

A photograph of a man and a woman embracing in a forest. The man, on the right, has a beard and is wearing a green button-down shirt and blue jeans. The woman, on the left, has blonde hair and is wearing a light pink sweater and blue jeans. They are standing in a wooded area with trees and a ground covered in fallen yellow and orange leaves. The lighting is warm, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about us. We have dreamed of having a family for a long time, and we're extremely excited to start our adoption adventure. We have nothing but love and respect for you. For us, this baby will be a blessing, a miracle, and a dream come true.

Katrina & James

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Dear Birthparents,

Thank you for reading our profile. We have dreamed of having a family for a long time and we're extremely excited to start our adoption adventure. While this is an exciting time for us, we understand that it's quite a difficult time for you. We have nothing but love and respect for you. We see this baby as a blessing, a miracle, and a dream come true.

It has always been our goal to start a family. Even when we first met and started dating, we both knew children would be in our future and couldn't wait to have a little one! When you are young, you think you have everything planned perfectly — all your ducks in a row. We expected that we would have children in the traditional way, but fate had other plans for us. We believe everything happens for a reason and now understand that we are meant to start our family through adoption. We are excited that the story of our family's origin will be unique and special!

This child will be our world.

We aren't perfect. We're nervous to be parents just like anyone else. But there is nothing in this world we want more and we want it no matter what highs or lows it entails. We know that we will love this child unconditionally. This child will be raised in a home with love, kindness and laughter. We will help them pursue their dreams at any cost and support them the whole way through. We will teach them about the world as we know it and guide them to live in it happily. We will always be there for them and never give up on them.

This child will grow up to know their adoption story. Their story will be told with love and understanding. They will know that your choice was a loving choice, a great sacrifice that gave them the life they have and know.

*With our deepest gratitude,
Katrina and James*



Football fun



Selfie

Our Journey

Finding each other...

We met online almost 11 years ago! Katrina's parents were apprehensive about her dating online, so we decided that on our first date, James would meet Katrina's parents! After that, Katrina knew he was a good guy. We immediately clicked and have been inseparable ever since.

Married!

We were married in May of 2009 after living together for about a year and a half. We purchased our first home shortly after the wedding.



A most adorable foster pup

Our Life Now...

Currently, we both work full time during the week, with weekends off. We are proud pet parents! We take a lot of pride in this first house of ours, and therefore spend a lot of time updating it. Our day-to-day-life is pretty uneventful and easy ... but we're ready for that to change!

Fun Facts! Katrina

35 years old

Associates degree in **Veterinary Technology**

Worked last 13 years at the same **animal hospital**, currently works in the surgery department of a 24-hour animal hospital

Loves all **candy!**

Once bottle fed a litter of six **foster puppies** on her own



With "Mario" in Punta Cana

Fun Facts! James

38 years old

Bachelors degree in **History** with a minor in **Finance**

Worked last 17 years for **large grocery chain**, currently works at the corporate office of the same grocery chain

Once drank **a gallon of milk in 60 minutes** on a bet!

Played quarterback in high school football



The day James adopted Lola

About James

I grew up in a household that was hardworking, but loving. Both parents worked to provide everything for my brother and me. Every evening, we enjoyed dinner together and then would do something as a family before getting ready for bed. Although my parents were strict, they knew they could trust me to do activities away from home with friends without having to worry. They were great about getting me to all school and sports activities, and I participated year-round. Every summer brought excitement, as we took a family trip to Florida or Gatlinburg. Even as I grew older, my parents were always there for me, with support and love. I wouldn't be the person I am today without all they did for me as I grew up.

Trina on James... James is a very caring and loving person. He adores children, and children truly flock to him! He is patient, kind, and reliable. I know he'll always make sure our family is taken care of no matter what. He's always been there for me through all of life's ups and downs, and he is the first person I go to when I need good advice. He keeps me grounded when life gets stressful. He's truly my rock.



Clockwise from above left: Katrina meeting "Sandy the Penguin" at work. Helping with a surgery on a dog. With Max "the Lion" at Halloween.



Clockwise from above left: Uncle James and his little buddy. Giving our niece a hand. With his big catch.

About Trina

I grew up in Cincinnati. I played soccer (I wasn't the best, but I was a good team member) and learned to dance jazz, tap and ballet. I also took piano lessons. As the sister of two older brothers, I was mostly a tomboy growing up. Family was very important to us and we spent a lot of time together. I would often spend weekends at my cousin's house and vice versa. I loved having friends over and my parents were always the "cool parents." We took vacations every year and spent a lot of time with extended family. I had a very happy childhood during which I was always loved and supported. The teenage years weren't always the easiest, but my parents are now my best friends. I hope James and I can be parents just like them!

James on Trina... Katrina is the most compassionate person I know. She would do anything for anyone. She makes our lives great every day. Her love of animals is inspirational. She is great at listening when I have a stressful day and always knows how to do the little things to make me forget about the stresses. She loves children and enjoys thinking of fun things to do, whether that involves crafts, going to the park, visiting the zoo or a museum, or just planning a fun-filled day at home when our nieces and nephews visit. Katrina has enriched my life more than I can say. I can't wait to watch her do the same for our family.

About us.

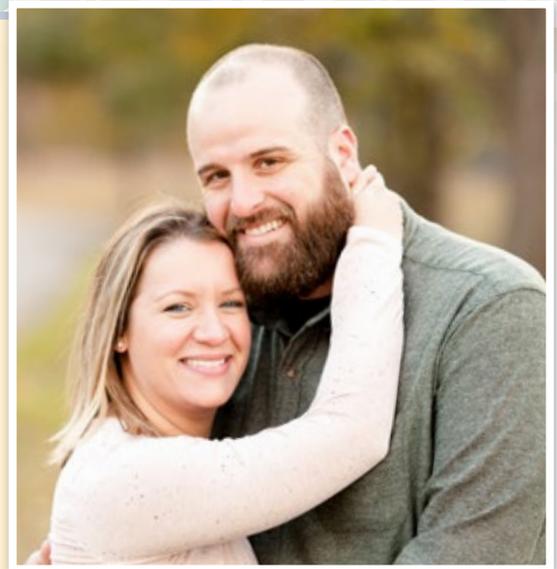
We are a laid back couple. We don't go out to bars or crazy parties. We enjoy hanging out at home, going to the movies and out to dinner. We love going to football and baseball games. We like the outdoors. Katrina's brothers have property where we often spend the day fishing, hiking and just hanging out by the bonfire.

We're crazy about animals!!! We have quite a few pets that we consider a part of our family. We have also fostered over 50 dogs and puppies over the last four years. We found fostering very rewarding, although at times heart breaking. We still get updates on our past fosters and it makes us so happy to know we helped that little dog or puppy find a loving family.

We love spending time with our nieces and nephews. We get a little taste of what it may be like to be parents when our youngest niece and nephew spend the weekend with us. We enjoy every minute of it and are usually laughing the entire time! We love our families, and they mean the world to us. We both have extremely supportive families who are always there for us.

We both enjoy our work. Katrina enjoys her career in veterinary medicine. She finds her job rewarding and truly loves going to work everyday. She loves to teach and learn new things. James gets to meet interesting people at his job. He also gets to travel all over the country for work.

After a long day of work, there's nothing better than coming home to each other and our fur kids!



Thank you.

Thank you for reading our profile. We hope that you have peace with your decision. We admire your courage and bravery!



For more information about us, please contact Adoption by Gentle Care at 800-824-9633.

Fun, Friends, Family...



James and his mom and brother at the All Stars Game



Hanging out with the girls



James and our niece goofing off



Family gathering on Katrina's brother's farm



James and the newest kitten Remi



Katrina teaching a continuing education class



Katrina with her Mom and sisters in Las Vegas



Goofing off on the farm!