



LEA AND MELISSA

ABOUT US

We met in 2020 and started dating shortly after that. We got engaged in 2022 while on vacation in Florida! We are tying the knot in February 2023! We love to travel and explore new things as a family. Lea has a daughter from a previous relationship, who Melissa has loved as her own since day one. We go on a family vacation yearly, usually just before school starts. We enjoy taking trips to aquariums and zoos around us. Lea loves photography and music. Melissa enjoys playing softball and cooking. Lea is a professional dog groomer and loves everything about her career. Melissa works for a life insurance company in customer service but plans to hopefully be a stay-at-home mom soon! We are very excited for the potential to grow our family.

OUR HOME & PETS

We bought our home in 2021. It has four bedrooms, three bathrooms, and a finished lower level that is our game/movie room. We have a huge backyard that's fenced in and would be perfect for a playground. We live on a cul-de-sac-style road, so there is little traffic, which makes our neighborhood quiet and safe. There are many children who live close by, and we know almost all of our close neighbors. Our school district is great as well. We also have a small waterpark just down the road. We have two fish tanks and two dogs; Minnie is a seven-year-old blue heeler mix, and Easton is a 13-year-old Yorkipoo. Both are spoiled babies!

WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

We knew very early in our relationship that we wanted a family and to parent together. We realized after many failed IUIs and a lot of heartache we were meant to adopt. Our daughter, Taylor, was born with an unknown genetic disorder that has made her unable to talk or walk. We have always wished we could experience things that typical parents experience. Adoption would give us the chance to experience all those things and so much more. We are very excited about our journey and the relationship we would love to have with a potential birthmother.



OUR PHOTO ALBUM



MORE ABOUT LEA

Occupation: Professional dog groomer
Education: Trade school
Race: Caucasian
Sport: Football
Food: Seafood
Hobby: Photography
Family Tradition: Matching Christmas outfits
Musical Group: Cher
Movie: *Beauty and the Beast*
Dream Vacation: Bora Bora
Holiday: 4th of July
TV Show: *Law & Order: SVU*
Subject in School: Science
Book: *A Child Called It*



MORE ABOUT MELISSA

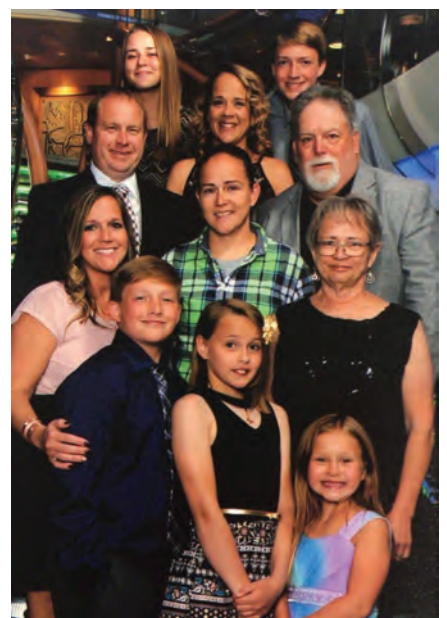
Occupation: Customer service representative
Education: High school graduate
Race: Caucasian
Sport: Softball
Food: Anything but seafood
Hobby: Cooking
Family Tradition: Christmas morning
Musical Group: Anything country
Movie: *The Notebook*
Dream Vacation: Hawaii
Holiday: Christmas
TV Show: *Grey's Anatomy*
Subject in School: Home economics
Book: *The Client*



OUR FAMILIES & TRADITIONS

Lea's family lives in Wisconsin, but we visit them often. Lea has a family lake cabin in northern Wisconsin where we spend a lot of time in the summer boating, fishing, swimming, and just enjoying time as a family. Lea has two younger sisters, three step-brothers, and eight nieces and nephews.

Melissa's parents have a farm about an hour from us where we go four-wheeling. There are cows too, which is Lea's favorite part. We have big bonfires in the summer and have big family picnics. This is where we also have most of our holiday get-togethers. We also enjoy hosting many family game nights at our house. Melissa has two older sisters and six nieces and nephews. There are lots of grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins who are very excited to gain another addition. Our families combined are nothing short of amazing and extremely supportive of our adoption journey.





DEAR EXPECTANT MOTHER,

We would like to thank you for taking the time to read our profile and get to know us a bit. We know this is not an easy decision for you to make. If you choose us, we will forever be grateful to you for giving us the chance to expand our family. We promise to love, nurture, and provide your child with stability and education while, of course, showing them some pretty cool things along the way.

We will support you in whatever way we can throughout this journey. You are incredibly brave and selfless! We cannot wait to walk this journey with you.

With Love,

Lea & Melissa