

WHERE AM I NOW?

SPRINGFIELD, IL!

I dog sat Zipper and Abby until May 2024,
(that view!),

Then I drove around the sound to Edmonds, WA to meet my eldest granddaughter, Lauren, for lunch before heading back to Idaho.

I stuck around there helping with my granddaughter dog Koda until a flight back to MO for my annual medical appointments in June. At the beginning of July, I flew to Atlanta to cat sit for long-time clients/friends. I got to drive their Rivian electric truck which was a first.



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I did that ropes course and went to a virtual reality facility while in Atlanta.

Once back in Idaho, Koda and I took off on a long trip in my minivan.



We went back to the Seattle area to meet up with my granddaughter and have dinner with them too. We took a ferry across the sound to Port Ludlow to visit Zipper and Abby and their parents before car camping in Port Angeles. Our route took us to Tillamook, OR, Klamath, CA, Hayward, CA, Sacramento and down to

my elder daughter's in Orange County. We took care of their 4 dogs while they helped their younger daughter move to Texas. Next, we drove to Tucson to visit friends/family.



We drove to the Grand Canyon and spent a night car camping before driving to Kanab, UT and through Best Friend's Animal Sanctuary.



Eventually we ended back in N Idaho.

No other trips until flying to Chicago for Halloween at my God son's. He and his wife do a big bash in their back yard for the neighborhood with games and treats.



It was a lot of work to set up and then, wouldn't you know it, the weather turned and they had to cancel. We had to tear everything down before things got damaged.

I then took Amtrak from Chicago's Union Station to Springfield, IL to cat sit for my friends.

I took Amtrak again but to St Louis and Ubel'd to a hotel near comedy club Funny Bone Westport. I went to a David Nihill performance and flew back to Spokane the next day. You must fly there to get to N Idaho cities.

Before Thanksgiving, I drove back to Port Ludlow taking Koda along. This time we dog sat Coco for a neighbor of Zipper and Abby. A Collie named Sailor was another neighbor I made friends with and both parents let her come to Coco's house for a playdate.



I had started looking for a house to buy and had Rob and Patti in Springfield, IL look at some. They found one I put an offer on and closing was scheduled for Dec 23.

Koda and I went to Clever, MO first to visit my niece and her family and help her move after selling her house. We drove to IL Dec 22 for the house closing the next day. The first time I saw the house was during the final walkthrough that morning.

First issue was no heat. I could not get it repaired until the 26th, but luckily, I had a space heater with me I moved from room to room. A week later, the water heater started leaking. New water heater! Just a number of issues.

Immediately started getting the master bedroom ready to rent to traveling nurses and the upstairs ready for my youngest granddaughter, Isabella, to move into. January 11, 2025, Koda and I left for Portland, Maine to help her pack up.



A friend in Italy asked if I could come dog sit but instead set it up for my granddaughter to do it. I kept her cat Kiki and she flew to Milan. Afterward, she continued traveling around Europe and finished with an au pair gig in Switzerland. She came back with a plan to go back to Idaho to be trained by her stepdad to be a bartender to make herself more employable in Europe.

While she was here, I flew to Tucson to dog sit for a friend with three dogs and 3 houses in a row that needed plant care.



My sister then flew up from FL and we drove up to Chicagoland to see my God son perform (well known rock bassist).

In July, Isabella was ready to go back to Idaho, so she drove with me, Koda and the cat, as far as Phoenix. She flew out and we continued back to Tucson to cat sit for best friend, Peggy. She was worried her senior cat would hurt my cat, so I had to board my cat. Crazy, right? Koda had been there before and just watches the cats and was welcome.



Then we headed to Katy, TX to dog sit my middle granddaughter's dog Zelda while they flew out to CA to visit mom and dad.

We came home afterward and had no trips until October. I found a pet sitter on Rover.com and flew to FL for a wedding. Isabella came back Nov 4th. The kid needed winter clothes, etc. Stepdad came out Nov 23 and they road tripped back to Idaho. Visited Mt Rushmore on the way.

And that brings us to now. Thanksgiving was yesterday.

No other sits scheduled. Got to get through the winter!