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Matt & Cat



Hello!

We hope this letter helps give you solace and assists you as you navigate your way through this journey. As we write this letter, we catch ourselves feeling anxious, confused, excited, and stressed all at the same time. This is likely because of the vast uncertainty involved in the process and difficult decisions that are made along the way. We imagine that you must be having a lot of the same feelings. **One thing that is unwavering is our desire to provide a good home and life for a child.**

When we realized that getting pregnant was not an option there was the initial sadness; however, it quickly turned to joy and excitement as we began the adoption process. **(Matt was adopted at a very young age, and we know deeply that love is what makes a family.)**

This letter isn't intended to persuade you into making a decision; rather, it's an invitation to get to know us better as you start making your plan. **As you look through the profile, we hope you can see the love in our home and can get a picture of the life your child could have...**



Your child would have many animals on our farm like chickens and pigs. Our dogs and cat who would give them so much love!

"Our marriage is filled with love and is our biggest priority. It is a partnership, a friendship and a wild ride. Our marriage has been developed and groomed to be a safe and healthy foundation for a family." - Cat



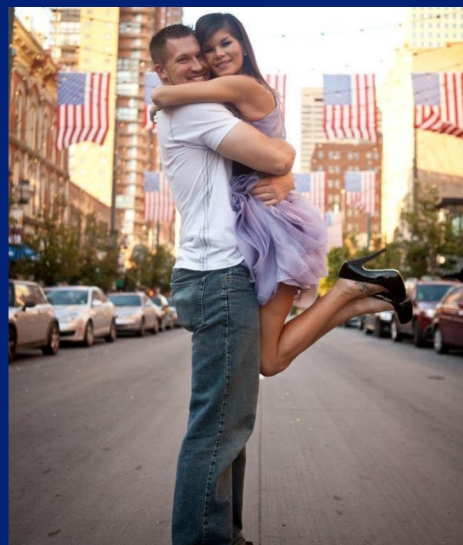
Our Love Story...

By Cat-

He treats me as his equal and as his best friend. When I am having a bad day, he brings me a slurpee. (Sometimes in order to find my favorite flavor he has to go to 2 or 3 different 7 elevens.) Every night after dinner without fail he gets up, kisses me and says "Thank you babe for dinner it was good," even if it wasn't that night :). Sometimes I just need to cry something out and he listens then gives me one of those "solving world hunger bear hugs." He writes me the sweetest cards. They are always filled with the most beautiful words that mean so much to me.

By Matt-

She treats me like I'm the only thing that matters in her life. She makes me feel like the center of her world. It doesn't matter if she has had a difficult day, she still wants to make sure that I am taken care of. She writes me messages after a hard day at work and gives me thoughtful little 'thinking of you' gifts. She is notorious for surprising me with things that I've wanted but have been too frugal to purchase. She makes me surprise Epsom Salt baths when she knows my back is hurting me. She's my best friend.



We met during high school and fell in love soon after. We've been happily married for 10 years but have been together for 20.



He is an avid hunter



With his best friend since childhood



Because he has already been on 3 military tours, he will most likely never have to go on another one. I missed him so much when he was gone!



He could fish all day long!



What happens when I ask him to smile for a photo. He loves to tease me.



He is so handy! He loves to build furniture and do repairs around the house.

5 Things I love about Matt (By Cat)

1. *Logical/brilliant*: He is always helping me to see the reality of dreams that I have so that I can make them into a reality.
2. *Encouraging*: He is always making sure I know that I am my own worst critic and will accomplish anything I set out to do.
3. *Strong*: Both mentally, physically, and emotionally.
4. *Hardworking*: He has a demanding job on the civilian side, but has moved through the ranks of the army extremely fast and has a lot of responsibility. NEVER does he bring home work with him. A hard day at work is forgotten about once he gets home.
5. *Loving*: He never leaves a room without kissing me, he never ends a conversation without saying "I love you," and his bear hugs will solve anything.

Matt's Favorites:

TV show: football or basketball

Book: Engineering books

Kid's book: Where the sidewalk ends

Food: Steak!

Childhood memory: Summers at nanny and papas

Vacation: Austria

Musical artist: Mostly listen to podcasts.

Movie: Boonedock Saints

Smartphone app: Youtube (How-to videos)

Ice cream: Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough

Hobby: Anything outdoors (Camping, Hunting, Fishing)

Subject in school: Anything engineering, particularly flight or engine related.

Holiday: Our anniversary

Childhood keepsake: My 1990s TOPPS baseball card collection

Athlete: Lebron James

Place to take a child: To the outdoors. Up in the mountains. (Camping/Fishing)



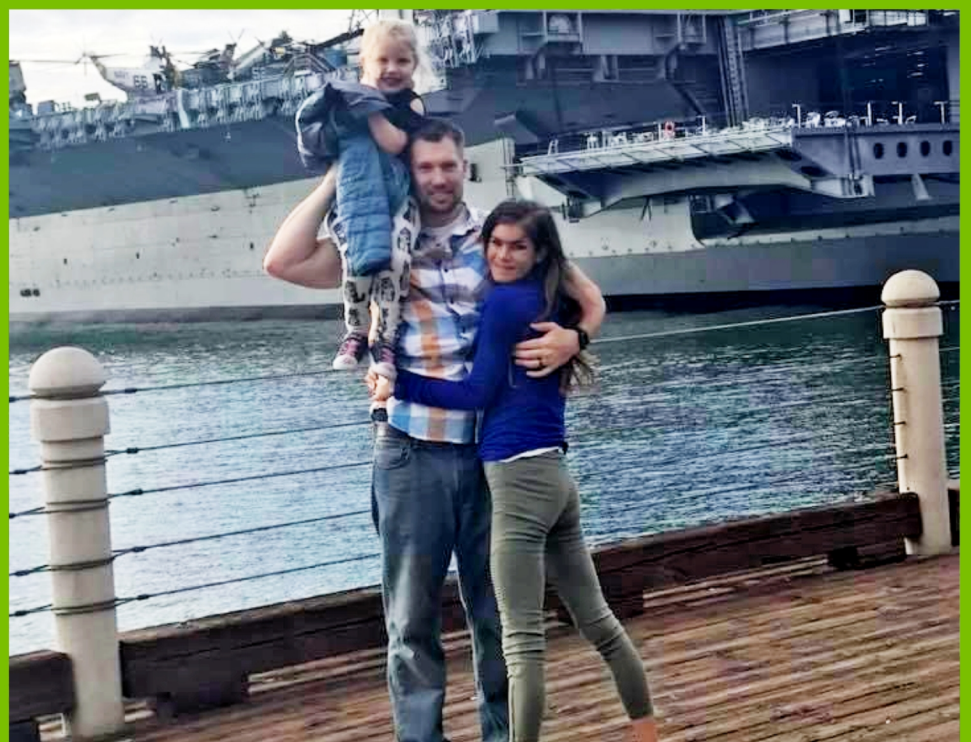
Uncle Matt and Payton rockin their shades



Being in Matt's arms is the best!

Matt as a Dad (By Cat)

I can totally picture Matt as a dad. I see him teaching our child how to play sports, teaching them how to fish/hunt, teaching them morals. I see him taking our child to sporting games, camping, watching sports, encouraging them, and making them feel like they are his world.



When Matt is around, our niece and nephew are never put down!



Uncle Matt makes our niece feel like she is on top of the world!

5 Things Matt dreams of doing as a dad

1. I want to help to mentor and guide my child into becoming the best version of themselves.
2. I dream about camping, hunting, and fishing trips with my child.
3. I dream they will find a hobby they are genuinely interested in that we can bond over.
4. I can't wait for family vacations!
5. I want to help them become successful and ensure they have the tools they need.



She adores our chickens and loves getting fresh eggs for breakfast! When it comes to the pigs, she spoils them and feeds them chocolate frosting every day!



She loves to do archery in our yard



With her best friend of 13 years

Proudest Accomplishments:

1. My marriage!
2. My Masters Degree and my career in Insurance Management.
3. Going from city girl to bad ass farm girl!



Glam farm girl! Of course I added bling to my farm overalls!



5 Things I love about Cat (By Matt)

1. *Loving* - The amount of love my wife has is unmatched. Whether it's random acts of kindness to remind me how much she loves me or the amount of time she invests in her employees to ensure they are successful. She is always going out of her way to ensure people know they are appreciated and cared for.
2. *Supportive* - She makes me a better man by always encouraging/supporting me in my endeavors. Whether it was supporting me when I decided to change careers and go back to school, or holding down the home front during my three military deployments, she is always my rock and biggest fan.
3. *Determined* - Don't tell her she can't do something because she will prove you wrong every time. Whether it's our relationship or work, she is committed and determined to doing something to the best of her ability.
4. *Selfless* - She will always put the needs of someone else above her own. She ensures that others are taken care of before she thinks of herself.
5. *Organized* - She is the ying to my yang. I operate in organized chaos and she is the detailed oriented planner. She thrives in making plans and executing. It is what makes her so successful at work and helps me accomplish what I need to more efficiently.

Cat's Favorites:

TV show: Anything reality, 90 day fiancé

Kid's Book: How the Elephant Got Its Trunk

Food: Eggs, ALL shell fish, raw Sashimi

Childhood memory: My Grandpa dressing up as Santa on Xmas eve and giving us candy

Vacation: Germany and New Orleans

Musical artist: All Genres

Movie: Waterboy and Billy Madison

Children's movie: All Disney movies!

Karaoke song: Classic Disney songs

Smartphone app: Instagram

Ice cream: Dairy Free Vanilla

Subject in school: Spanish

Holiday: My wedding anniversary

Childhood keepsake: A stuffed dog that my husband gave me at 16, I still sleep with it

Athlete: My husband

Board game: Disney Trivial Pursuit and Life

Place to take a child: swimming ,crafts, sporting events



Her reunion with Liberty who she missed so much when he was at hunting school!



Cat never likes to leave her fur babies at home, even when we're traveling.

Cat as a Mom (By Matt)

I know Cat will be the most supportive mom to our child and be their everything. We have a niece and nephew who live in a different state and she talks to them daily and is constantly involved in their lives. I can picture her being the organizer of food and drinks for a club or sport our child is in. No matter what they try... she will be there encouraging them!



Goofing off with her niece. Any chance to get a picture of her niece she will take it!



Aunt and niece manni/peddi day fun!!

5 Things Cat dreams of doing as a mom

1. Being their safe place and guiding our child through life.
2. Being the side line cheering mom in whatever sport or activity our child chooses. (Getting kicked out at least once a year for cheering too loud.)
3. Supporting our child in any endeavor they choose to pursue.
4. SNUGGLES
5. Helping them with homework, family vacations, cooking together... I could go on and on!

Our Fur Babies

We have two sweet dogs who adore each other and love all humans, especially kids. They are very well behaved until company comes over, then their manners go out the window. We also have a cat who acts like a dog!

Aspen Grace - She is a little Havanese. She might be small but she for sure runs the house. She is what we call a "Velcro dog," if you have a lap good luck trying to not get her to stick to you like Velcro.

Liberty Lucy - She is a small size Golden Retriever. She is so silly, goofy, sweet, and always has a smile on her face. She is Cat's girl hands down and knows when she is happy or sad. She will put her paw right on your knee as if she is saying, "its ok, everything is ok, I love you."

Sugar - Our brand new kitten we are just getting to know!



Our new sweet kitten thinks she is a dog! She goes to the bathroom outside with the dogs and will even let me walk her on a leash.



They cuddle like this all the time



There is so much love in our house even the dogs and cat love each other!



Libs is trained in bird hunting and is so gentle that she brings back animals alive and well.

Our Home

We live in a loving, welcoming, and comfortable home on 3 acres of land in the country. We have a basketball court on our property, a chicken coop, and a pig pen. We have fresh meat, eggs, and a large yard to run around and play in.

Our nursery will be filled with love, interactive toys such as puzzles, coloring books, and educational toys. There will also be books and if it is a boy lots of SPORTS stuff and if it's a girl color and sparkle.

Our neighbors have ponies and puppies and are always willing to lend a hand no matter when and what!



Home Sweet Home



We raise pigs, chickens and turkeys



Easter basket of real Peeps!



We can't wait to play basketball with our child.

For Fun

Both: Archery, farming, building furniture

Matt: Camping, fishing, hunting, hiking, playing basketball

Cat: Glam, makeup, hair, volunteering, learning Spanish, raising farm animals.



Rocky Stadium Baseball game



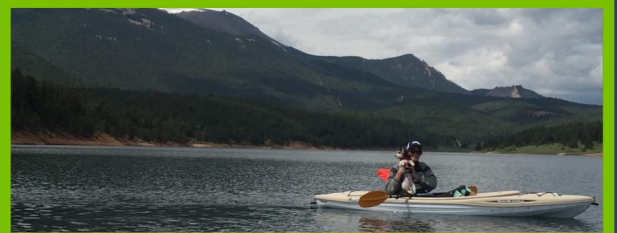
Matt loves ALL kinds of fishing!



Sometimes we get fancy too!



We enjoy hiking



Even the dogs like to join us in our kayaks!



We are both Seahawk fans... thus the colors we used in this profile!



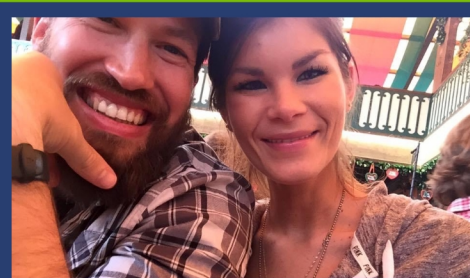
We love being out on our boat and enjoying life on the water.



We are both GOOFBALLS and just enjoy being together!



On vacation with Matt's mom in Mexico



At Oktoberfest in Germany during a mid deployment leave



With a band after hearing them play in New Orleans



Cat at Cat's in New Orleans

Travel

We enjoy taking trips together. We travel a lot to Utah for Matt's military career and to WA to see family. Cat wants to go to Japan, Thailand, Australia, Africa, and Europe. We want our child to experience all cultures to be humbled and educated.

Matt's Family

I love my family unconditionally. They all support my wife and myself and care about our well being. Even though we live in Colorado and all my immediate family lives in Washington, we are still very close emotionally.

I have no contact with my biological father. I am extremely close with my step-dad, who actually adopted me when I was 3, who I consider to be my dad. (Even though my parents divorced a few years ago, we remain close.)

My sister Alissa is married to a great guy named Kevin. My brother Nathaniel sadly passed in 2012.

I speak with my mother, father and sister bi-weekly. My wife speaks to my mother daily and visits her several times a year.

Family Traditions - Each year everyone gets an ornament based on an accomplishment from that year. We Facetime as the ornaments get put on the tree and recall all the stories behind the ornaments. We also have a gingerbread competition each year that gets hilarious and heated!



My dad adopted me when I was 3



My sister, my dad, us, my mom and my brother



My dad, sister and mom at my graduation



My mom LOVES horses!



My sister and her husband will spoil our child and teach them all the right buttons to push to get me agitated. ;)



With my little brother Nathaniel

Future Grandparents!

My parents are not grandparents yet but I have no doubt that they will be excellent. They can't wait!!

My dad has a farm in Washington with cattle and pigs. One of my great memories of my grandparents was spending the summers on their farms and I suspect that my dad will provide the same memories.

My mom is going to spoil our child. Whenever our child hears a no from us, I know my mom will provide what they want. One of my mom's hobbies is riding horses and I can see her teaching our child how to ride. She is a great cook and I am sure she will love baking cookies with our child.



My mom will be a FUN grandma!



My brother, us, my dad, my sister and niece, my brother in law, Matt's mom and sister

Cat's Family

My parents have been married for 37 years. I have one brother and one sister, (who is married and gave us our niece and nephew that we are extremely in love with.)

My family all live in Jacksonville, FL and we live in Colorado. I facetime with my sister, brother-in-law (very close to him), niece and nephew, AND father several times a day.

My younger brother is very hard-working, and loves his nieces and nephews a lot.

My sister is SO strong! She has to be. She is a Navy wife married to a submariner that deploys several times a year without communication. She is an educated career woman and someone I look up to. Never tell her she cannot do anything, because she will prove you wrong time after time! She is also the most amazing mom to my niece and nephew.



With our niece and nephew. Because of COVID we have hardly seen my nephew in person, but we facetime every day!



My dad is the sweetest!



Aunt and niece facial bonding



My mom, my niece, me and my sister

Loving Grandparents

My parents are the most amazing grandparents I have ever witnessed. They play, love, nurture, teach and take their grandkids on adventures. They LOVE to spoil them!

Since I was a kid they told me all they wanted in life was to be grandparents.

My niece and nephew call NeNe and PopPop's house Disney World. They have a pool, boat, and they live on the water.

My mother is an amazing cook of Southern Foods that feeds the soul. Money is never an obstacle when it comes to giving their grandbabies the best experiences.



My mom loving on her grandson



I made this shirt with my niece as a gift for my dad. They call him Pop Pop.

Our Promises...

If you choose us as the family for your child, we promise:

We will think of you with gratitude and speak of you with the deep respect we feel for you.

There are no opportunities we will not provide. Your child will have a great education, farm life, sports, friends, travel, life lessons and lots of fun!

We will do our best to instill the values of respect, LOVE, honesty, loyalty, integrity, humility, and selflessness. We will help them to be CONFIDENT and hardworking. We will teach them nothing in life is free and that family comes first.

We will let your child know that they can talk to us about anything and we will be there to support them no matter what.

Your child will be provided with the opportunities they need to pursue the path they choose in life. We look forward to watching your child grow and mature; supporting them as they stumble in life; and, of course, we will celebrate with them as they experience many successes in their life.

We want to assure you that we promise to respect you and whatever level of openness and contact you want to have with your child.

We promise to cherish and love your child with all our hearts and souls and provide a safe and happy home.



Thank you for taking the time to look through our book. We hope it's been helpful. We hope you feel supported and loved throughout this journey. Know that you and your sweet baby are in our thoughts, and we hope you are filled with peace in whatever decision you make.

*With love and respect,
Matt and Cat*

Father's Information

Father's Name: Matthew Brian
Occupation: Principal Engineer
Education: Bachelors in Mechanical Engineering
Religion: Christian
Date of Birth: July 22 nd
Hair Color: Light brown/Dirty Blonde
Eye Color: Blue
Height: 6'4"

Mother's Information

Mother's Name: Mary Catherine
Occupation: Manager of Insurance Sales Team
Education: Masters in Management & Leadership
Bachelors in Human Resources Management.
Religion: Christian
Date of Birth: June 29 th
Hair Color: Brunette
Eye Color: Hazel
Height: 5'8"

Date of Marriage: September 9, 2012

Pets: 3 dogs (2 dogs & 1 "kitten" who thinks he's a dog) 1 Havanese named Aspen, 1 Golden Retriever named Liberty, & 1 Cat named Sugar. We also have chickens, turkeys, and pigs.

Interest & Hobbies: We both enjoy archery together. Matt has the hobby of hunting while Cat has the hobby of getting him ready for hunting and cooking the meat. We enjoy cornhole in our backyard, raising farm animals and love smoking different meats together. In the summer we take our boat out to cruise around or fish from.

Our Home: Our home is easily described in three words. Loving, welcoming, and comfortable. It is 2600 sq ft, 2 stories, full unfinished basement w/ a full gym, 4 bedroom 2.5 bath, almost 3 acres, equestrian neighborhood, basketball court on our property, chicken coop, and a pig pen. We truly believe that the home is ideal to raise a child in. We live in the country with fresh eggs, meat, and have a large yard to run around in play. Our nursery will be filled with love, interactive toys such as puzzles, coloring books, educational toys and books.

Childcare Plan: Things can change, but the plan for now is having a in home caregiver Monday through Friday during the hours that Cat works, which is 7:30am-4:00pm. Cat works from home with flexible hours. Should the caregiver not be able to make it a day, no problem because Cat can work around it. Cat is allotted 3 months of parental maternity leave that she can use in stages through the year. Matt is allotted 2 months paternity leave and will have the flexibility to stay home for a sick child when needed and to go to school plays in the middle of the day etc.

Why we are Choosing Adoption: We are choosing adoption with the desire to build our family. We waited for a child later in life and have faced struggles becoming pregnant. Knowing that many children need safe and loving homes we decided against IVF and chose domestic infant adoption. Being pregnant on our own was not as important to us as just being parents and partners to a child.

Openness to Birthparent(s): We will speak of the birth parents with gratitude and respect. The child will know all about their adoption and birth family and the love they have for their child. We are open to being open. We are open to visits and sending pictures and updates.