

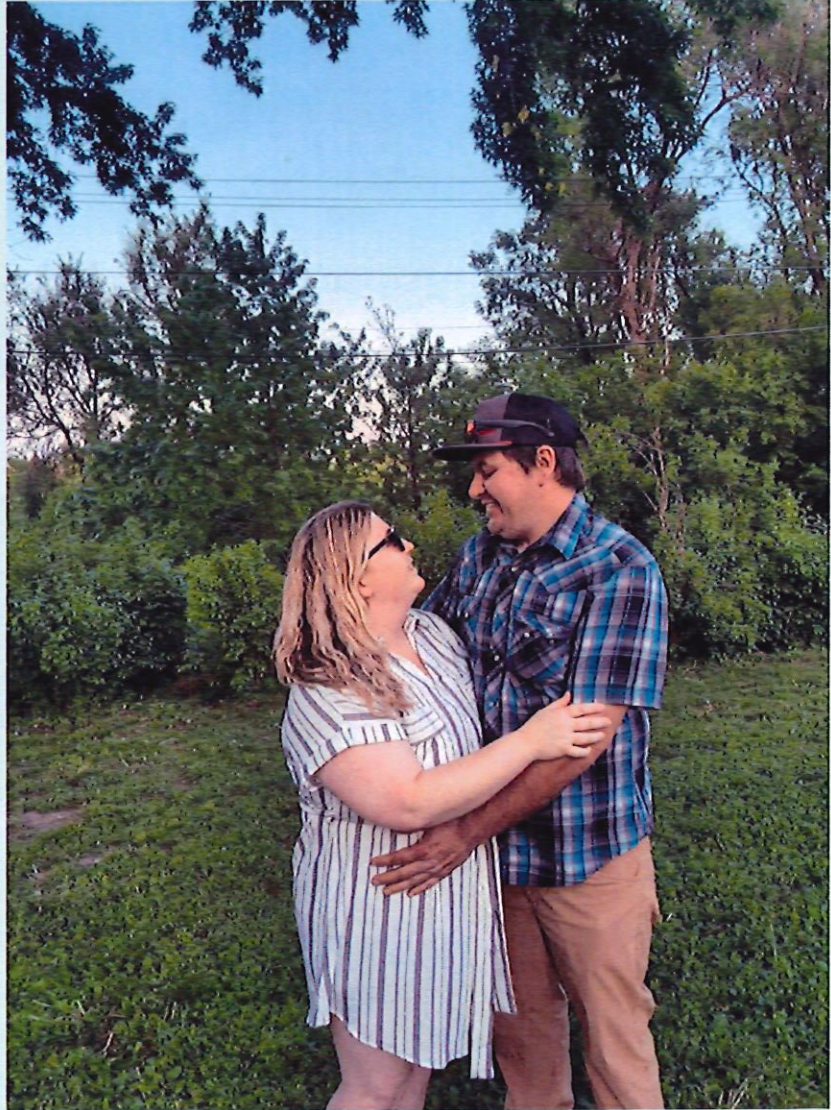
Caleb and Trisha

Hello,

We can only imagine the weight of the decision you're making. We wish that we could say something that would magically bring you peace. But the best we can do is make you a promise. If you were to choose adoption and decided to go with us, we would promise to show up every day, emotionally, physically and in every other way possible for this baby. We would love this child unconditionally. We would do everything we can to ensure this child gets what it needs to be a happy, healthy and independent person as an adult. We want to be very hands on parents and would look forward to doing fun things as a family where they can run around with cousins and just be a kid.

I (Trisha) have known since my early twenties I would not be able to conceive "naturally." It didn't take long for me to conclude that adoption would be my first choice if I wanted to be a parent in the future. I was aware people would face the hard choice you are facing, and if I was in the position to step up and care for that child that is what I wanted to do. It is what I would hope someone would do for me if the tables were turned. Caleb loves the idea of adoption and shares my belief that you do not have to be "blood" to be family. Our families are very supportive of adoption. We would be very open to an open adoption. We appreciate you taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,
Caleb and Trisha



Handwritten signatures of Caleb and Trisha.

About Trisha

Some words to describe me would be fun loving, empathetic, goofy, creative, and strong willed. For work, I am a mental health Therapist. I own a private practice, and many of my clients are children. I chose this career due to my desire to empower and to support people. Being in private practice gives me great flexibility in my personal life.

I like to be active and enjoy spending time outdoors. Camping, fishing, boating, hiking, and playing with my dogs are just a few of my favorite outdoor activities. I am an avid reader, and a board game enthusiast. I also like to play videogames when I have the time. My husband and I volunteer with local animal rescue organizations. We fostered many dogs and cats throughout the years, though we stopped fostering shortly after we adopted our cats Bagheera and Egwene.



Trisha at the Brooklyn Bridge!



Trisha gets kitten cuddles from our cats, Bagheera and Egwene. We were only fostering them at the time, but little did we know they were home.



Pig Island Bahamas! Always a good sport Trisha volunteers to lay in the sand after the guide asks if she would like to take part in a "pig trick." The next thing she knew the pig's were using her as a plate!

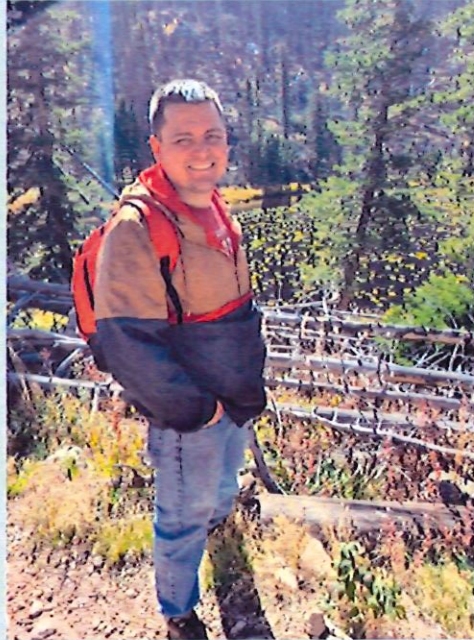
Caleb's Words

"Trisha is the most caring, kindhearted soul I have ever met. I love that she always wants to try new things and travel to new places. She is very smart and inspires me to be the best i can be. These are just some of the things I appreciate about her."

About Caleb

I am easy going, thoughtful, loving, patient, kindhearted and understanding. I like to learn how to take things apart and fix them. Currently I work as a mechanic.

My interests include football (big Chiefs fan), video games, hiking, anime, fantasy or sci-fi books, fishing, food, and animals. I also love to travel particularly to scenic places. I worked on a farm for many years and pigs are one of my favorite animals!



Caleb hiking in Rocky Mountains.



Caleb working on remodeling the kitchen.



Caleb giving pets to a pig at Pig Island, Bahamas.

Trisha's Words

"Caleb is the most supportive, silly, and patient person I know. He loves to relax and spend time with the people he cares about. He also loves a project, whether it's gardening or fixing various things around the house. He's a handy guy to have around, and that's just one of the many things I appreciate about him."

Our Crew

Our families are close and enjoy spending quality time together. We love to camp as a family during the summer and take “sibling trips.” We also spend major Holidays together. Caleb and I are both incredibly close with our siblings and cousins. We would choose them as friends if we weren’t family. This is a common dynamic in our extended family as many of the aunts and uncle on Trisha’s dad’s side all live together in a big house now that they are older. We see them regularly as well. Our family is generally supportive, and this includes adoption. Calebs parents are foster parent’s and Trisha’s brother in law is adopted. Our family is so excited to add more members.



Trish and her side of the family in Estes Park.

Our friends are a huge part of our lives. We love to have fun. We get together with our friends and family for game nights, dinners, etc. We communicate often with our friends, and we support them by being present during the hard times as well as the easy times.



Trisha, Caleb, and Caleb's side of the family at his sister's graduation.

About Our Little Family



Trisha and Caleb hiking in Estes Park.



Our home in eastern South Dakota.



Dottie dressed in her Christmas best!



Elegant Egwene posing for the camera.



Gino and his cuddle buddy Bagheera.

We married in December 2021. We have been together since 2017. Our relationship is built on mutual deep respect for one another, and our communication is a strong point. We share many of the same hobbies and interests, so spending time together is easy, fun and relaxed. We love playing board games, video games, and doing outdoor activities. We love a good zoo day, and one of the things we both look forward to about parenting is being playful and doing fun activities with our child (or children). We currently do not have any children. We strive for balance in all areas of our lives, and parenting would be no different. We believe a balanced parenting style with structure but a lot of room for individuality and support should be the goal.

More On Our Little Family



Trish and Caleb at the ocean. Trish, an animal enthusiast, loves a snorkeling outing to swim amongst the sea creatures!



Reading, and relaxing makes for a great weekend. If a "cuddle puddle" was an Olympic sport, we would be medalists. There is always more room.



We plan for this to be the baby's room!



Caleb and Trish in Central Park.



Trisha and Caleb at a Blink-182 concert in the Twin Cities.