



Matthew & Mary



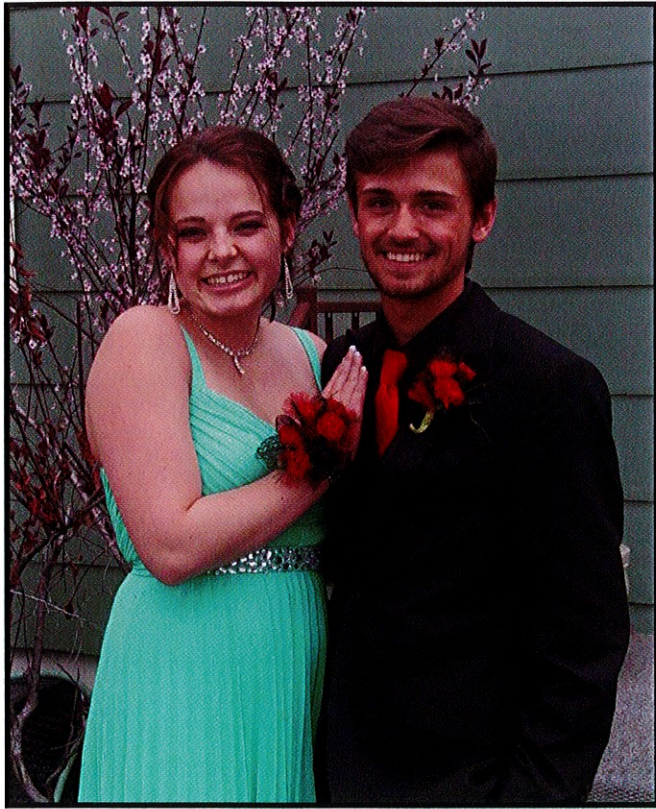
# Hello!



We are so happy knowing that you are reading our book and getting to know us. We have been married for five years and cannot wait to have a child in our lives to love, support, and encourage. We admire the role you have in that and understand how challenging this process can be for you.

Our journey to adoption has been a beautiful, uphill trek. After 1.5 years of unexplained infertility, we made the decision that adoption was best for our family. We have discussed adopting in our family since we first got married, so adoption for us is not a plan B, but rather skipping a few steps ahead. We cannot wait to see what baby God has for us and to welcome them, and their family, with wide open arms!

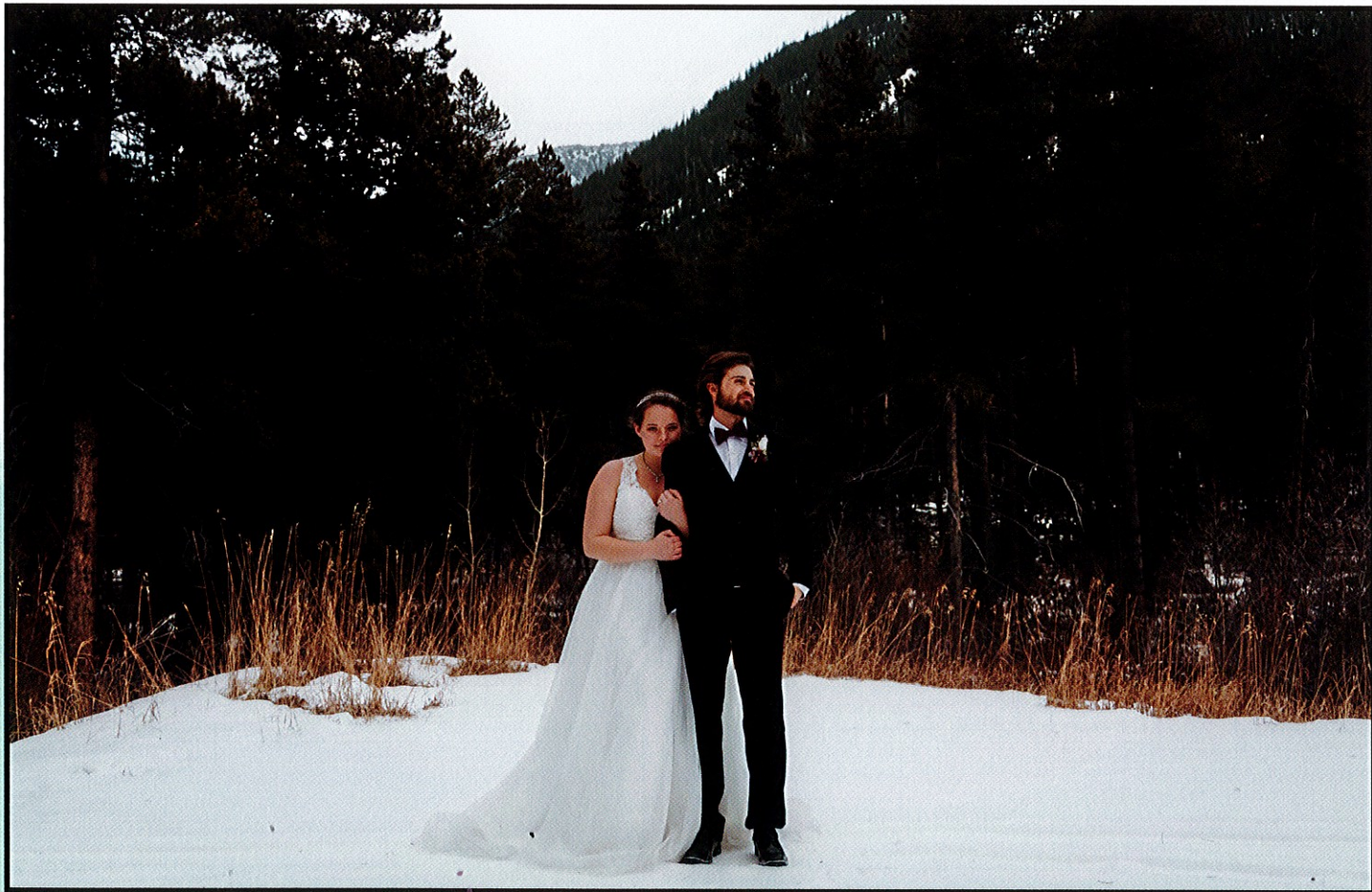




Before we started dating, we were best friends. It all started with a rose and a semi-awkward encounter between Mary's dad and Matthew. We are high school sweethearts and have been together for about eight years!



We got married in June of 2018. Both of us wanted a winter wedding, but at the time, a summer wedding made the most sense. A few months after our wedding we took wedding photos in the snowy mountains of Montana.







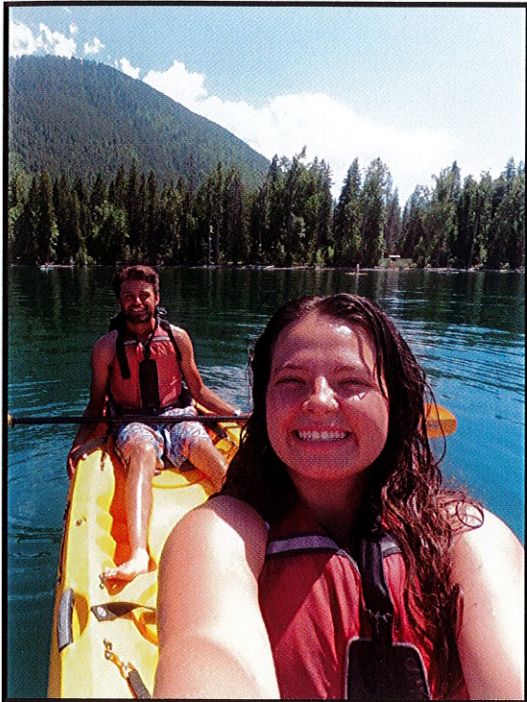
Life together has been quite the adventure! We love spending time together outdoors. We live in an area where we are surrounded by mountains, rivers, trees, lakes and more.

Whether we are on a mountain peak or sitting by the river, our favorite place to be is outside. We cannot wait to share our love of the outdoors with a new baby!

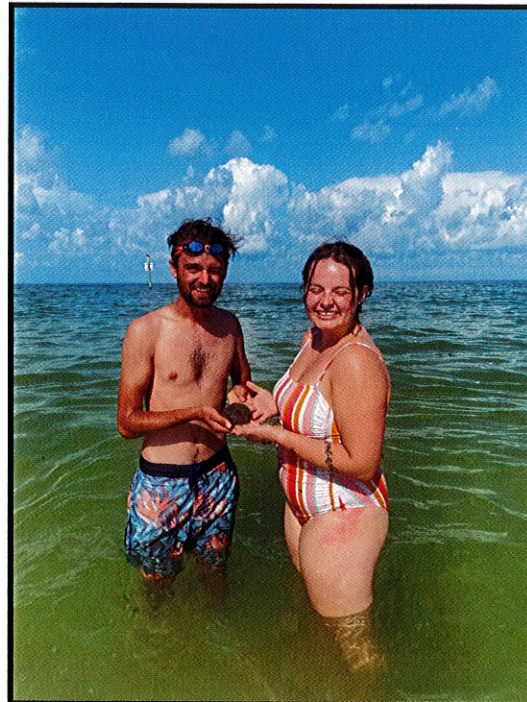




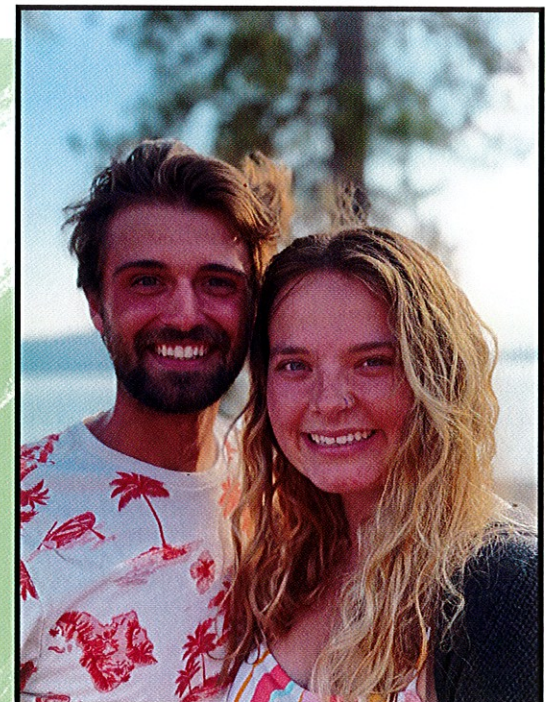
We love to travel together and are very fortunate to have friends and family across the states.



Glacier National Park,  
Montana



Tampa, Florida

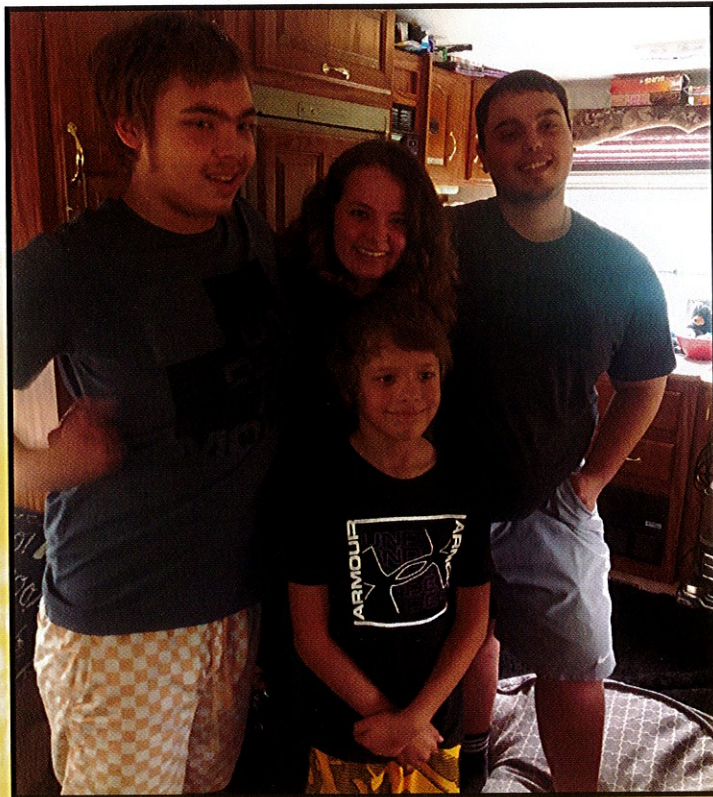


Coeur d'Alene, Idaho



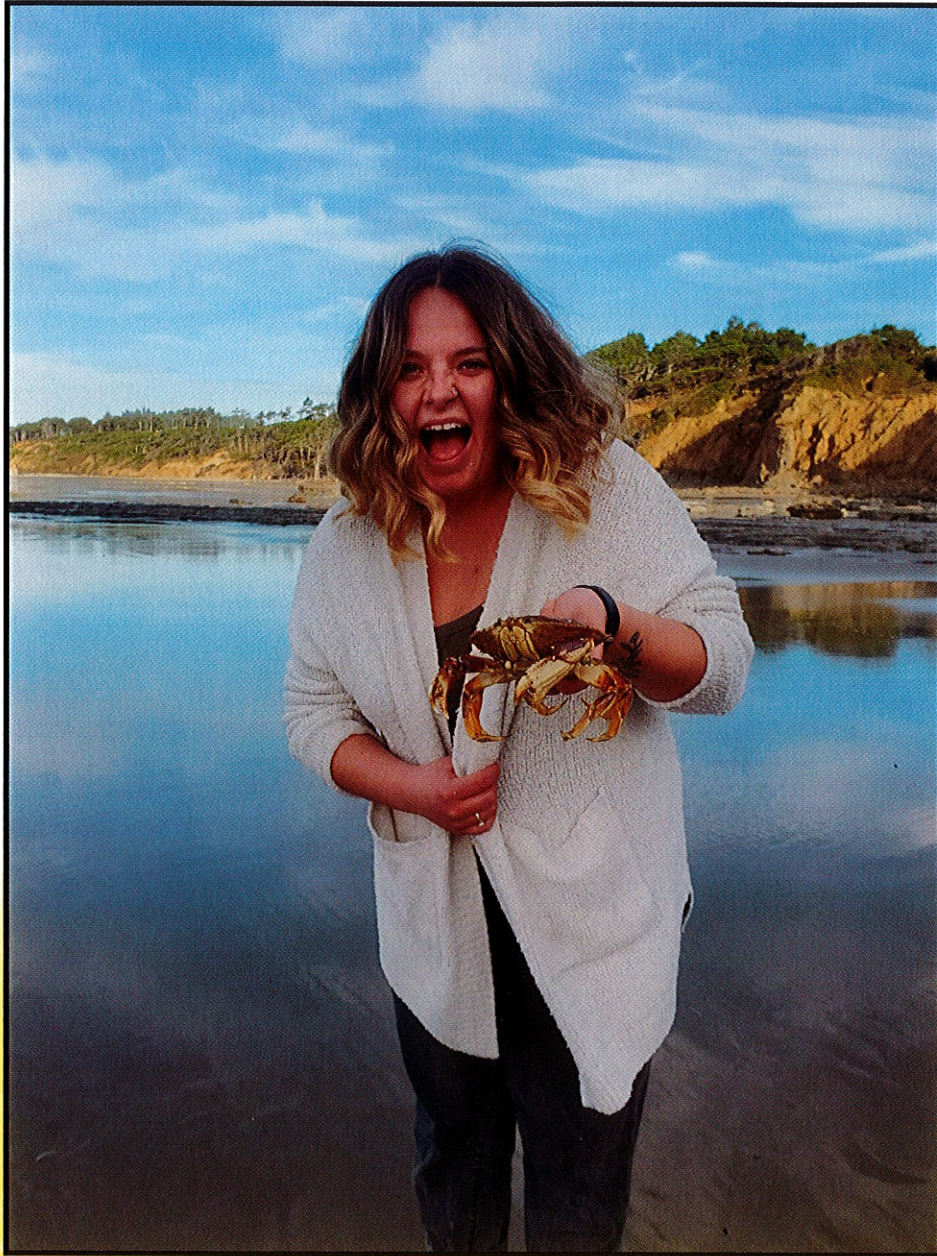
# Mary

Mary grew up surrounded by aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents. Her family is very close and loves to spend time together. Mary has a sister and three brothers.



People describe Mary as outgoing, friendly, and youthful. She loves a challenge and rarely says no to an adrenaline-boosting activity. Matthew admires Mary's youthfulness and how much she cares for others!





## Mary's Favorite Things:

Season: Spring

Movie: Thor Ragnarok, Lilo  
& Stitch

Drink: Coffee

Food: Spaghetti

Outdoor Activity:  
Swimming

Indoor Activity: Journaling  
and Reading

Book: The Glass Castle, The  
Time Traveler's Wife



# Matthew

Matthew grew up in a large family with two brothers and three sisters. Matthew's mom and dad have been married for just over 26 years! Matthew and his family have a strong bond and they are so excited to add their very first grand-baby!



People describe Matthew as outgoing, laid back and creative. Matthew is a musician at heart and spends his free time creating music and working on spontaneous hobbies. Mary admires Matthew's ability to crack a joke at any moment and his attention to small details!





## Matthew's Favorite Things:

Season: Summer

Movie: Guardians of the Galaxy Volume 3, Oxygen

Drink: Horchata

Food: Anything spicy

Outdoor Activity: Kayaking

Indoor Activity: Legos, board games and writing music

Comic: The Avengers: Yellow Jacket No More!



# Ms. Mary

A young woman with long, wavy blonde hair is smiling and standing on a wooden balcony. She is wearing a light blue denim jacket over a white top, dark blue pants, and white sneakers. She has a brown messenger bag slung over her shoulder. She is holding a black letterboard sign that reads "FIRST DAY OF 19TH GRADE". The balcony has a black metal railing and a potted plant. In the background, there are trees, a parking lot with cars, and a building.

FIRST DAY  
OF  
19TH GRADE

Mary is a Fourth Grade teacher at a local school. Her school also provides daycare for children age six weeks and older! Baby has the opportunity to experience 'school' while staying close to Mary.



# Mr. Matthew

Matthew is a Music teacher and a P.E. teacher at another local school. He teaches Kindergarten through Fifth Grade!





# Mary's Family

My family is a tribe and we always have each others' backs! My dad is going to be the best 'PaPa' and my siblings will make terrific aunts and uncles. Everyone is so thrilled to welcome the first baby in the family since 2010!

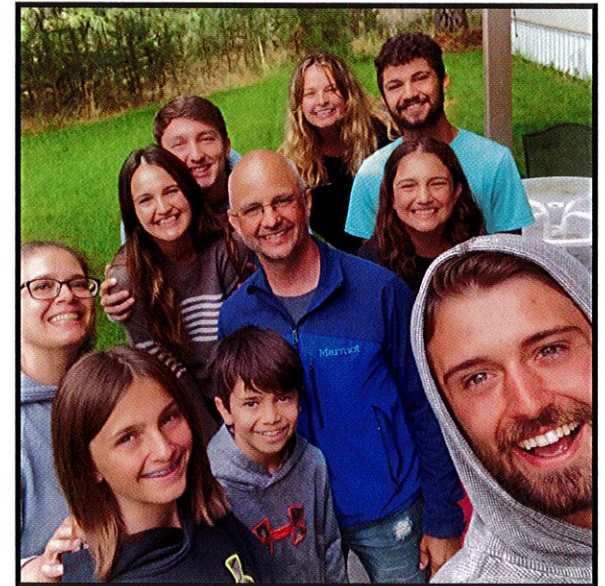


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# Matthew's Family

My family feels like a zoo: fun, chaotic and exciting. We all love a good laugh and being goofy together. I am the oldest of six, being fifteen years older than my youngest sibling. Despite the differences in age, all of us feel like the best of friends. Grandpa and Grandma, along with all the aunts and uncles, cannot wait to add another to the family!





# Our Values



- Have faith in God and trust His promises
- Build up others and find others who will build up you
- Always have fun
- Stay curious
- Always choose love
- Never go to bed angry
- Forgive quickly
- Never stop learning



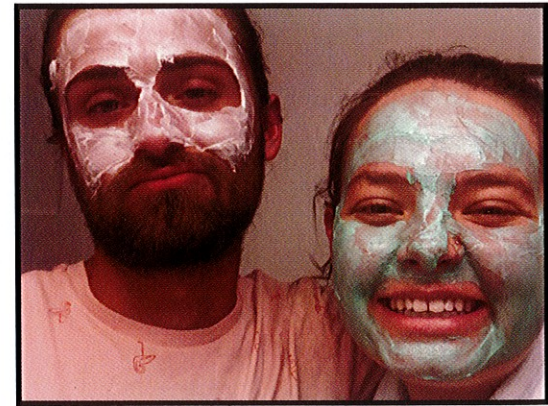
# Our Traditions



- Yearly photo shoots
- Cutting down a Christmas tree (tree hunting)
- Visiting family at least twice a year
- Friendsgiving at the coast
- Camping throughout the warmer months
- Pumpkin patch every fall

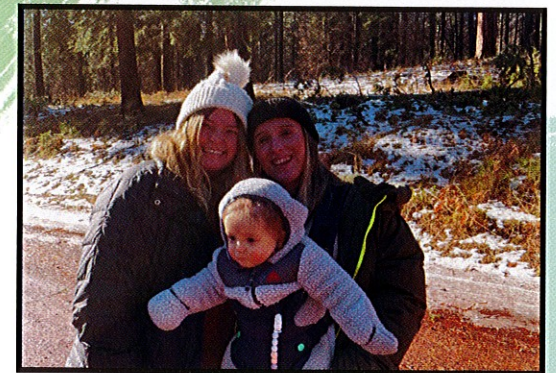
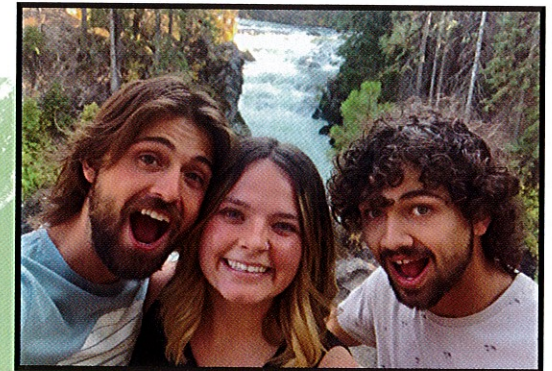


When we aren't outside, you can find us volunteering at our local church, cooking extravagant dinners and desserts, playing board games, or cuddling on the couch for an episode of Grey's Anatomy.





We love spending time with family and friends. Whether it's an annual trip to the woods to cut down a Christmas tree, a weekly get together for dinner and games, or a trip to the pumpkin patch, spending time with our community is what keeps us going.

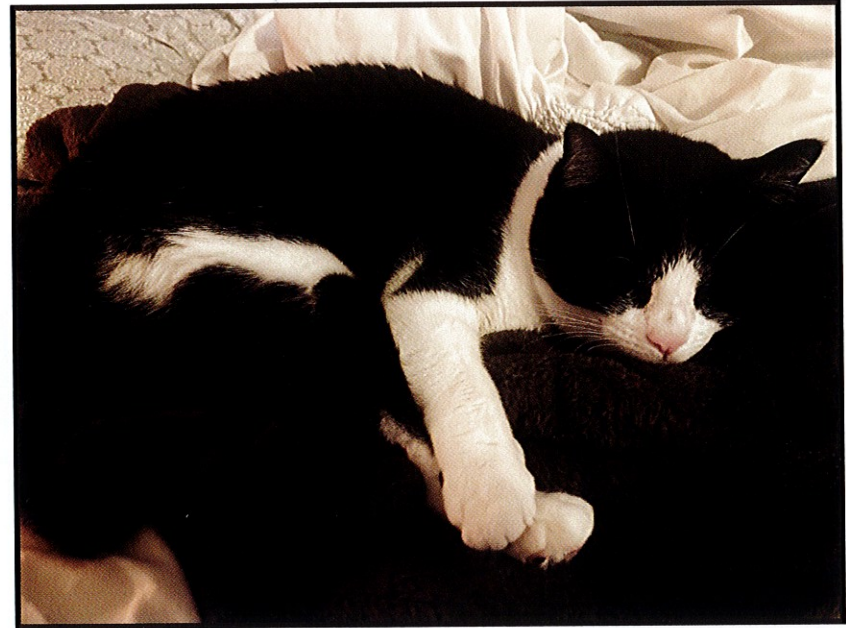




# Four Legged Friends



Duke



Gamora

Say hello to our sleepy cat and sweet boy Duke! Duke is an Australian/German Shepherd mix who loves to adventure outside and snuggle up inside. Gamora spends most of her time outside on warm days and sleeps half the day inside. She is quite curious and always in the mood for play.



# Our Home



We are in a beautiful neighborhood surrounded by parks, restaurants, and shopping centers. We love a clean home and believe that living plants are the best way to decorate. We have a nursery waiting for the arrival of a sweet baby!



Baby already has a village that is ready to love and support them. Here is a sneak peak of some of our closest friends!



Close friends



College friends



Bonus auntie and uncle





Home group



Papa and auntie



Work friend



Lifelong friend



Bonus auntie, uncle, and cousin



# Thank you



We are so thankful that you have taken the time to look through our family photo book. If you choose us to adopt your little baby, we promise to love, care, support, and encourage them throughout their life.

We would be honored to get to know you more. If you have any questions, please reach out and we would love to chat. We truly are an open book!

With love, Matthew and Mary