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Dear Expectant Mom,

Thank you so much for taking the time to look at our profile! We hope it provides you with a sense of who we are as a family and as individuals. We are excited to grow our family one day and welcome a little one into our home. Adoption has been discussed from day one of our relationship, and while we do not yet have kids, we have consistently discussed parenting styles and what life would be like with a little one involved. As I'm sure you've read, we are both very adventurous people - we love traveling, hiking, climbing, trying new foods, going to museums, and exploring the world as much as possible. **We are incredibly excited to bring a child with us on all of our adventures, to show them the world, to see the world through their eyes, and help them explore their own interests and identity.**

Aside from adventuring and learning, we plan to raise any child in our home with love, understanding, empathy, and compassion. Family is incredibly important to both of us. We both remain close to our immediate families and have created our own extended family of close friends who are excited to support us as we grow our family. We share many traditions with our family and friends that we are excited to share with a little one. For instance, every December, we make gingerbread houses with our friends and watch Christmas movies, every Halloween we hand out candy and watch Halloween movies on our front porch, and every Easter we go visit Rob's sister and her husband in Ohio to spend the weekend with them and Rob's mom.

We want you to know that if you choose us, we will love your baby as our own. If you choose us to raise your little one, they will grow up surrounded by family and love and will have two canine companions (Tango and Thor, both of whom get along well with children). We are also hoping to have an open adoption and hope that your little one will have the opportunity to get to know you. We are happy to provide updates, photos, and plan visits.

Thank you for your time and for considering us!

Katie & Rob

ABOUT US

Our Story

We met in 2017 at a local rock-climbing gym...

Our second date was a whirlwind weekend to NYC to see the final performance of 1984 on Broadway (Rob's favorite book!). We knew early on, we both loved spontaneous adventures and we traveled well together.

A few months later, we decided to move in together...which was a great idea because Katie's dog, Tango, was on a hunger strike unless he was at Rob's house.

We got engaged in April of 2020, on a long bike ride where halfway through Tango met us with the ring on his collar! After our legal ceremony in July 2020, we had a big celebration with our friends and family the following year.



Our *big* Moments





We are first and foremost *adventurers!*

Our first date was an adventure to Ithaca, NY to go camping and hiking with friends. It was the first time Katie had gone camping and Tango, the adventure pup, had to come along. It was on that trip we decided that for as long as we were together, we'd plan and take four adventures a year to keep the adventurous spirit alive.





Meet Katie



Growing up in a military family meant my childhood was spent traveling, adventuring, and creating our own extended family wherever we lived.

As an adult, I have continued a love and appreciation for travel and adventure, spending most of my time hiking, climbing, and exploring the world. After moving 6 hours away from my immediate family, I created my own close-knit family of friends who I met through climbing, dog walking, and Rob, who grew up in the area.

When I'm not adventuring, I can be found teaching and advising at the college level. Teaching has always been a passion of mine, starting when my sister and I would play school as kids. **I am incredibly excited to teach my children about and show them the world, to bring them on adventures and experience the world through their eyes.** Outside of exploring and teaching, I can be found at home with a good book, cooking, spending quality time with friends and family (puzzles and board games are my favorite!), and dog sitting.



“My mom always believed that whoever was in her house was “hers”, so she often treated my friends as if they were her own. I’m proud to have inherited that same trait. Any human or animal that enters our home is family and any students that enter my own classroom I consider my extended family.”



Meet Rob



I grew up ten minutes away from where we live now. My father was the first in his family to go to college and he and my mother imparted the importance of education on me. I did well in school, especially when challenged. My parents encouraged me to try various things to find what interests me the most, and after trying several different sports (and being a state champion volleyball player!), climbing and cycling quickly became by biggest passions.

My love of the outdoors started early in Boy Scouts...I started as a Cub Scout and worked my way up to an Eagle Scout. I love exploring in all the things. From long hikes in new areas to travelling to find new experiences, and diving into new subjects and ideas.

In high school, I took a programming course and instantly fell in love and decided software was my future. After spending several years coding, I decided to switch into Product Management.



“I am glad to have found a life partner who shares that sense of adventurous exploration with me. I cannot wait to encourage a child to find what interests them and instill a similar sense of wonder about the world.”



Why adoption?

FOR US, ADOPTION MEANS FAMILY FOUND.

We are excited to welcome a child into our hearts and our home.

A few months after the wedding, we started trying for a family. Katie has also been passionate about adopting, whether or not we could have a biological child. Katie's sister has been struggling with infertility for two years. Neither of us is tied to our genetics, so we decided to pursue adoption now. While we are still trying to conceive, we know we want to adopt no matter what. Giving a home to a child and being trusted with that child's care is one of the greatest responsibilities we hope to take on. We are so excited to welcome a child into our home, to love them, and to help them explore the world!



Sweet home *Our home*

We live in a beautiful home in downtown Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Our home was built in the 1890s and has retained a historical aesthetic while upgrading to modern amenities. We have our own fenced in backyard, complete with grass, gardens, and a back deck that sits beneath a large tree at the back end of the yard. We added some comfy furniture and backyard lights to create the perfect space to host “backyard movie nights” in the warmer months where friends come to watch a movie projected onto a portable screen with popcorn.

Being close to downtown, we love the freedom to be able to walk to our favorite shops and restaurants nearby. Lancaster has a variety of restaurants from casual to fancy and many that specialize in our favorite ethnic foods. We take our sense of adventure into the culinary. We’re also close to the local universities, and the city park complete with hiking trails, wildflower fields, and a dog park. This is our favorite place to take the dogs when we can’t get to a nearby hiking spot.



Meet *Our Families*

Both of us have large extended families spanning the US between Wisconsin, Alaska, Utah, Oklahoma, Georgia, and Pennsylvania.

Rob's sister lives in Ohio, and even though she is five hours away, Rob and his sister remain very close and try to visit each other as often as possible. Thankfully, his mom is close by and we can spend time with her regularly. Unfortunately, Rob's Dad passed away from cancer in 2014.

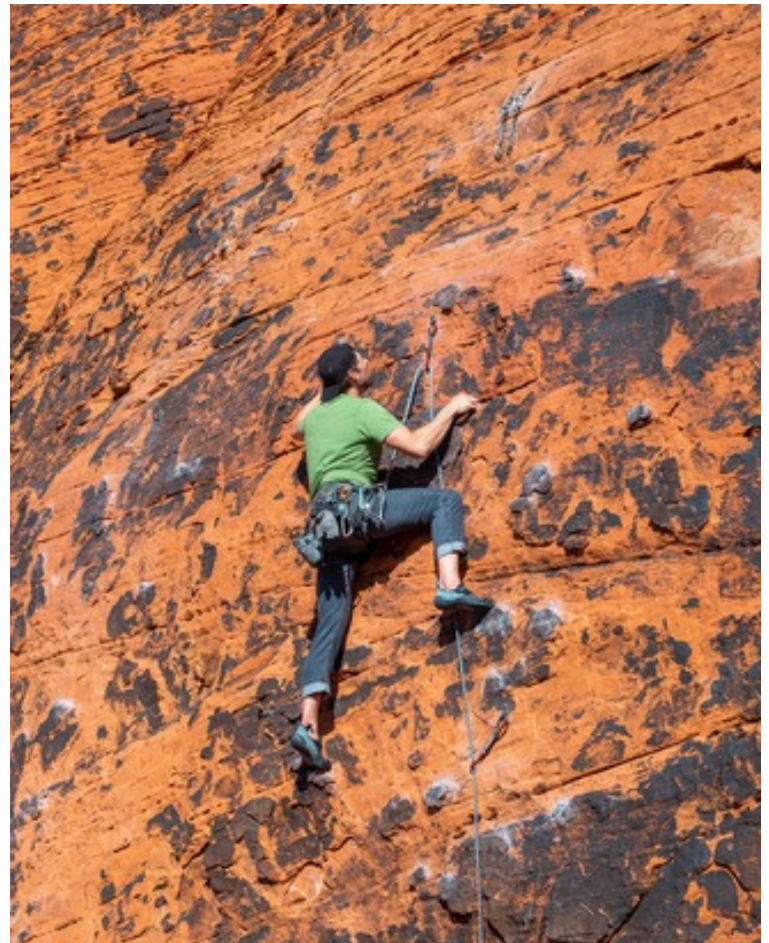
As a Navy brat, Katie missed out on growing up with her extended family; however, this has driven to stay close with her own family to ensure her child(ren) get to experience growing up with extended family. Katie's Dad, sister, and brother-in-law all reside in Rhode Island. Even though there is a 6-8-hour drive between them and us, we do see each other regularly and stay in contact frequently. Unfortunately, Katie's Mom passed away from cancer in 2016.



Our love of *Climbing*

CLIMBING HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL TO MEET NEW PEOPLE, GO NEW PLACES,
EXPLORE THE GREAT OUTDOORS, AND BUILD UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCES WITH
THE PEOPLE WE LOVE.

We both fell in love with rock climbing. It has been an important part of our adult lives. We met climbing and most of our travel revolves around rock climbing. We spend several days a week at our local gym climbing. During the pandemic, with the help of our closest climbing friends, we built our own small climbing gym in the small barn on their property. It was an amazing learning experience to build the climbing walls, building insulated walls to keep the place warm, learning to set our own routes, and then spending so much time together. It was a great experience as they are now super close friends, and the experience helped us start setting at our local gym for ourselves and the public.



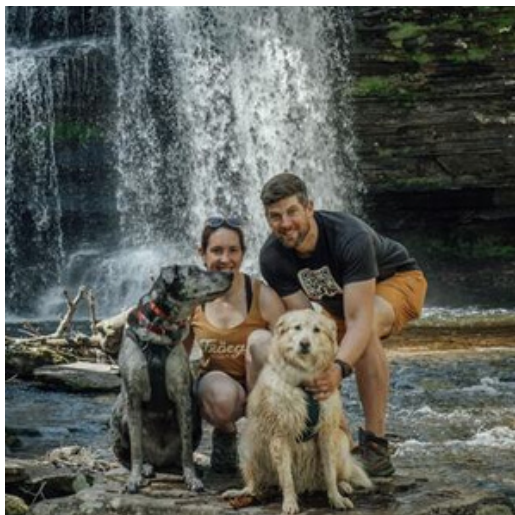
MEET OUR PETS

Tango & Thor



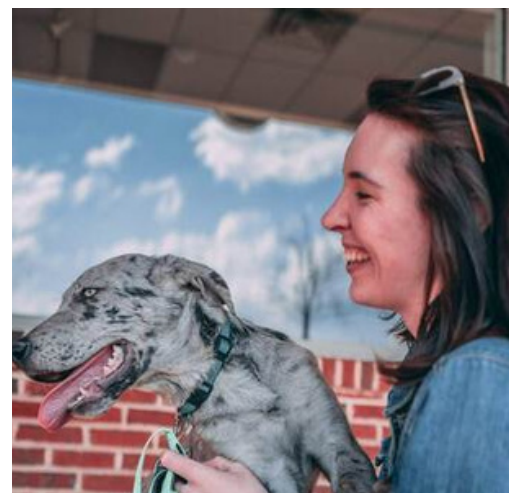
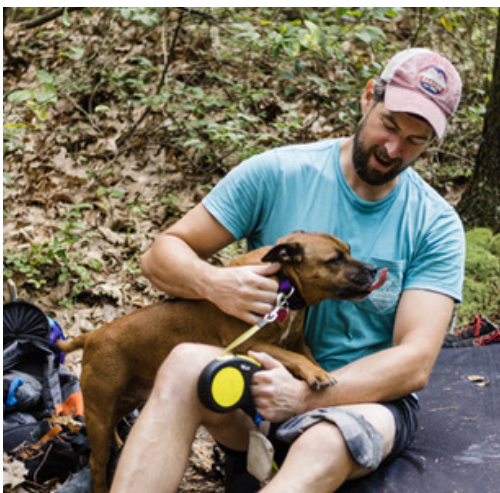
Our pets include Tango, a Golden Retriever/American Eskimo mix, and Thor, a Great Dane/Catahoula mix.

Tango, who was rescued by Katie in 2015, immediately fell in love with Rob upon first sight in 2017 and has since become a daddy's boy. Tango is incredibly smart (almost too smart!), optimistic, friendly, and ready for adventures! **Thor** was rescued in 2018 as Rob's first dog of his own, but he really just wants to follow around and snuggle with mom. Thor is loyal, patient, mischievous, and full of love. The boys are the best of brothers and love socializing with humans and dogs.





*This is
who we
are*



*Before you go,
we want
you to
know...*



We're so grateful for you taking the time to look at our profile and to consider us as prospective parents. We are both looking forward to becoming parents one day -- watching a child grow and learn and become their own person. If we are chosen to raise your child, we promise to love them more than anything, to provide them shelter and haven, to encourage them to explore the world, and to pursue their passions.

As adoptive parents, we look forward to an open relationship with you, based on your level of comfort. While we would love for your child to grow up knowing you, we also want to be respectful of you and will not ask for more than you are willing and able to give.

While we are excited to welcome a child into our hearts and our home, we know this is an incredibly difficult decision for you to make. We wish you peace and comfort while you navigate this complex journey.





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