



Hi, I'm Vanessa

# My Story

Hi, I'm Vanessa. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about me as a potential parent for your child. I'm a single woman living with my dogs in Brooklyn and working in Manhattan as a hip-hop music magazine and website editor. For over two decades, I have dedicated my time to my career; this is partially what has held me back from having a child. For as long as I can remember, I have wanted to be a mother but I always pushed it off to focus on my career or waiting for the right man.

Time flew by, and recently I realized I am at the tail-end of my baby-making days and even though I don't have the right significant other, I'm at the point in my life that I'm ready to be a mother. As I explored my options, I connected with adoption. I don't want to miss out on having my own family and adoption will offer the opportunity to love, cherish, and raise a child. I know I can give a child an amazing life where they will want for nothing, and be deeply loved and supported.



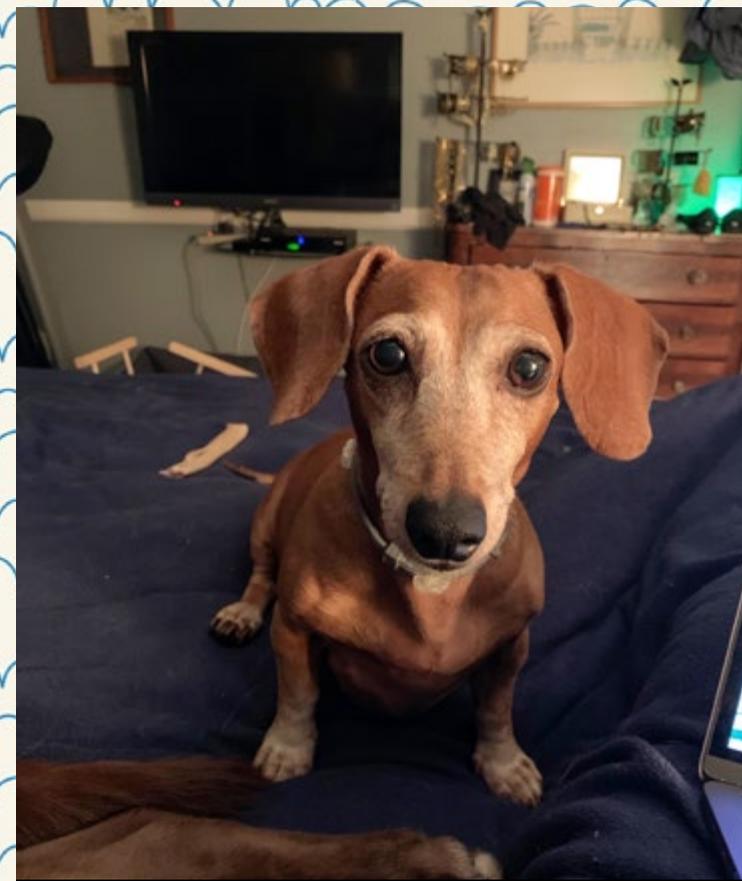
At a work related event



Hanging out in my Brooklyn living room



At my office in Manhattan



My girl Tina

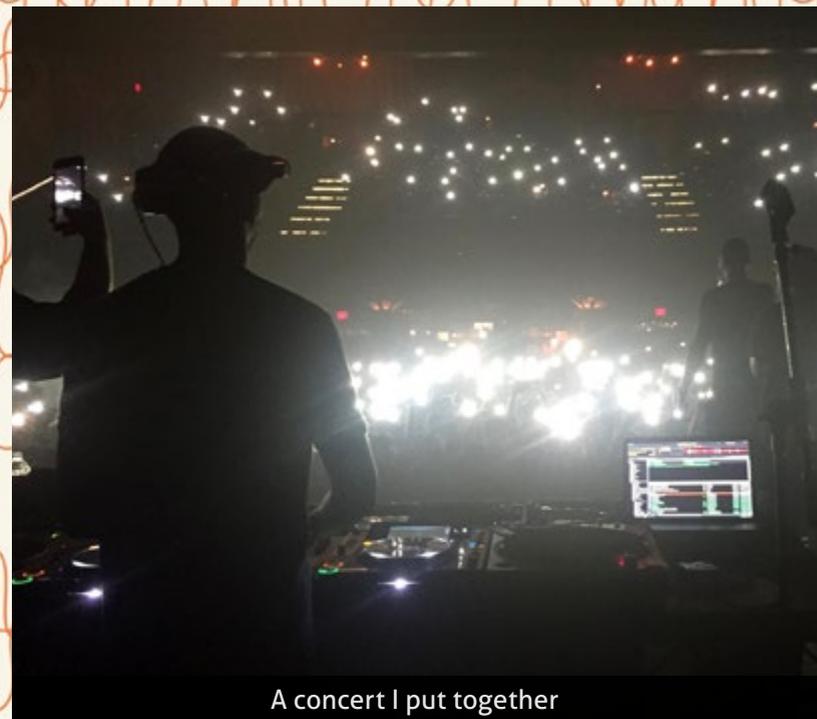


My boy Moon

# Who I Am

I was born in Manhattan, where I lived with my parents and brother until I was 13. We then moved to upstate New York, where I attended junior high and high school. I went to college on Long Island for a year and Harlem, NY, for a semester but soon got an internship at a hip-hop magazine (and later website) in Manhattan. I wound up taking a full-time editor position at the brand and have been there for 22 years now, climbing the ladder in my industries (media and music businesses). I've worked tremendously hard during my career and have had a lot of fun along the way. I love what I do. I am a competent, successful, creative, driven, compassionate, and loving person.

My life has been my job, parents, brother, friends, and dogs, Tina and Moon. I love all animals but especially dogs. I lived in Harlem for over 15 years and reside in Brooklyn now. I have gotten the opportunity to travel a good amount for work, which I have appreciated and enjoyed. I'm very happy with life, but one of the main things I want tremendously and have not been able to achieve is being a mother.



A concert I put together



Getting some computer time in



On set at a photoshoot for work



Playing around on a yacht during work



Moon and I

# Where I Live

I have lived in Brooklyn since 2014, on the first two floors of a charming brownstone. My apartment is open and spacious and I have a nice backyard/deck where I garden, barbecue, get sun, and host guests. I live in a great neighborhood. I'm within walking distance to schools, transportation, parks, and everything needed plus neighbor kids are running around. It's a nice part of Brooklyn to grow up in now. I park my Jeep Cherokee on the street in front of my apartment, which makes it easy for unloading dogs and groceries. My apartment is the perfect location. Not only do I have a quick commute to work, but I'm just two hours away from my parents, who live in Upstate New York.

In 2017, I bought the 3-bedroom house next to my parents' home so I could be close to them and have a vacation spot. It gives me the chance to spend time with my parents, get out of the city and unwind by the pool or on our family boat that we keep docked in a creek close by. I feel like I have the best of both worlds—a nice apartment in the city and a beautiful getaway in the country.



Moon in my bedroom - the doors go to the back deck



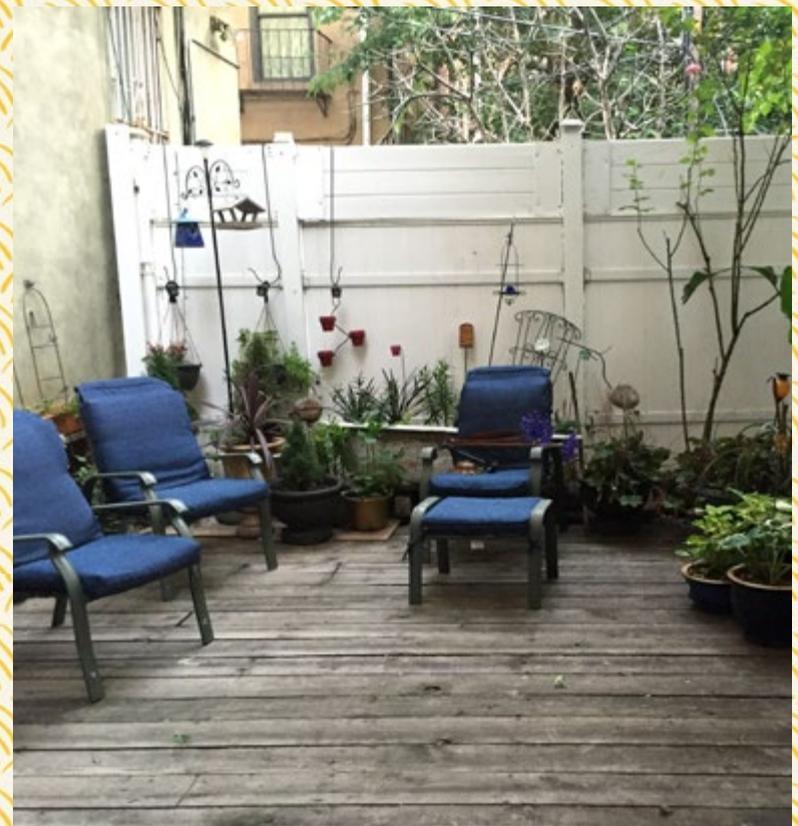
My vacation house upstate



The pool at my vacation house



The front of my building in Brooklyn



My back deck with some gardening



Tina and my brother in my living room in Brooklyn

# Meet My Family

I come from a small family of my parents, brother, and a few aunts, uncles, and cousins. My core family is my parents and my brother, who is five years younger than me. We are a close-knit family that spends a lot of time together. I couldn't ask for more wonderful parents than the ones I have. They are just good people. My dad is a jazz musician, songwriter, and real estate broker. He and my mother run their own real estate business that I help with. My brother is a video director and we have worked a lot together over the years. My brother's girlfriend is also a part of the family.

My parents will make special grandparents and eagerly await a grandchild. My brother is going to be a very cool uncle. All three of them have been extremely supportive during this adoption process. Besides the humans, we have several dogs who we love dearly. I have an eight-year-old dachshund named Tina (she's the boss) and a two-year-old lab mix named Moon. There is also my parents' morkie, Gemma, and my brother's rescue mix, Monty.



My mom and I



Mom, dad and I on a trip



My brother and his girlfriend

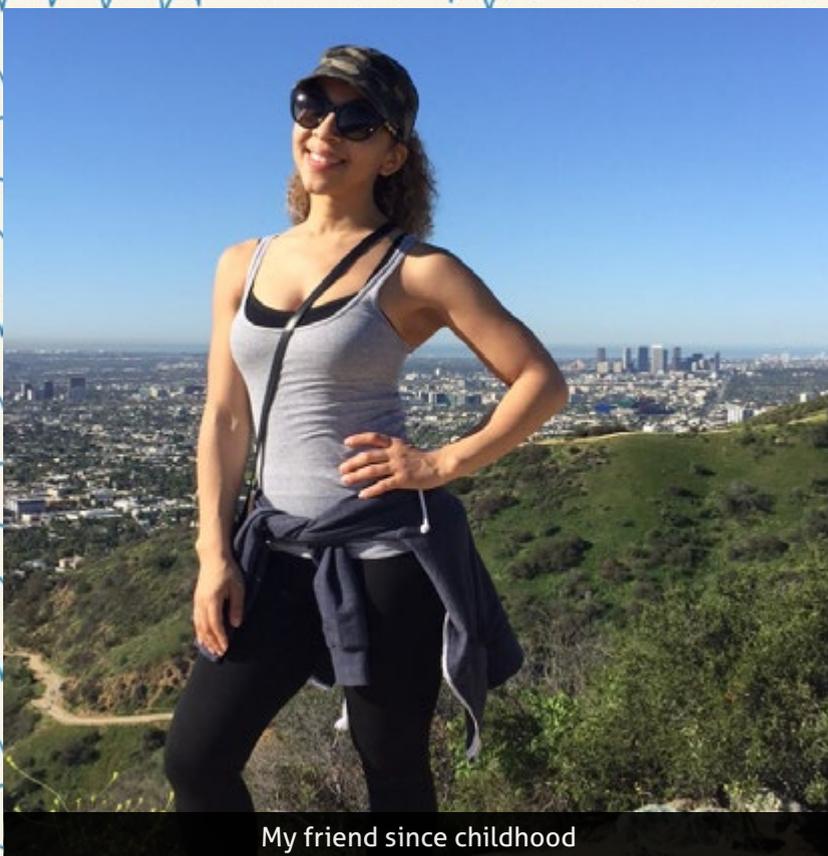


Dad, mom and their dog Gemma



Here's the core family

# These Are My Friends



My friend since childhood



My close friend Curtis (50 Cent) and I



Mom's friend who is like an aunt to me



Some of my great friends

In addition to my closest relatives and doggies, I consider several of my friends to be family. I don't have a lot of friends, but I have a core group that is very important to me. These people have played a major role in my life for years and will be involved in the life of the child I adopt. Each friend has been there for me through the good and the bad. I have long relationships with each person and value our friendships deeply.

Curtis (50 Cent) has been a sounding board for me for almost 20 years and helps me with most of my big life decisions. I have four other close girlfriends that I have been tight with for many years. We spend time in person together when we can or FaceTime or talk on the phone. A few live here in NYC and the rest live in Los Angeles. They are all very supportive of my decision to adopt and it's felt good to have them behind me.



A dear friend and her daughter

# My Free Time



I loved skydiving



Relaxing at home



Moon and I after a jog



Playing around on my brother's drums



Got to be a passenger on a friend's bike

Besides my family, friends, work, and dogs, I have a good amount of other interests. I have become a more health-conscious person in the last few years and somehow turned into a runner. I regularly jog with my dog, Moon. I also practice yoga and love most sports, adventures, and fun activities, so I am pretty open to taking part in most experiences. I believe in making the most of any situation I am in or the opportunity I am given. I also enjoy long walks, hiking, gardening, taking road trips, trying different crafts, traveling, and I occasionally volunteer to help with animals.

I love hip-hop music, which has played a significant part in my life with my job and outside of it. I've worked on hip-hop related music videos, commercials, books, and concerts. I attend shows and help mentor new hip-hop artists and young media and record business talent to assist them with their careers. I enjoy helping young people with their dreams.

# Warmest Thanks

Thank you for taking the time to look at my profile and learn about me. Please know that I have so much respect for the adoption plan you are considering for your baby. I cannot wait to be a mother and am grateful that you've taken the time to consider me for that role.

I promise that your child will have a great life with me. I will always love, support, nurture, and accept them. I will give them a healthy and fun life with every opportunity along the way. I will always be open and honest - based on what you are comfortable with - with your child about their adoption story. I promise to always show my respect for you and who you are to them and to honor your sacrifice. I look forward to the day when my dream of caring for and raising a child becomes a reality, and I truly appreciate your consideration of me as a potential adoptive parent for your child. I am interested in whatever level of openness in adoption you desire, based on what you believe will be best for you and your child. I wish you all and the love and luck possible during your next steps, and I hope you find what is right for you and your baby.



Chilling in the yard of my house upstate



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