

ROWDY *and* KATIE



hello!

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME
TO LOOK THROUGH OUR PROFILE BOOK!

We are so grateful that you are considering us to raise your beautiful baby! We have put this book together to give you an idea of who we are, and hope that you feel a connection to us through the words and images that depict our life. We have so much room in our lives to add a child who will be raised with love, patience, and support and have been looking forward to growing our family for years. We know this is a very difficult decision you're making but want you to know that we fully intend to make you a part of our family as well, to the extent you're comfortable, so you will be able to remain connected to your child throughout his or her life.

We hope that we will be given the opportunity to support you through this process and go on this journey together.

all our love,

ROWDY *and* KATIE

our STORY



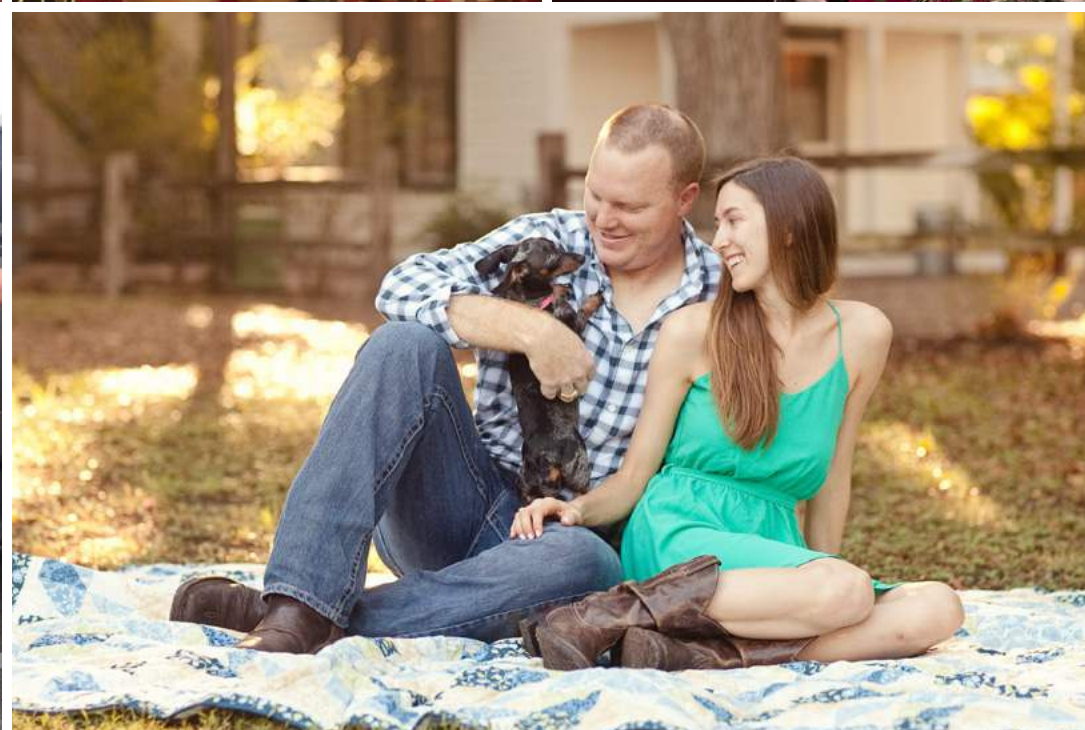
WE MET THROUGH FRIENDS
WHILE ATTENDING
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY.

Katie was attracted to Rowdy's intelligence and confidence. Rowdy was drawn to Katie's humor and kindness. After college, we dated long distance from 2011 until we got married in 2015.



We have learned so much about each other in the 12 years we have been together. We have had many great times in our relationship and endured some challenging times as well, but through it we've gotten stronger and become more connected. ***We have been on a journey to grow our family for 7 years and are so excited for the blessing of adoption to make our lives and family complete.***







why ADOPTION

ADOPTION HAS ALWAYS BEEN ON
OUR HEARTS AND IN OUR PLANS.

We know that adoption is such a blessing, as we have seen firsthand with our own family and friends who have adopted and been adopted. We planned to have biological children first, but after trying several avenues to get pregnant over the years, realized that adoption is the best way to grow our family and fulfill our dreams. Going through the challenges of infertility has only brought us closer together and made us even stronger of a team. *Because of our journey, you can rest assured that your baby will always be valued and never taken for granted.*

HE IS MINE
IN A WAY
THAT HE WILL
NEVER BE HERS,
YET HE IS HERS
IN A WAY
THAT HE WILL
NEVER BE MINE,
AND SO TOGETHER,
WE ARE
MOTHERHOOD.

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meet **KATIE** AS TOLD BY ROWDY

Katie is brilliant, hilarious, and beautiful. She is one of the most thoughtful and kind people I will ever know. She is super generous and is always looking for ways to help people or animals in need. Her attention to detail and patience have been a huge blessing in my life. ***Becoming a mother has been Katie's biggest dream, and I know she will be an incredibly loving and attentive parent.***

a few facts about Katie

I WORK IN THE ACCOUNTING INDUSTRY.

WHEN I WAS GROWING UP, I WANTED TO BE A TEACHER.

MY FIRST CONCERT WAS NSYNC.

ACCORDING TO ROWDY, I'M REALLY GOOD AT BAKING.

IN HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, AND MORE RECENTLY, I'VE ENJOYED VOLUNTEERING WITH AGENCIES THAT HELP SUPPORT, MENTOR, AND EDUCATE CHILDREN.



meet **ROWDY** AS TOLD BY KATIE

Rowdy is funny, kind, and intelligent. He loves to take part in outdoor activities and is very much an extrovert who gets energy from being around others. He is very emotionally intelligent and driven. When he commits to something, his dedication to meeting his goals is very impressive. ***Rowdy is going to be an amazing dad and a child will be so lucky to grow up with him as their constant cheerleader and advocate.***

a few facts about Rowdy

I'M A MANAGER FOR AN OIL & GAS SERVICES COMPANY.
WHEN I WAS GROWING UP, I WANTED TO BE A GARBAGEMAN.
MY FAVORITE BAND IS PEARL JAM.
ACCORDING TO KATIE, I'M REALLY GOOD AT DANCING.
IN HIGH SCHOOL I PLAYED FOOTBALL, BASEBALL,
BASKETBALL, TRACK, AND TENNIS.



Ten fun facts

1 • We have a “date ideas” jar and look forward to creating a “family fun” jar that we can pull from on weekends to help create quality time together.

2 • We love comedy podcasts and have been to 2 live recordings – *Armchair Expert* and *Smartless*. We even met the hosts of *Smartless* (Will Arnett, Jason Bateman, and Sean Hayes) while walking down the street on the day of the event.

3 • We have a scratch-off world map and hope to clear as many locations as we can, so on vacations, we try not to visit the same place twice.

4 • We live in one of the few places in Texas where it snows almost every winter.

5 • We used to own an RV and plan to get another in the future for summer camping trips.

6 • Rowdy’s grandparents were both inducted into the University of Texas Athletics Hall of Honor, so your baby can learn to swim from a pro.

7 • Katie’s aunt and uncle have a small farm and always need help during harvest season, so our family will get together to pick vegetables for a weekend and take a basketful home.

8 • We’ve both volunteered and believe in the value of it, so we can’t wait to do volunteer activities as a family to show the importance of giving our time to those in need.

9 • We make a New Year’s resolution for ourselves and one for us as a family every year.

10 • We alternate Christmas and Thanksgiving holidays between Katie and Rowdy’s extended family, so we get to see both sides of the family at least once a year.



THINGS WE LOVE...



KATIE LOVES: COOKING • BAKING • READING •
WORKING OUT • SHOPPING



ROWDY LOVES: CAMPING • GRILLING •
WATCHING SPORTING EVENTS • GOLFING • FISHING



Together we love to get outside and do different activities like tennis, pickleball, and hiking. We love to spend time with friends, family, and our 2 dachshunds. We try to go on a lunch or dinner date at least once a week to get away and just be together!



OUR HOME IS A FUN AND COZY PLACE
WHERE WE LOVE TO LAUGH AND RECHARGE.

WHERE WE LIVE

We have a 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bathroom ranch style home in an established neighborhood in Midland, TX. It's an open concept floorplan which allows for more closeness without walls to separate us between the kitchen, living room, and dining room. *We have a diverse, friendly group of neighbors including families with small children. It's very common for kids to be out playing in their front yards in the evenings and on the weekends.*

OUR HOME BACKS UP TO A WELL-MAINTAINED PARK THAT INCLUDES A PLAYGROUND, BASEBALL FIELDS, AND A DUCK POND.



Our street is quiet except for during little league season when we can hear the faint sounds of the National Anthem or the occasional ice cream truck that comes by. It will be such a great place to raise a child and we are excited to add the beautiful sounds of a child to this space.

We love our neighborhood park and take our niece and nephew there to play and feed the ducks when they visit.





Sisco



Winnie

our PUPS

WE HAVE 2 MINIATURE
DACHSHUNDS WHO ARE CHERISHED
MEMBERS OF OUR FAMILY!

Sisco was the runt of her litter, so she's extra small at around 7 pounds. She is now 16 years old and spends most of her day sleeping, but she's still as sweet as ever. She's lost most of her senses but can still sniff out treats and is a frequent visitor in the kitchen while we're cooking.

Winnie is 7 years old. She's very active and loves to play fetch. Luckily, every kid that comes over loves to throw the ball for her, so she has a blast when we have company. Once she gets tired, she's very cuddly and loves to burrow under blankets.



WE CAN'T WAIT TO ADD A NEW LITTLE
ADVENTURER TO OUR TRIPS!



our travels

We love taking trips and exploring new places whenever we can, whether it's a day trip or a weeklong adventure. We're looking forward to gearing our trips toward a child once we grow our family. We plan to take trips every summer, letting the child pick where we go (within reason)!

We think making memories and experiencing new places together is a great way to learn, connect, and grow relationships.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

KATIE'S FAMILY | Katie is the youngest in her family, with 2 older brothers. Between her brothers, we have 6 nieces! Her brothers live in Pennsylvania and Tennessee. Her 2 oldest nieces are twins, and they came to visit for a week this past summer. We are planning to make it a summer tradition, adding the other kids as they get older. Our family can't wait for us to add a baby to the family. Our nieces have been practicing with their baby dolls and are ready to help!





ROWDY'S FAMILY | Rowdy is the oldest of 4 brothers and 1 sister. We have 2 nieces and 1 nephew on his side of the family. Rowdy's siblings and mom live in Texas, but they are about 6 hours away. Our family is very close and values time together, so despite the distance, we make an effort to visit as much as possible. They are very supportive of our journey and are excited to grow our family through adoption.

OUR PROMISES

IF YOU CHOOSE ADOPTION AND OUR FAMILY, WE MAKE YOU THESE PROMISES:

We promise to put all of our energy and resources into making sure your baby has everything they need as we help them grow into a strong, confident, kind person. We can't imagine the difficulty of the emotions you're going through, but we hope to give you peace of mind knowing your baby will be adored and cared for with us. We will love him or her beyond measure while leaving plenty of room for their relationship with you.

We promise to keep in contact with you and help nurture a strong relationship between you and the baby throughout his or her life. We will make sure your baby knows your decision to place the child with us was not easy for you and was based purely on your love for them. We will honor you as a significant, valuable part of our family's story.

We promise to support your decision for an open, semi-open, or closed adoption and understand that this may change over time.

"As parents through adoption, we will forever know there are no sufficient words, and there will never be anything we could give that would be as meaningful as the life you created and chose to share with us."

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