



KATE *and* JESS

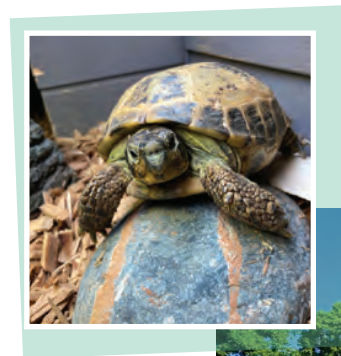


ABOUT US

We met in Baltimore in 2002. We had several mutual friends, and life seemed to always be throwing us together. Eventually we started dating and building a life together in 2006 and were married in 2014 after moving up to Maine. We bought our house in 2018. Kate works as a Professional Certified Midwife and a personal support specialist, and Jess is a manager for an international retail pet store. In our free time, we love to go hiking with our dogs, host friends and family for meals, garden, travel, and work on our house. We take yearly summer vacations to a lake house with Jess's family and down to the eastern shore of Maryland, where Kate's family owns a bed and breakfast.

OUR HOME + PETS

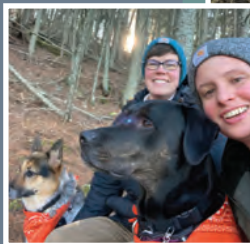
We live in a 160-year-old house in a small coastal city in Maine that sometimes feels right out of a Hallmark movie. We have two dogs (Henry and June), a cat (Fritz), a tortoise (Richard), an eyelash crested gecko (Stuart), and several fish. Our home is filled with plants, and we have four raised garden beds that overflow with vegetables in the summer. We have planted our gardens with native plants to encourage pollinators and spend as much time outside as we can. We are close to the mountains as well as the beach.



WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

After years of preparation and careful contemplation, we feel the time is finally right to move forward with our dream of adopting a child. We can provide a safe environment for a child to thrive, surrounded by love from family and friends. We are excited for the day when we can begin to create new family traditions, pass down old ones, and see the world through new eyes.





OUR LIFE
together



GET TO KNOW

Kate

Occupation: Certified Professional Midwife

Education: AD, CPM, PSS

Race: Caucasian

Sport: Swimming

Food: Thai

Hobby: Drawing, reading, video games

Family Tradition: Pumpkin brunch

Musical Group: Fleetwood Mac

Movie: *Poltergeist*

Dream Vacation: Hiking in the Grand Canyon

Holiday: Halloween

TV Show: *Abbot Elementary*

Subject in School: Science

Book: *100 Years of Solitude*



GET TO KNOW

Jess

Occupation: Manager

Education: BFA

Race: Caucasian

Sport: Women's soccer

Food: Thai, pie, soup

Hobby: Cooking, baking, gardening

Family Tradition: Taco Christmas Eve

Musical Group: Ani DiFranco

Movie: *The Royal Tenenbaums*

Dream Vacation: New Zealand

Holiday: Halloween

TV Show: *Futurama*

Subject in School: Photography

Book: *Art and Lies*



OUR FAMILY *and traditions*

One of the reasons we moved to Maine was to be closer to Jess's sister and Kate's cousin. Kate grew up an only child but surrounded by family. We often joke that she is related to everyone in her childhood neighborhood. She is very close with her extended family, especially her cousin and family who live nearby. We travel down to Maryland as often as possible to visit both family and friends. Jess has one older sister and a far-flung extended family across the globe. Her parents moved up to Maine a few years ago to be closer to everyone, and we have Sunday dinner together every week.



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EXPECTANT
MOTHER



Dear Expectant Mother,

As we sit here and think about the possibility of adopting a child, we are filled with gratitude for your selflessness and trust. While you are making the hardest and best decisions for your family, we promise to provide a safe, supportive, and loving environment. Your sacrifices will not be forgotten or taken lightly if you choose us.

We believe family is what you make it, so we choose to surround ourselves with people who understand us, lift us up, celebrate us, and help us. Your child will know unconditional love. Your child will be seen for who they are. Your child will know peace and joy. Your child will be given every opportunity to be their best self.

Our journey to this point has been long and winding, and perhaps now our path is crossing with yours so we can forge a new road together. We are so excited to build our family with your help.

Jess and Kate



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