with the help of Kim and Jacque. Jessie, her faithful aussie companion, has been joined by Rocky-Road, a second Aussie.



**Jesse & Rocky Road**

**Charles** has continued as one of the seven ST scientists in the Department of Interior, and has been involved with several national efforts including monitoring the impacts of the U.S.-Mexico border fence, assessing workable Fundamental Science Practices for the USGS, and has just started on a Science Strategy Planning Team that is building upon the integrated science strategy that he helped to design for the U.S. Geological Survey in 2008. He finished his 9<sup>th</sup> book with the University of Arizona Press on the Colorado Plateau and is presently working on the 10<sup>th</sup> volume. And of course, Charles enthusiastically continues his research and teaching at the University of Arizona. Read more at [www.charlesvanriper.com](http://www.charlesvanriper.com).



**Kale, scouting in Colorado**

**Kale** continues teaching FFA at Delta High School in Sacramento, and has been traveling extensively this past year with his judging teams. He was also able to take advantage of the deer and pheasant seasons in California, and joined Charles in Colorado for a mule deer hunt. He has also had his hands full with a second litter of puppies from his golden lab Leila. We are awfully proud of Kale for being a final candidate for the California Agriculture Teacher of the Year Award. **Jacqueline** has been working very hard as a full time Registered Nurse at the University of Arizona Medical Hospital in Tucson. She has also been keeping busy with her dogs Marley and Bull Mastiff, Brody and various car projects. She is contemplating whether to continue studying for her Nursing Practitioner



**Jacque**



**Carena in Australia**

Degree. **Jacque** also continues as head of the Parts Division for Homestead Firearms [www.homesteadfirearms.com](http://www.homesteadfirearms.com). **Kimberly** has been at home in Tucson this year working on art, her first novel, and of course, taking care of her cats. After finishing her studies as an art major in the Herberger School of Fine Arts at Arizona State, she invested in her first home to help prepare for her future art career. You can see Kim's art work at [www.kimvanriper.com](http://www.kimvanriper.com). **Carena** is in the second year of a Ph.D. program at Texas A&M University studying outdoor recreation and applied biodiversity sciences. She spent three months this past year collecting data for her dissertation research, which focuses on sense of place and management decision-making at the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park in Queensland, Australia. She has been presenting her work at various conferences and helping to teach courses on sustainability and environmental management. For more info, check out [www.carenavanriper.com](http://www.carenavanriper.com).



**Kimberly**

It has been a wonderful year for us all and we are looking forward to seeing most of the family back together in Tucson this Christmas. We do hope that this past year has been joyous and memorable for you and your loved ones. Wishing you an enjoyable holiday season and a Happy New Year.

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