



OUR JOURNEY TO ADOPTION

Simon AND John



## ABOUT US

In 2011 John was visiting friends in Hannover, Germany. He was meeting them at a quaint local bar, and while waiting, he struck up a conversation with the bartender, whose name was Simon. We've been together now for 12 years. Our marriage is a very equal partnership. Since moving back to the U.S., John's career has established him as the breadwinner, while Simon has worked to grow his career as an architectural designer. Regarding our home life, John mostly cares for the inside of the home, and Simon takes care of the outside. We are a very loving couple and make decisions as a pair, often weighing the pros and cons. Over the years, we have come to understand each other extremely well, and we capitalize on each other's strengths. John is more sociable, while Simon is more of a homebody. We both enjoy doing DIY projects around the house in our free time.

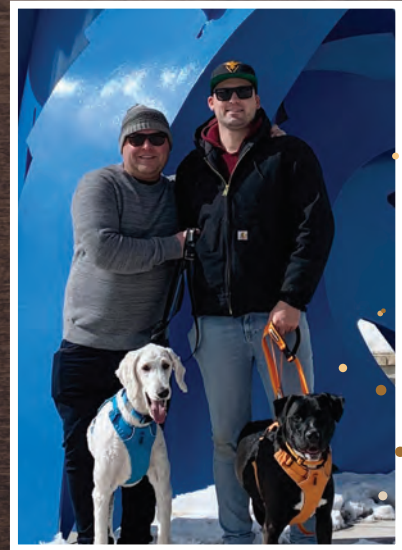
## OUR HOME & PETS

We live in a rural, agricultural community in Massachusetts that is also known for its beautiful beaches. There is a charter school in our town, which is where we plan for our future little one to attend school. We love the home we have built together, which is a modern farmhouse that sits on three acres. It was designed to be an oasis in the middle of the forest. We have two dogs we adore. Baker was rescued as a puppy; she is a five-year-old mixed breed with a calm, sweet demeanor. Butler is a four-year-old goldendoodle; he is our big, goofy snuggle bug. Both Baker and Butler bring so much joy to our lives, and they go everywhere with us.

## WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

John has all younger siblings and grew up as a very protective older brother while also being a caregiver and mentor to his younger siblings. This made John realize at a very young age that he wanted to be a dad someday. In the last three to four years, Simon has been around his sisters' children as the funcle (fun uncle), and this experience is what has made him desire parenthood. As we worked through the process, it became clear adopting an infant was the direction we wanted to take as a couple.

# our photos



# Simon

**RACE:** Caucasian

**OCCUPATION:** Architectural designer

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's in industrial design

**SPORT:** Windsurfing

**FOOD:** Greek, Turkish

**HOBBY:** Gardening/landscaping, video gaming

**TRADITION:** Cooking and family dinners

**MUSICAL GROUP:** DJ electronic music

**MOVIE:** Cloud Atlas

**DREAM VACATION:** Antarctic expedition

**HOLIDAY:** My birthday!

**TV SHOW:** Star Trek

**SUBJECT IN SCHOOL:** Science

**BOOK:** The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy



## GET TO KNOW

# John

**RACE:** Caucasian

**OCCUPATION:** Senior Vice President of Human Resources

**EDUCATION:** Master's in human resources

**SPORT:** E-biking

**FOOD:** Mexican

**HOBBY:** Travel, TV

**TRADITION:** Looking to create some!

**MUSICAL GROUP:** All things pop music

**MOVIE:** Stardust

**DREAM VACATION:** Any beach vacation at an all-inclusive resort

**HOLIDAY:** Christmas

**TV SHOW:** The Golden Girls

**SUBJECT IN SCHOOL:** Math

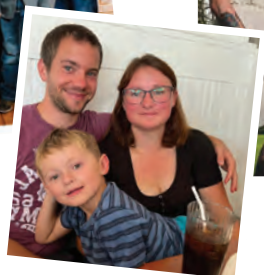
**BOOK:** The Catcher in the Rye



# our family AND traditions

John's parents separated when he was very young, but he remains close with both his mother and father. He has four siblings: a younger brother and sister from his mom and a younger brother and sister from his dad. John also has two nephews and one niece whom he tries to see often when he visits Texas. John is very close to his little sister on his dad's side, and they see each other throughout the year by planning and taking annual trips together. Traditionally, he tries to spend most holidays with his mom, aunt, and grandmother.

Simon's relationship with his family is very much what most people would wish for in their memories of family life. A modern swirl of traditional and cultural beliefs, safe, understanding in every aspect of life, incredibly supportive, and just the right amount of "cuckoo," if the right amount actually exists. Simon has an older and younger sister, and both still reside in his hometown. His parents have been married for more than 30 years now and continue to be happy together. With Simon now in the United States, his relationship with the family has not been affected. In fact, they talk almost every other day thanks to cell phones and FaceTime.





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EXPECTANT MOTHER,

We cannot imagine what you are going through right now and the emotions you must be facing, but please know that even considering adoption means you are willing to sacrifice your own wants for the needs of your child. As prospective adoptive parents, we have been through an extensive screening process to ensure we are ready and able to provide a safe and loving home for your child. We have spent countless hours preparing ourselves emotionally, financially, and practically for parenthood, and we are excited for the opportunity to finally start our own little family.

We want you to know that if you choose us to parent your child, we will always honor your role as their birthmother. We will make sure they know where they came from and how much love went into making the difficult decision of placing them with us. We are open to sharing updates on their growth and development with you over time, if that is something you would like. Please know that whatever decision you make, we respect that completely, and if you choose us, we will welcome your child into our lives and promise to provide them with all the love, care, safety, and opportunities they deserve.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. If you have any questions about us or our home, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Warmest Regards,

Simon and John



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