



# Merry Christmas from the Gills ...



Hello from Colorado Springs !! Has it already been a year since we transferred here? Looking back on 1998 we moved across the country, bought a condo, started new jobs, and adopted two puppies.

Robert is enjoying his assignment at Schriever Air Force Base with the Space Battlelab. He has had the opportunity to travel from Boston to Florida to North Dakota to New Mexico and back. In fact he will be on a temporary duty assignment to Germany from February through May of 1999. Robert also started working on his MBA at the University of Colorado.

Davina has settled into her engineering position with Lockheed Martin (also at Schriever Air Force Base). Yes, we do carpool to work, with Robert napping on the way to work and Davina napping on the way home. Davina is continuing her graduate engineering course work at the University of Colorado as well. On the side Davina plays the piano for various choirs at church. This is a welcome diversion from work and school!

Robert and Davina have immensely enjoyed getting to know Robert's aunt's family - the Frutchey's - here in Colorado Springs. We have taken pleasure in various day trips with them over the last year. It was with great sadness that Uncle Bill Frutchey passed away in October. He was a fun guy! We also enjoyed the visits of many, from Robert's sister and brother-in-law and parents to Davina's parents and sisters. We look forward to your visit too.

As you can see from the picture, Robert and Davina adopted Pele' (in Robert's lap) in June and Alexis in December. Both dogs ("the girls") are mini-dachshunds. They have been fun to watch and have around.

Well, that's it for a quick synopsis . . .

Best wishes for a happy holiday season and a peace-filled 1999!

Love, *Robert & Davina*

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... and a Happy New Year !

