



RACHEL *and* CARTER





Hello!

IT'S SO NICE TO "MEET" YOU.

Thank you so much for taking the time to look through our profile. The following pages are just a snapshot of who we are. We understand that we can't possibly express everything about us in this small book. What we hope you will take away from this is that we are two kind, adventure-loving, and passionate people who are excited to care for and love a child. We are sure you are feeling a mix of emotions as you look through these pages, but we thank you for being here.

We hope to provide the love and support you need to make this process as smooth and easy as possible for you and your baby, no matter what decision you make.

All our love,
RACHEL + CARTER

This is our story

WHERE IT STARTED

We met in 2011 through friends while we were both living and working in Washington, DC. Rachel was at the end of her graduate program and starting her career while living in a shoebox apartment. Carter was working for a technology company and loving bachelor life.



FINDING FOREVER

It took only three dates before we were inseparable, having found that we shared similar interests and hopes for our lives. Soon after we started dating, we got our first dog, Calvin. We got engaged in Grand Teton National Park while camping in 2014 and got married in Lyons, Colorado, surrounded by our family and friends.

WEDDING & LIFE TOGETHER

That's not to say that it was all easy. Along the way, we lost both of Carter's parents and Rachel's Dad. We moved to a new city together and changed jobs.

We moved abroad and then moved back again. Through it all, we learned to lean on each other and grow closer during the ups and downs of life. We had lots of adventures. We bought our first home, moved again, and added another dog to the mix. We are now ready and excited to add to our family again through adoption!





What led us to adoption?

We were both raised by loving and caring parents in families that have taken on various forms. In particular, when Rachel's parents divorced, she grew close to and grateful for her step-parents and half-siblings. They have had such a monumental role in her life; family has never been about blood.

We have always had adoption in our minds and hearts. We even have several family and friends who have adopted. It became clearer for us after Rachel was diagnosed with infertility and told she was not a good candidate for IVF. While this was disappointing, it reaffirmed our interest in adoption as the best option for us to grow our family.

Meet Rachel!



Rachel is from a small town in Idaho with more cows than people. She comes from a blended family with parents, step-parents, siblings, and lots of love. After leaving Idaho at 18, she traveled the world and lived in several places, working mainly with non-profits that support vulnerable women and children. Her work has taken her to many countries, including three years in Asia with Carter.

Rachel loves spending time outdoors—hiking, climbing, biking, skiing, fishing, and camping in the mountains of Colorado and the Pacific Northwest. She's hiked high peaks in places like Chile, Nepal, and Tanzania. She enjoys being with friends and family, including her six nieces and two nephews, and is involved in local community groups and clubs. Rachel also runs a small business, serves on a nonprofit board, and loves to read, write, practice yoga, and tend to her garden. Her two dogs hold a special place in her heart. She's passionate about music, enjoys live shows, plays the piano, and loves baking and celebrating the holidays. She speaks Spanish and is always learning more.

In Carter's words: "Rachel is a kind, loving, attentive, and patient person, which on its own will make her an incredible mother."



Meet Carter!

Carter was born in Alabama and grew up in Virginia, where he spent his childhood swimming, running track, and hanging out with friends, many of whom he's still close with today. He studied Computer Engineering at the University of Virginia.

A self-proclaimed "computer nerd," Carter has been passionate about all things technology since he was young, teaching himself how to program and build things. He now works in financial tech startups, helping bring new products to underserved communities worldwide.

In his free time, Carter loves restoring classic cars, fly fishing in Colorado, snowboarding, hiking, and enjoying live music. He also values spending time with friends and family.

In Rachel's words: Carter would make a great father because he is loving, caring, and patient. Building off the love he received from his own parents, she knows that Carter would enjoy helping a child grow.

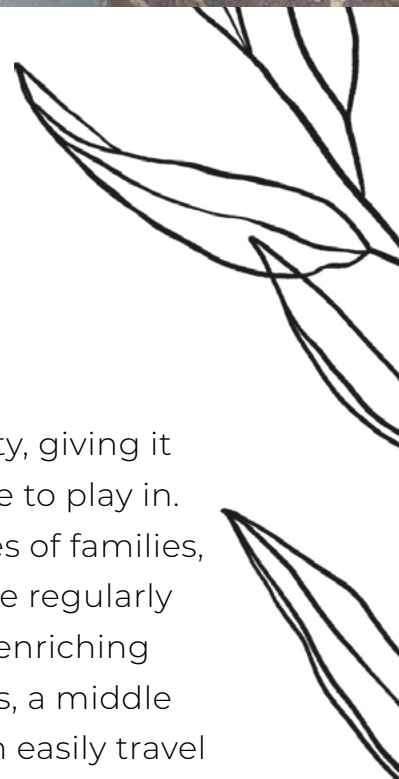




home sweet home

WE OWN A FOUR-BEDROOM, THREE-BATH HOME IN NORTH DENVER.

Our home is located in one of the oldest neighborhoods in the city, giving it character and charm. We have a great yard that our two dogs love to play in. We like our neighborhood because there are lots of different types of families, both with kids and without, and we are close to our neighbors. We regularly walk or ride our bikes to parks, restaurants, museums, and other enriching places and live within walking distance of two elementary schools, a middle school, and a high school. We are also centrally located, so we can easily travel downtown for a game or get into the mountains.





While we love Denver, we have been here for over 10 years and would like to be somewhere smaller.

We recently were lucky enough to buy property in Durango in southern Colorado and have started building a 4-bedroom home there, with plenty of room to grow a family! We chose Durango because it has access to many of the things that we enjoy while also offering a smaller community to raise a family in with access to an airport and the rest of the Four Corners area. We plan to move into our home in June 2025.





Ten fun facts

1. We love traveling and have lived and visited many places around the world and the United States. We aim to travel internationally for fun at least once a year and combined, have travelled to over 50 countries.

2. We lived in Nepal in Asia for several years.

3. We have hiked many places in Colorado and abroad, including hiking to the base camp of Mt. Everest, the highest mountain in the world in Nepal, and in New Zealand and Australia. Rachel has hiked over half of Colorado's peaks above 14,000 ft and summited Mt. Rainier in Washington State.

4. We love to go camping and to be in nature, and we have a little camper named Candy that we take on different road trips.

5. We both know how to scuba dive and enjoy snorkeling and swimming.

6. We love live music and aim to catch a few shows at Red Rocks Amphitheater each summer along with a music festival or two.

7. We enjoy the arts and culture and love checking out concerts, shows, and museums.

8. We love checking out new towns in Colorado during the holidays and visit a new one each year.

9. We love Jeeps, and Carter restores old cars, including a 1982 Jeep Scrambler and a 1972 International Scout.

10. We value diversity, love, and acceptance, of anyone, and actively seek out diverse relationships and experiences.



our friends

WE HAVE FRIENDS FROM ALL DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE – MANY HAVE KIDS OF THEIR OWN!

Each brings different experiences and joy to our lives. We have several friends here in Denver and around Colorado who we meet up with regularly for a meal, bike ride, concert, or another fun activity. We regularly hang out with our neighbors and have a monthly dinner club with them. We also have friends that we've met over the years who now live in different places around the United States and the world that we keep in touch with regularly and try to see at least once a year. We'll often plan a vacation to all take together. *We enjoy seeing them and watching their children grow up, too.*



Things we love

RACHEL LOVES:

Spending time with family and friends · Traveling, both for fun and for work, to new places · Spending time outdoors, especially in the mountains · Hiking · Skiing · Reading and writing · Meditation and yoga · Discovering new music · Playing the piano · Practicing Spanish



CARTER LOVES:

Spending time with family and friends · Traveling to new places and experiencing new cultures · Working on classic cars · Fly fishing · Hiking · Snowboarding · Going to concerts · Trying new restaurants · Jeeps · Auburn Football





together we love

Together, we love to travel to new places, both here in Colorado, the United States and abroad. We love planning and taking different road trips throughout the year around the United States with our little camper. Having lived abroad, we like to experience other countries and cultures and enjoy traveling to places we've never been. We both love live music and enjoy going to concerts at Red Rocks and other venues in Colorado. We like to get up into the mountains to enjoy camping, hiking, skiing, snowshoeing and more, but also enjoy exploring restaurants and places in our neighborhood. We make it a habit to regularly spend time with our friends and family and look for volunteer and community-based activities.

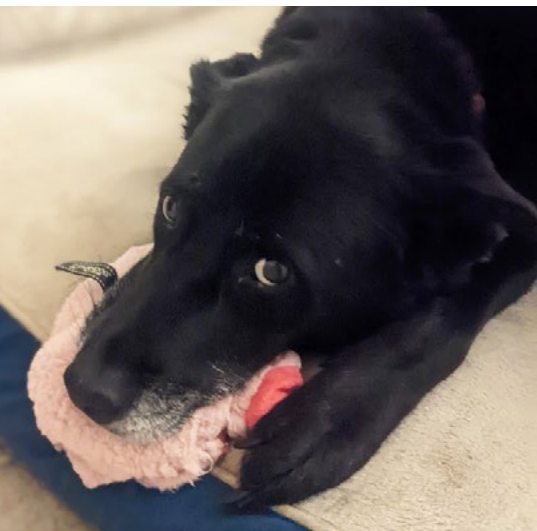


our pups

We consider ourselves a dog family but have both had various animals over the years including cats, sheep, horses, hamsters, and fish. We currently have two older dogs.



Our first dog, Calvin, is a 13-year-old Beagle-German Shepherd mix who loves peanut butter and relies on his excellent sense of smell. We've had Calvin since our first few weeks of dating, and he's moved with us across the United States. As he's gotten older, you'll usually find him sleeping with his tongue out, but he still occasionally finds energy to run around in circles.



Our second dog, Porter, is an 11-year-old Australian Shepherd-Lab mix who loves food, sleeping, and cuddles. We got him from a dog rescue when we moved to Colorado, and he quickly took to our family and his older brother. You'll usually find him trying to find a way to get an extra treat or licking the dishes in the dishwasher.



We take our dogs on family trips. As they age, they love going on walks and riding in the Jeep. However, they really dislike baths.

Both of our dogs have been around children and love getting pets and licking their dirty hands for any food scraps.



our adventures

WE LOVE TRAVELING AND SEEING NEW PLACES!

Travel enriches our lives and expands our minds! We were lucky in that we had an opportunity to live and work in Nepal, in Asia, for almost 3 years and spent six months traveling around Asia before we came back to the USA. We regularly take weekend trips with our little camper around Colorado and the Pacific Northwest. Each year, we make a long trip to Idaho to visit friends and family and fish along the way. We like checking out all the national parks and are aiming to visit them all. *Given how much travel has taught us about ourselves and the world, we think it's important to continue incorporating travel into our lives as we grow our family and look forward to showing a little one more of this world!*

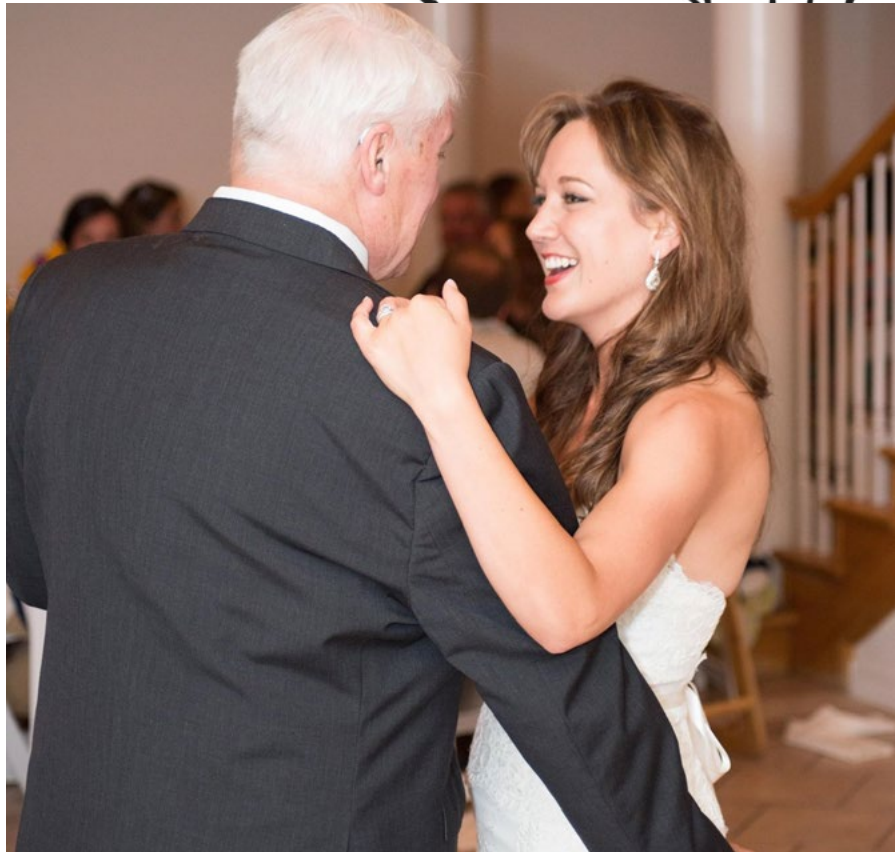
our extended family



WE LOVE SPENDING TIME WITH OUR FAMILIES.

Our family comes from and lives all over, both the West and East Coast and the Southern part of the United States. Rachel has a large, blended family while Carter's is more nuclear. Rachel's family is still largely in Idaho, but her sister and brother-in-law recently moved to New Mexico, where we see them frequently. Carter's family is largely in Texas and Alabama, and we see them at least once a year, including at least one meet up for a football game.

Our friends and family are excited about our interest in adopting and what it means for our family, and they can't wait. We also have friends who have adopted and/or are adopted themselves, and we've learned a lot from their experiences.





promises
FROM US TO YOU AND YOUR CHILD

We promise to raise your child and cherish them every day.

We promise to be their biggest advocates, ensuring their well-being, health, and safety.

We promise to be present and listen.

We promise to be their biggest cheerleaders and to encourage them to be themselves and chase their dreams.

We promise to surround them with a strong, loving support system.

We promise to provide them with a great education and opportunities that enrich their lives with diverse experiences.

We promise to cultivate their curiosity and imagination.

We promise to parent with love, kindness, patience, and forgiveness.

We promise to laugh, have fun, and spend quality time together.

We promise to celebrate diversity and respect different perspectives.

We promise to be committed to the openness of our adoption, whatever that may be and continually share the story of you.

We promise to be open, honest, and trustworthy with you.

We promise to make life an adventure.

Thank you again for taking the time to look at our profile! We would love the chance to get to know you and hear your story as well. We hope that, no matter your decision, you feel at peace.

RACHEL AND CARTER



YOU ARE MY TODAY

AND ALL OF MY

tomorrows.

