

Meaghan & Doug







HI THERE,

We want to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves. We are Meaghan and Doug, a fun, loving, and dedicated couple excited to grow our family through adoption. We understand this decision is complex, and we want to assure you that we have the utmost respect for you and your love for your child. We know this is a confusing and challenging time for you while you try to figure out the best option for you and your baby. **We hope that you feel supported and loved no matter where you are in your journey.** We admire you so much for considering adoption.

Our journey to parenthood has been filled with hope, love, and a deep desire to provide a nurturing and supportive home for a child. We struggled with infertility for several years and are eager to take the next step to becoming parents. **We believe that family isn't defined by genetics but by our love and commitment to each other.**

As parents, we promise to provide a safe, stable, and loving home where your child can thrive and reach their full potential. **We are committed to supporting their dreams, encouraging their passions, and helping them navigate challenges with compassion and understanding.**

Your child will know how your profound love and bravery made us a family. **We want you to be confident in your decision, and if you choose us, know that this doesn't mean your relationship with your child ends here.** We will continually support your relationship with your child in whatever form is comfortable for you. We hope to develop a trusting relationship with you and that you are confident we will raise your child to achieve their hopes and dreams.

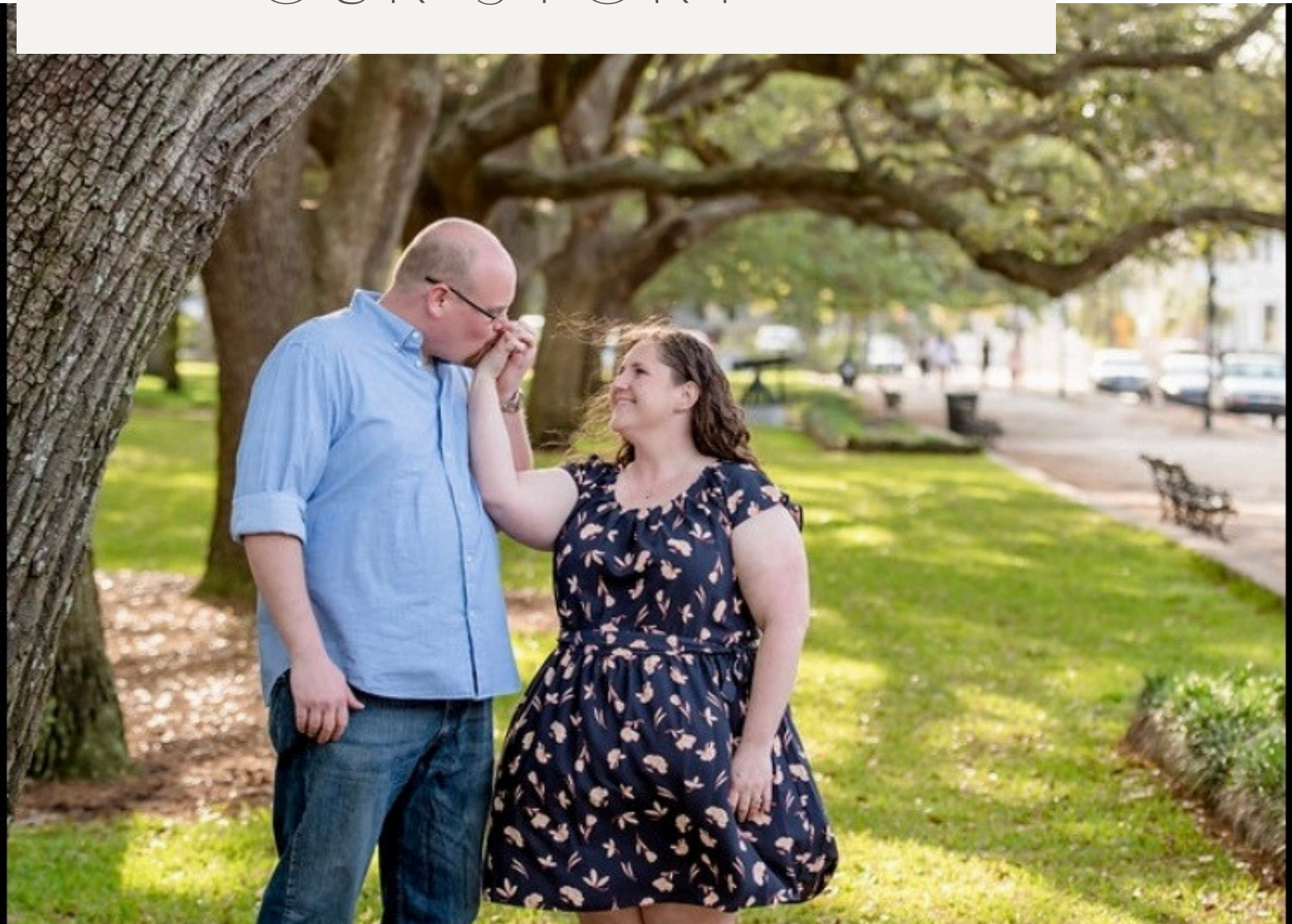
WITH GRATITUDE,
MEAGHAN & DOUG



OUR FAMILY VALUES AND BELIEFS

- **Adventure** - We are a very adventurous couple. We love exploring new places; those adventures will only become more exciting when we take our child along. Life is short, and the world is wide.
- **Education** - Our lives have been rich and full because we desire to learn more. One of our responsibilities as parents will be teaching our children how to navigate the world, care for themselves, and prepare to be successful adults.
- **Empathy** - We want to raise our child to be a good person and to live by the golden rule-to treat others as they would want to be treated. We would demonstrate this through our interactions with them.
- **Honesty and Fairness** - One of our roles as parents will be to show them how to take responsibility for mistakes and accept consequences. Discipline should be calm, fair, and consistent. We should also foster open and honest conversations.
- **Humor** - We're hilarious (at least, we think so!) They say laughter is the best medicine, and we've found that to hold true throughout our struggles

OUR STORY



How we Met.

We met in 2015 and immediately hit it off. We sat down for our first date at 7 p.m.; the next thing we knew, it was 11 p.m. The conversation flowed so naturally and we immediately made plans to see each other again. Doug was on shift work then, so we had to be creative to make time for each other. It's easy to make it work when you prioritize each other. Early in our relationship, we realized how bad Doug's allergies were. Meaghan had a dog and two cats, and he would start sneezing uncontrollably within 15 minutes of being around them. Everyone knew it was meant to be when he took it upon himself to start getting allergy injections. Thankfully, it worked great! We now have two dogs and cats that he can snuggle without sneezing!



Doug proposed at sunset on Sullivan's Island in November 2017. We got married the following October on the Intracoastal Waterway. It was a perfect day filled with family, friends, dancing, and a pizza truck! We envisioned a casual party outside, and it was just that!

We work hard but always make time for each other and spending time with loved ones. Meaghan is a veterinary practice manager, and Doug is a nuclear engineer. We are both fortunate enough to have careers with companies that value balancing work and family responsibilities, giving us the flexibility to care for a child. Our life is an open book, so jump right in! We are proud and happy in our shared life and would love to grow our family.

HEY THERE,



Meaghan is the most amazing and supportive partner I could imagine. She always knows the right thing to say to make my day brighter. She has a wonderful sense of humor; we always laugh together. Meaghan is the most determined person I know; she always persists even when times are tough. That determination applies to helping her family and friends even more than caring for herself. She is very organized and loves to put together an excellent plan for any situation.

Meaghan,
By Doug



Our hearts can't wait to meet you,

Meaghan helps to make me the best version of myself. She helps get me out of my shell and try new things. We've gone to many new and beautiful places I could only dream of before she helped make them our reality. Meaghan works tirelessly and doesn't settle for good when a little work can get to great, whether that's a great trip or a great night together on our porch. Meaghan loves children. It's evident in her interactions with our niece and friend's children. **She will put all her heart and soul into nurturing a child, and I know our child will be loved and cared for.** I cannot imagine a more loving, caring mother for a child.

HEY THERE,



Doug, By Meaghan

Doug is such a patient, gentle, and kind person. He's my best friend, and I love how well we complement each other. He's the quietest of us, but he warms up quickly. He will surprise you with a quick, witty remark or humorous anecdote that instantly makes you laugh. I love that we can talk about serious things but then move right to cracking jokes.

Doug is the most supportive partner I could have ever asked for. We faced many challenges in our first five years of marriage; however, we stayed as a team throughout them all.

He is honest, loving, and always there for me, no matter what. He keeps me grounded in difficult situations. This is how I know he will be such a supportive father.

I love Doug's adventurous side. He's always on board with exploring new places and trying new things. The world is big, and we want to experience as much of it as possible. I know these adventures will only become more special when we have a child to join in them, too.

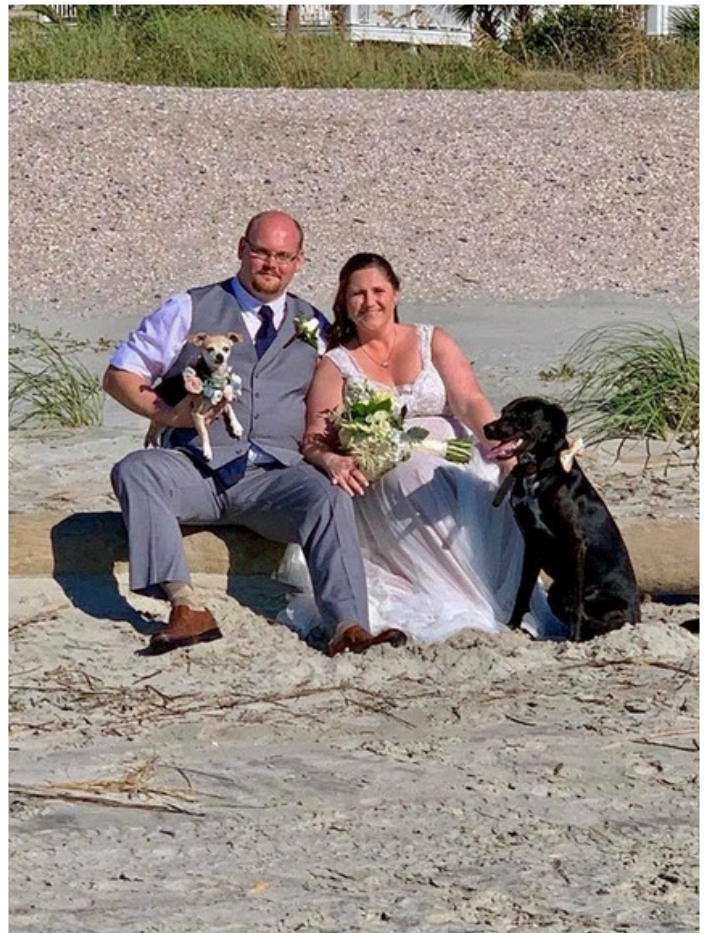
Doug is constantly learning. I look forward to watching him teach our child because I know how much he will enjoy doing so. These qualities make me so excited to see him as a father.

I know he is going to love our little one with just as much patience, encouragement, and gentleness as he does me, our pets, and all our family and friends



MEET OUR PETS

Metto, Griffon,
Monte & Murray



OUR INTERESTS

We love spending time outdoors. We enjoy riding bikes around the neighborhood or simply walking the dogs. We are blessed to live close to the beach and take full advantage of that! We spend so much time there. Whether it's with the dogs so they can run and swim or to relax with a good book. We are so lucky to catch the sunset over Shem Creek regularly, and it's more beautiful each time. We explore the nearby nature trails frequently. We also enjoy kayaking and paddle boarding. When we aren't out and about, we love to relax on our back porch with our dogs and cats. We also enjoy having friends over to enjoy the porch as well. Game nights are a good time and can get quite competitive when playing with Meaghan!

Travel is not just a hobby for us; it fuels our souls. The thrill of exploring new places and creating unforgettable memories drives us. **We want to raise a child exposed to many different cultures and experiences, and we look forward to giving them the joy we feel when exploring new places.** Fall is our favorite season. We always take a trip North to enjoy the beautiful Fall foliage, crisp weather, and hiking. We have gone to the NC mountains and up to Maine. We do love hoodie weather!

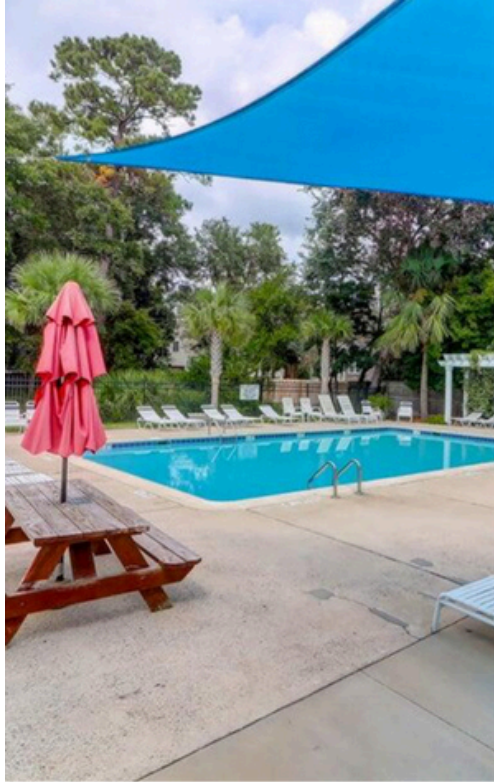




THIS PLACE WE CALL HOME

We live in a beautiful suburban coastal community. We are five minutes to the beach and only 15 minutes to historic downtown Charleston. We live in a quiet and safe neighborhood with many young families. We have a playground, pool, tennis courts, and walking trails that connect us to neighboring communities. We have quite a few neighbors who recently had babies, so there will be plenty of children their age to grow up around. Meaghan's mom and stepdad live 15 minutes away and cannot contain their excitement to add to the family! Outside of Charleston, we have more family just a short drive away throughout SC and NC who hope to welcome a baby home, too!





Love where you live

Our community is known for its top-notch school system and many parks and recreation areas. We have museums, an excellent aquarium, theatres, and fantastic restaurants. Charleston is full of history. Living on the coast, there are a lot of water activities to do. We take advantage of that as much as possible. The great weather makes it easy to kayak, paddleboard, or take a boat ride year-round. We love exploring our home and all it has to offer. Having a child to explore with us will only make it more memorable.



Our friends & family







OUR FAVORITE FAMILY TRADITIONS

Christmas is our favorite holiday, and we go all out for it! We love decorating the house and throwing our annual Festive Christmas sweater party. At that party, we do a white elephant gift exchange with a bit of a twist. We call it the "crap-bag" extravaganza. It is hysterical and has made for some fun memories. We would love to tell you more about it! It's always a fun night.

Every time we visit a new place, we make sure to get a new ornament to commemorate our trip. Our tree is quickly filling up! This past December, we took a trip to see the European Christmas markets. This brought us to Amsterdam, Germany, France and Switzerland. It was such a magical experience. We look forward to including a child in our adventures and celebrations and sharing new experiences.



WHY WE ARE PURSUING ADOPTION

We have been trying to grow our family for almost six years. This has taken us through surgeries, IVF, donor eggs, multiple miscarriages, and failed transfers. **These challenges have brought us closer together, deepened our understanding of each other, and strengthened our love.** We have stayed passionate about living life to the fullest and having fun even during difficult times and continued to make memories together and with our families.

Overcoming these obstacles has helped us grow individually and as a couple, and ultimately led us to adoption. We know that adoption is a journey with its own set of unique complexities, but we feel hopeful and committed to supporting each other, and you, on this journey. Despite our difficult journey, our desire to grow our family has never wavered and we are grateful for the opportunity to grow our family through adoption.



BEFORE YOU GO, WE WANT YOU TO KNOW...

We cannot express enough gratitude for hearing more about our story. We hope we were able to paint a picture of the life and love we have to offer. We have so much respect for your decision to consider adoption for your child.

While we cannot imagine your feelings, we believe you are courageous and selfless. We're sending you strength and hope as you consider your options.

If you choose to walk this path with us, please know that your child's needs will always come first, and we promise to love them with all our heart.

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