

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

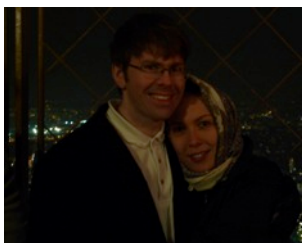
2012 has been a year full of joyful and memorable events and as we are approaching 2013 it would be nice to share some moments with you. Let's start from the beginning...



Skiing in Mezdurechensk

Last New Year we welcomed 2012 in Novokuznetsk and went skiing in Mezdurechensk in Siberia. The weather was good although -20°C is at the limit. Later in January we went to Dan Söderström's 40-year party in Gothenburg.

In March we went for sushi and Porsche cars at GUM in Moscow plus bought our first Swiss apartment. We bought a three-room apartment with a small garden in Adliswil, just outside of the Zurich city limit.

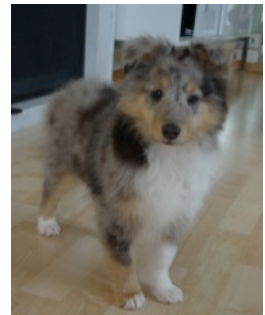


At Tour Eiffel

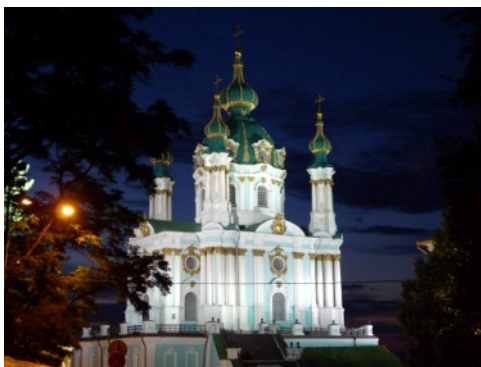
We went to Paris over Easter and went visiting Gothenburg as well before April was gone. In April Vera moved in at our place and stayed a few months.

In May we got Freja – our little wonderful sheltie lady.

Jonas also went to Dan Söderström's funeral to say farewell to a good friend.



Freja at 2nd day at home



St. Michael's Golden-Domed Monastery in Kiev

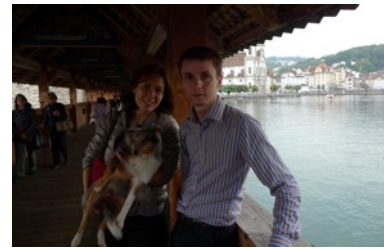
In June we did part one of our summer holiday trips – Ukraine and Euro 2012. We visited Kiev, Kharkov and Odessa. Jonas watched Sweden loosing against England but we did not let Sweden's misery ruin our holiday. Three Swedish gringos (Rasmus, Lasse and Tobbe) and our American friend Sam kept us company. Definitely worth going - recommended!

In July Jonas' parents did a Euro tour and passed by our place in Adliswil. Then we met with them and Jonas' brothers for Mats's and Ann's beautiful wedding in Råneå kyrka.

In August we went to Siberia to meet with Tanya's parents and celebrate Tanya's birthday. By the end of our visit, Tanya's grandmother sadly passed away.

In August we also had two nice guests – Sasha and Rasmus. Old and new guests are always welcome!

With Rasmus we went to Rigi and Luzern.



Tanya and Rasmus in Luzern

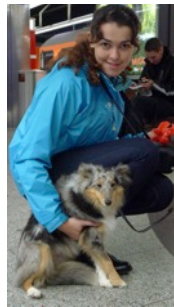


Tanya at Santorini

In a desperate attempt to catch the last of summer 2012 we went to Santorini in Greece for a week in the second half of September. Shortly after coming home to Switzerland, Tanya went back to Novokuznetsk for her grandmother's funeral meanwhile Jonas was working and visiting the mountain Pilatus.



Natasha and Tanya in Rapperswil



Natasha at Bahnhofstr.

One of Tanya's friends, Natasha, came by in October and shortly after; Jonas went to



Jim, Scott and Isabelle

Jonas at Pilatus

Oslo to visit Jim, Isabelle and Scott and then to Joel in Gothenburg on the way home.



Tanya in Hamburg

Tanya also wanted to go north and in the end of October she went to visit Rita in Hamburg.

In December we have made two small excursions to Bern and Konstanz. Both were combinations of errands (Russian visa and shopping) and sightseeing.

The 2012 journey is about to come to an end but the new edition of our new Christmas-New Year trip is about to start in a few hours. This year we bring Freja, at least partly since she has to skip the last part when we continue to Siberia.