

At home
on the couch!

We can't wait to be the most encouraging parents and share life with a happy new person!

We know that you are incredibly special to want the best for your child, even if you can't provide that. Choosing to consider adoption shows how much love you have and want to give. It's a decision that will change the lives of so many involved—and one that adoptive parents like us would be forever grateful for.

Knowing Michael's mom was adopted as a baby made us feel even more secure in the path to adoption. She will have a unique bond with whatever child gets placed in our lives, and they will be able to share feelings we may never fully understand. We were both truly lucky to have close and loving families growing up. Siblings and extended family visits were always front and center. Inga had to say goodbye to her mother too soon, but learned so much from her wonderful nature and kind, joyful spirit. Inga can't wait for the opportunity to be just as good of a mom!

We wish for you and your baby to find the best path and feel confident in what lies ahead. We want to be there for you and talk through any questions you might have.

INGA & MICHAEL



Happy anniversary



A photo op
along the
trail!



Sightseeing in
northern CA



Photo booth at a friend's wedding!

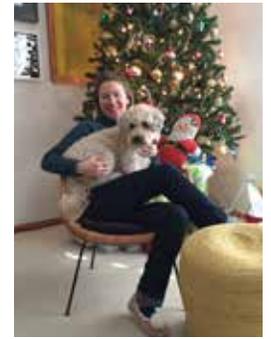
Our story

We're both graphic designers who met at art school in college. After ending up in the same art history class, Inga recognized Michael outside of class and made a point to bump into him. Of course, Michael turned out to have a girlfriend at the time, so friendship and mutual appreciation of artistic talent was our initial foundation. The relationship eventually turned into more. Michael wooed Inga with amusing and charming hand-drawn cards. We have a box full that we keep for the fun memories. We still make a point to create our own cards for each other as time allows. Most of them now feature our dog, Aggie.

Inga works with design by way of video/media. She develops storyboards, titles, and some animation work at a well-loved city attraction. In her downtime, she enjoys baking, sewing, gardening, decorating, and biking near the lake.

Michael works mostly on web design these days, but still makes time for illustration on occasion. Most recently, he's been working on his record collecting hobby and also enjoys biking, golf, and the latest superhero movie.

We spend a lot of time together cooking and trying out new recipes. In the warmer months, we get bike rides in along the lake. We enjoy having company over for the occasional chili party, pot-luck dinner, puppy play-date, or even just to watch a good TV show.



Our home

Our house is located on a quiet street that backs up to a bike trail and the lake is about a mile away. It's a 60's ranch that we work on fixing up when weekend time allows. There's a large yard and plenty of wildlife to see out the windows. Sometimes you even encounter two raccoons staring at you from a tree out front. Inga's dad lives down the street and often joins us for dog walks and weekend dinners, and he loves to talk about house projects.

We love the calm life on our street and look forward to spending plenty of time outdoors as we build our family here.



Our dog, Aggie, is nearly six. She's full of energy, but also enjoys plenty of lounge time! We adopted her from a shelter when she was five months old. We fell in love with her instantly — she has a great personality and has brought so much joy into our lives.





Just carved our pumpkins!

MICHAEL

Education

BFA, Graphic design
University of Illinois
Urbana-Champaign

Favorites

SPORT > Golf

FOOD > Mexican food

HOBBY > Drawing

TRADITION > Thanksgiving
day with family

MOVIE > Star Wars

ANIMAL > Terrier Dogs

HOLIDAY > Thanksgiving

DREAM VACATION > Hawaii

INGA

Education

BFA, Graphic design
University of Illinois
Urbana-Champaign

Favorites

SPORT > Tennis

FOOD > Chocolate

HOBBY > Sewing

TRADITION > Baking
grandma's recipes

MOVIE >

Old: It Happened One Night
New: The Shape of Water

HOLIDAY > Christmas

DREAM VACATION > Hawaii



Our extended family

Michael has two siblings; Matthew and Christina. Both live within driving distance. Matt got married about a year ago (to another Christina!). Christina and her husband have a son who is three and welcomed a baby girl in September.

Michael's parents live about an hour away and are both enjoying retirement now. Family get-togethers include holidays, birthdays, a family lunch or brunch out, and the occasional Florida trip.

Inga has one sibling; Stacy. She recently moved only four hours away after years of living many states away! Family gatherings have changed a bit since Inga's mom passed away, but we're all adjusting. Inga's dad lives down the street, so he's available on both regular and special occasions. From dog walks to birthdays to holiday times, we get our family time in.

