



ZACK + JESSICA

“No matter what life throws at us, we always learn to grow from it.”



Dear friend,

Hi! Thank you for taking the time to read this. We hope that this will allow you to get a glimpse into our lives and get to know us a little bit better. We want to show you what's important to us as well as who we are. We understand that our excitement comes from a sacrifice that you are making. Please know that, if you choose us, your child will be with people who love him or her wholeheartedly and entirely, and our love will not replace the love that you have but will be in addition to. We look forward to staying connected in the future.

Thank you,

Zack, Jess + Aubrey

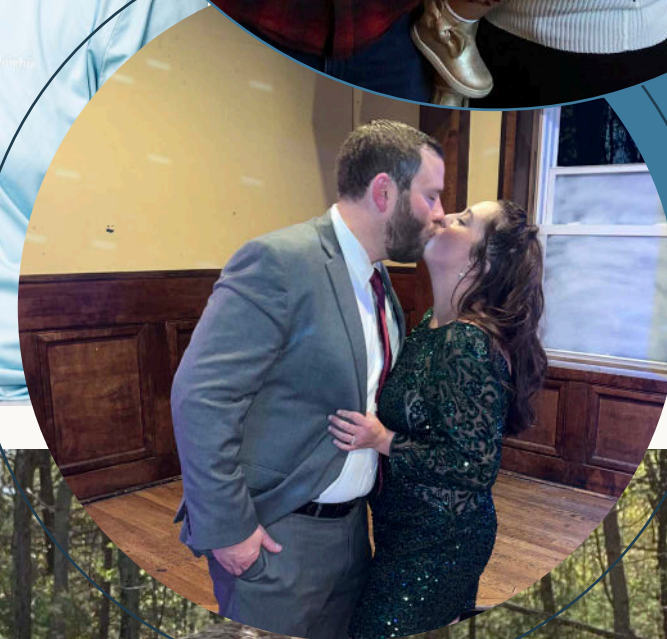


Our Story



We met at college in 2010. We met through mutual friends and soon fell for each other. **Our first date consisted of ice cream and hours upon hours of talking.** Soon after graduation, we moved into our first apartment together and rescued our lab/boxer mix named Tucker. He's the sweetest dog, who loves to hold hands and give puppy kisses.

We got married in 2015 during a hurricane! It was stressful to say the least but one of the most amazing days. For years and years, we prayed for God to grow our family and four years later, we adopted our angel baby, Aubrey. **She has been our biggest blessing.** She is full of life and sass and cannot wait to be a big sister! **We've continued to pray for one more little angel baby.** We're hoping God answers our prayers soon.



About Jessica

by Zach

Jessica is so many things that I am not, in the best ways possible. **She has it in her core to care about others and puts others before herself. I feel very supported by her, and I attribute that, in part, to how good of a communicator she is.** I also admire how much of a people person she is. She can have a conversation with anyone!

Jessica is such a great mother to Aubrey, and to our two dogs - Tucker and Remington. I see this displayed daily in how much enjoyment she gets out of time with each of them, and in return, how much they love her. **I feel very fortunate to have her as a life partner, to tackle both challenges and successes in life. She keeps me motivated.** We are such a good balance for each other.



More About Jessica

Age 33

Occupation Administrative Assistant (part-time) and Mom!

Favorite Movie Moulin Rouge

Favorite Place Snuggling on the couch with Aubrey, Zack, and the pups.

Can't Live Without Nature – I love being outside, it makes me feel at peace in the world.

My Perfect Day Waking up next to my pups, Zack and Aubrey, a LARGE cup of coffee, a walk in the woods with my family then eating ice cream on the back porch.

“Jessica is the rainbow in the rainstorm!”

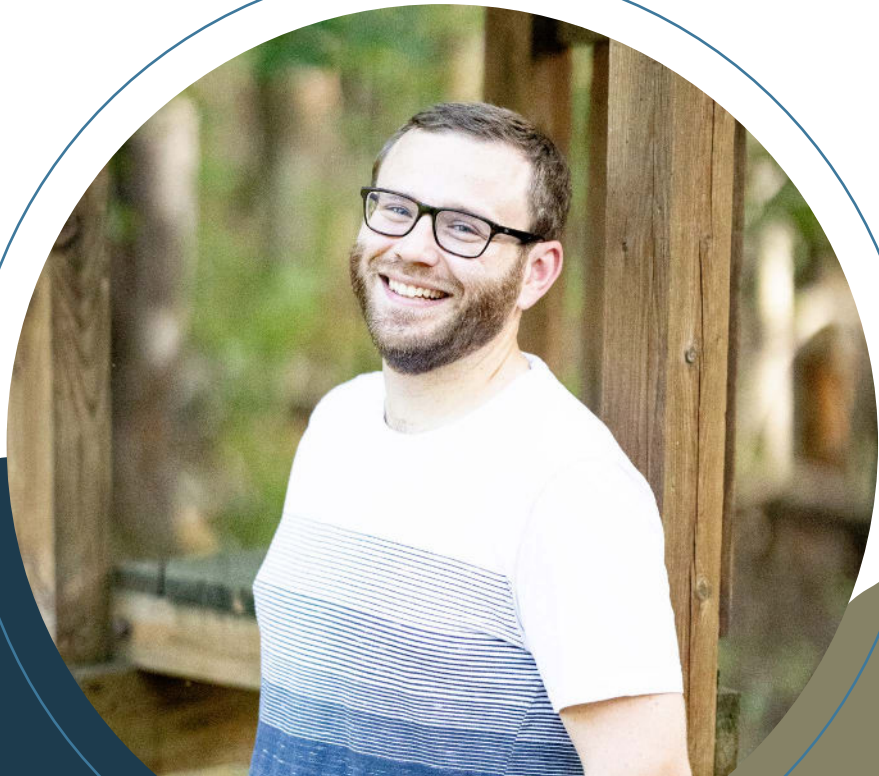
- Zack

About Zack

by Jessica

Zack is a humble, hard-working, dedicated father and husband. **He and Aubrey go out for donuts every Saturday morning. They both cherish this time and look forward to it every week!** He makes us feel safe and cared for. He gives us the confidence to take on the world and achieve big things while staying grounded.

Zack is extremely driven and motivated. When he sets a goal, he achieves it. **By working hard, he has laid the financial foundation for us to be able to grow our family.** Thanks to Zack's grandfather, Zack has always had a passion for sports. Zack's a Dallas Cowboys, Syracuse Orange, & New York Yankees fan. He and Aubrey love shooting hoops on the basketball court just about every weekend.



More About Zack

Age 33

Occupation Sales Manager

Favorite Movie Top Gun

Favorite Place At home or the beach

Can't Live Without My family and sports

My Perfect Day Going to breakfast with Aubrey, taking a walk with the family, and ending it reading a book or watching a movie together.

“He's the best dad. He's the foundation of our family and he's always there to make the tough decisions easy”

- Jess

About Aubrey

Aubrey is the sweetest little girl. She truly is our angel that we prayed and prayed for. She's a little shy but once she feels comfortable, she opens up and shows off her sassy self! She's a little ham and loves attention - a true Leo! Aubrey is incredibly smart and has a very large vocabulary. She loves to express herself by painting, crafting with playdoh, dancing, and singing. Aubrey is going to be the best big sister. She is so sincere and kind to others around her.

We were so blessed to meet her and her birthparents the day she was born. We have an amazing relationship with her birthparents and feel comfortable guiding Aubrey with her relationship with them as she continues to grow. We share pictures and messages with them every few weeks keeping in constant communication via email. We have a picture of the five of us together the day she was born hanging in her bedroom.



More About Aubrey

Age 4

Occupation Songwriter and Musical Artist

Favorite Place Her new big girl bed with her Encanto sheets (it has a fort underneath) or the park!

Can't Live Without Her voice – she's very opinionated and makes everything into a song.

My Perfect Day Waking up super early next to Mommy and Daddy, watching Bluey in bed and then playing at the pool or the park all day long.

"She's always been our little wildflower – beautiful yet spontaneous!"



Puppy kisses!



Our space-themed crib.

Our Home & Community

We live in the BEST neighborhood in the state of Virginia. We are close with most of our neighbors. It's mixed with families of all ages and races. Our neighbors next door are always making sweets for Aubrey (they make the BEST caramel popcorn). We have lots of play dates and often go for walks after dinner with a few of our neighbors and their kids. We feel very safe and loved in our neighborhood. The moms have a first day of school tradition – after the bus picks up the kids on the first day of school, we all gather at the bottom of the neighborhood and have coffee together. It's very special.



Decorating the Christmas tree!



Visiting a local farm!



Extreme movie watchers!

Our Extended Family

Jess is an only-child and is very close to both her Mom, Lynn and Dad, Todd. Aubrey adores her Nana and Pop-Pop, always baking together or making cool Lego towers. Jess has the best qualities of both her parents. She's very outgoing and inclusive like Lynn but sees the good in everyone like Todd. Every year we get the entire family together (from both sides) and host Christmas at our house. We enjoy the same meal – prime rib, twice baked potatoes, Yorkshire pudding and a big salad.

Zack has a younger brother, Jake and his Mom, Kim and Dad, Paul. Aubrey loves her Grandma and Grandpa and enjoys reading and taking long nature walks with them. Zack often gets financial and professional advice from his dad. Jess and Kim bond over their love of animals. They often take Aubrey to local farms or animal sanctuaries together.



Aubrey, Nana & Remi reading



Zack's highschool friends



Neighborhood friends

Our Friends

We are super close with our friends Tara and Trent. They have a little girl named Mya who is Aubrey's age (they are BEST FRIENDS) and they are currently trying to have one more baby.

We also host either a Friendsgiving or a New Year's Eve party with our close college friends every year. It's so much fun and is growing with all the kids!



Christmas morning



Relaxing in the shade



Nana, Pop-Pop, & Aubrey



Jess and friend, Jazmin



Aubrey and BFF, Mya



Zack and friend, Trent

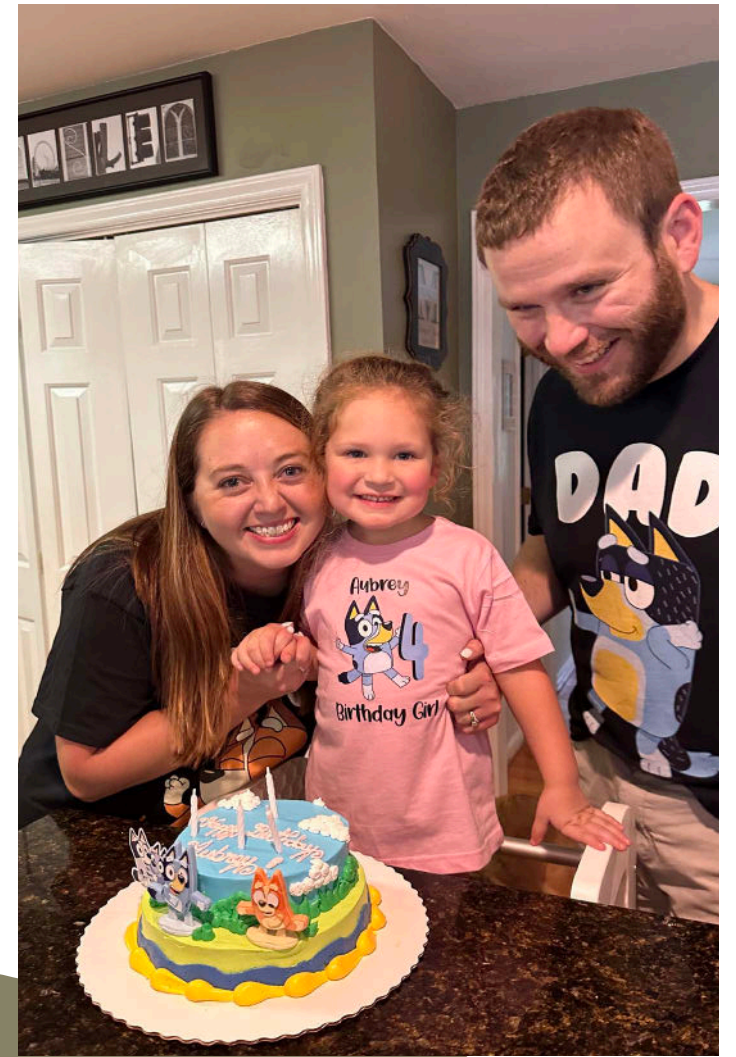
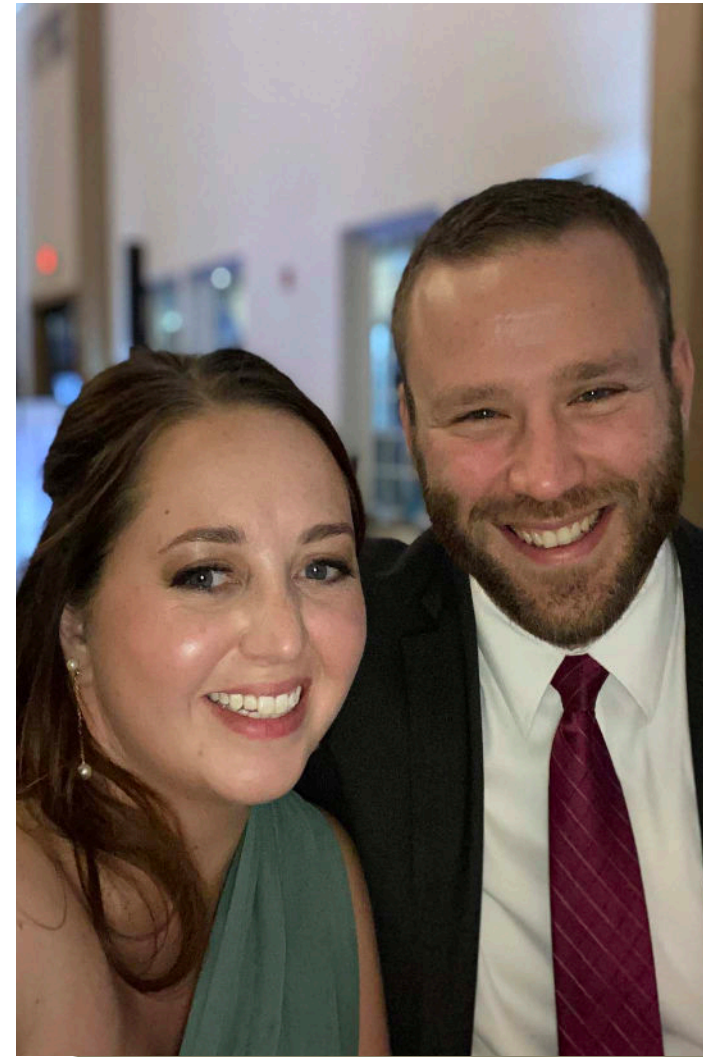
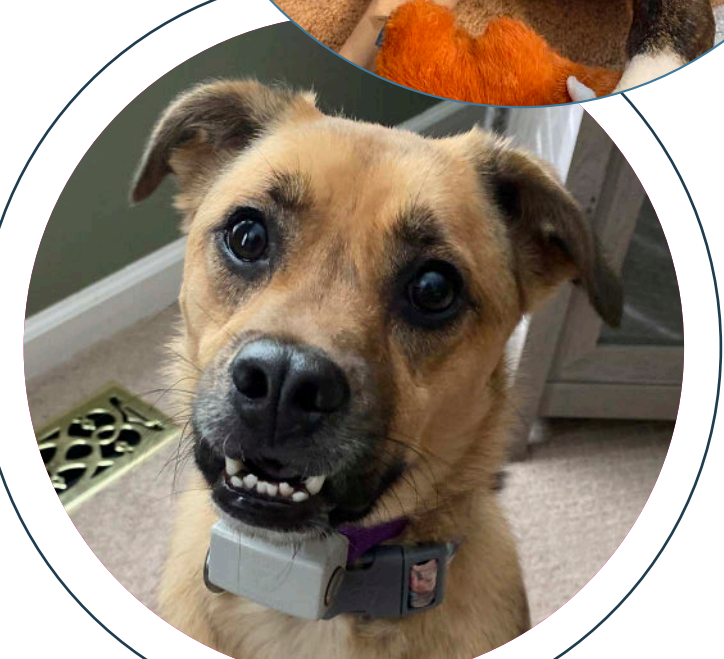
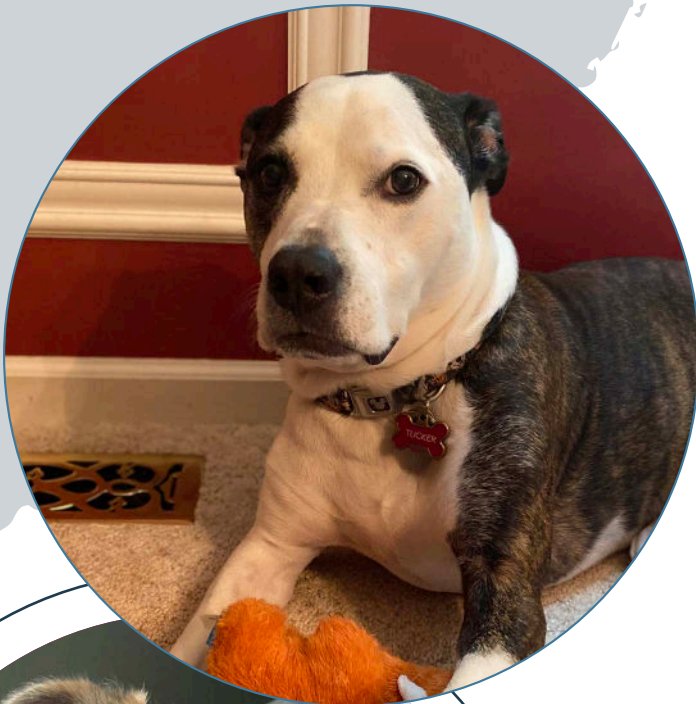
Our Dogs

Tucker – boxer/lab mix. He has a beautiful brindle and white coat. Although he's over 75lbs, he's the biggest baby. He plays hide and seek with Aubrey and loves giving her all the kisses. He loves to hold hands and is just so sweet and loveable. Since we brought her home, he's been her biggest protector and we'll catch him checking on her in the middle of the night while she's sleeping.

Remington (Remi) - shepherd/chihuahua mix. Remi is funny looking to say the least. She kind of looks like a fox with a bad underbite. Remi is around 40lbs and is naughty. She has been known to steal food off the table if you're not looking. She's very smart, sweet and loves chasing Aubrey around the house. Aubrey adores Remi and tends to boss her around since they're about the same size.



Tucker
+ Remi





♦ *Jessica has a passion and love for animals. For her 30th birthday, she spent her time volunteering at a farm sanctuary.*

♦ *Zack took his dad skydiving for Father's Day – they both have adventurous spirits.*

♦ *Aubrey is obsessed with birds and birds love her too!*



Football game with siblings

♦ *We are Methodist and attend church every Sunday. Aubrey was baptized during the pandemic.*

♦ *We got married during Hurricane Joaquin in 2015.*

Fun Facts

About Us

WE PROMISE:

to love your child wholeheartedly, respect them and let them be their true authentic selves.

to teach them self-worth and make sure they feel like they are always enough.

to help them navigate the world around them but also let them make mistakes.

to love each other and teach them boundaries, self-respect, and understanding what a healthy relationship looks and feels like.

to protect them the best we can, and to let them go into the world when they are ready, not when we're ready (because as a parent, will we ever be ready? No!).



WHY ADOPTION

I (Jessica) was born with a heart defect. We could have children, but it would be incredibly high-risk the baby and I. The medication that I'm on can cause many birth defects and abnormalities. Also, with my heart problems, we didn't want to chance our children inheriting any of our health concerns (don't worry – my doctor's say my heart won't affect the longevity of my life – still expecting to make it well into my 80's

-fingers crossed for 90's). Adoption has been on my heart since I received my pacemaker when I was 8 years old. When I was falling in love with Zack during college, I explained to him that our future probably wouldn't have me birthing children in it and asked him if that was okay. He took my hand and said we'll have kids our own way and since that day, we knew adoption was for us.

Thank you...

Thank you for considering us. We know that this is a difficult decision. Please know that whatever you decide, you have our support. At the end of the day, we want you to do what's best for you and your baby.

We can promise you, however, if you do choose us to raise your child, we promise to love him or her wholeheartedly. We will fully take them into our lives and support them in whatever they do. We will continue to pray for you and make sure your child knows who you are. Again, thank you so much for taking us into consideration. We want nothing but the best for you and your little one!

With Love,

Zack, Jess + Aubrey

