



Annie and Donny



Hello!



**It's so nice to "meet" you.**

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We are so grateful you are here and taking the time to get to know us. We know this book can't capture everything about our lives, but we hope these pages give you a true picture of our family. At the heart of who we are is a deep love for one another, a commitment to growing together, and a desire to create a welcoming, nurturing home for a child.

As you look through these pages, please know we don't pretend to know what you may be feeling right now. What we do know is that we hold so much respect for you, and we are thankful for the chance to share our story. **Whatever path you choose, we admire your strength and are grateful to be part of this moment with you.**

*So much love.*

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# becoming us

## Where it started

We met nine years ago in Grand Junction, Colorado. Annie was working as a Deputy District Attorney, and Donny was bartending while preparing for law school.



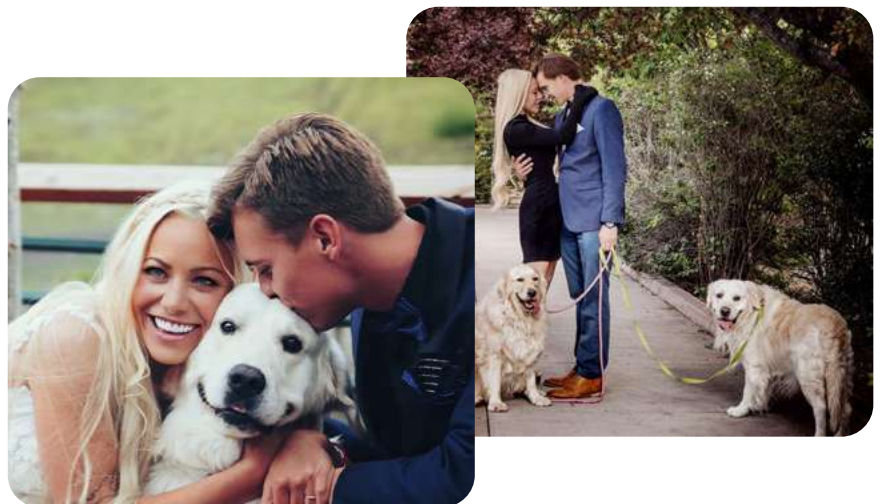
## Falling in Love

When Annie came into the restaurant with a colleague, Donny stopped by their table to say hello. Annie noticed his kind eyes and warm voice, and before leaving, she slipped him her number on the back of her business card. That small moment turned out to be the start of the rest of our lives together.

## Ever After

Three years later, Donny proposed. We were married in 2021 and promised to face life as soulmates—embracing both the good and the hard with love.

Since then, we've built a happy home together, filled with laughter, adventure, and a pack of beloved dogs.



**Our hearts are full of hope as we dream of growing our family through the gift of adoption.**



We are excited to grow our family in this way and to provide a child with unconditional love, stability, and joy.

## *our heart for adoption*

Adoption has always been a part of our story. In her early twenties, Annie was told it would be difficult and unsafe to carry a pregnancy. From that point forward, she felt strongly that adoption was the path to build her family. Donny also experienced adoption personally when his stepmother adopted him, and he grew up alongside two siblings who were adopted at birth.

Because of these experiences, adoption has always been part of our story and dreams and we can't wait to watch these dreams come true!

# meet Annie

written by Donny



**Annie is one of the most compassionate people I have ever known.**

As a family law attorney, she advocates fiercely for families, but at home she is gentle, thoughtful, and full of warmth. She loves traveling, hiking with our dogs, gardening, and relaxing with a good book and a cup of tea.

What makes Annie so special is her boundless love for the people in her life. She gives selflessly, and her heart is always open. **I know she will be the kind of mom who creates a safe, happy home where a child feels seen, cherished, and celebrated every single day.**



*meet Donny*

written by Annie


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**Donny is adventurous, optimistic, and deeply kind.**

He has a gift for connecting with people—he can walk into a room full of strangers and walk out with friends. He is humble, funny, and always thinking of how to make life brighter for others.

For me, Donny is my safe place. He makes me feel at home no matter where we are. He is dedicated to being the best husband, provider, and future father.

**I know without a doubt he will be a fun, loving, and steady dad who fills our child's life with laughter, adventure, and encouragement.**



**FAMILY**  
**IS NOT DEFINED**  
**BY OUR GENES,**  
**IT IS BUILT**  
**AND MAINTAINED**  
*through love.*





## home sweet home

**Our home in Grand Junction,  
Colorado is bright, open, and peaceful—  
the kind of place where you immediately  
feel at home.**

It has five bedrooms, plenty of living space, and a beautiful kitchen where we love to gather. Outside, we have fruit trees, a koi pond, and even a small vineyard.



*We are surrounded by the beauty of the Colorado National Monument, where we spend weekends hiking and biking with our dogs. Our neighborhood is full of families with children, and schools and parks are within walking distance. It's the perfect place for a child to grow, play, and feel safe.*

We have a nursery all set up and ready to go whenever a little one comes our way!





# our fur family

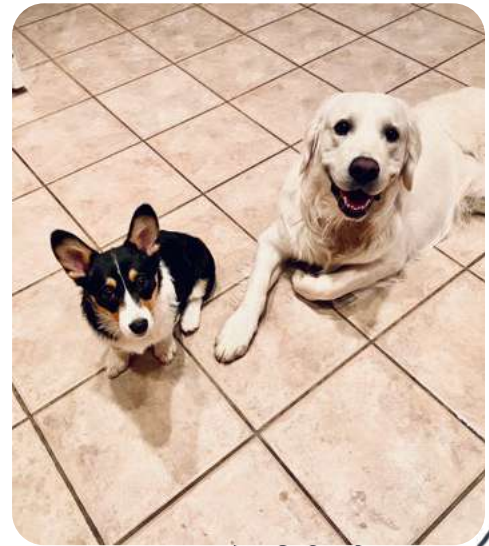
## Our home is filled with love— and lots of paws!

Since meeting, we've built a big fur family that brings us endless joy. Timber and Trouble, our golden retrievers, are five and six years old and love to play fetch and cuddle. Wagyu and Moo, our sweet Pomeranians, keep us entertained with their big personalities, while Sushi, our corgi, is full of energy and always ready for an adventure. Even Freud, our cat, joins in the fun and brings a calm balance to the pack.





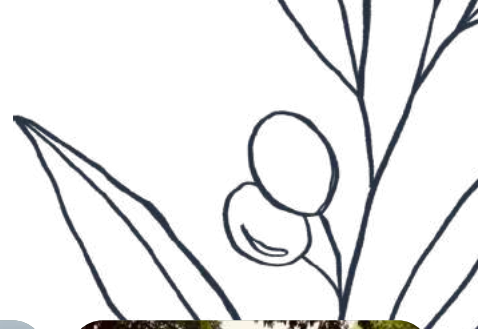
*we love our dogs*



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Friends and family who visit with kids often remark how naturally our dogs seem to protect, comfort, and play alongside them. We believe animals teach children compassion, responsibility, and unconditional love. **We are excited to raise a child in a home where they will grow up with furry companions who will be their playmates, protectors, and best friends.**

# things we love



Traveling has always been one of our greatest joys.

We long to explore new and exciting places and take every opportunity to immerse ourselves in different cultures. Being surrounded by colorful landscapes, unique foods, and people who see the world through different lenses has shaped the way we live and love.



We eagerly look forward to the day when we can share these adventures with a child – seeing the wonder of the world through their eyes and creating family traditions along the way.



“Traveling — it leaves you speechless,  
then turns you into a storyteller.”

— Ibn Battuta



### A few other things we love:

Bike rides – either mountain biking or around the neighborhood | Surfing and ocean days | Boating | Mountain hikes with the dogs | Conversations about our days while cooking dinner | Exploring new places and staying in fun AirBnbs!





## *our extended family*

**We are lucky to be surrounded by family and friends who support us in every way.**

Donny's relatives live nearby in FrUITa and Redlands, and we often gather for barbecues, fishing trips, and family traditions. Annie's extended family lives in Mexico City, Canada, and Europe, and we visit them regularly to stay connected.

Our families are ready to embrace and celebrate the child who joins our home. We are also committed to honoring and supporting our future child's race, ethnicity, and culture, making sure they grow up with pride in their identity and a strong sense of belonging.





# our promises

We want you to know what we promise to your child:

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**We promise to** love them unconditionally and without restraint.

**We promise to** celebrate their adoption story openly and with pride.

**We promise that** they will grow up surrounded by laughter, adventure, and encouragement.

**We promise to** honor their culture, history, and heritage, and to raise them with an understanding of where they come from.

**We promise that** they will grow up in a safe, supportive, and joy-filled home—one full of hugs, bedtime stories, ice cream Saturdays, and the company of loving pets.

**We promise that** they will always know your courage, love, and the role you play in their story.

We know this decision takes incredible strength. Thank you for allowing us to share a piece of our hearts with you.

*all our love.*

**Annie and Donny**



*Thank you!*