### introducing BUDDY+HEATHER





We understand the weight of the decision you're facing, and we want to assure you that we approach this journey with the utmost respect and gratitude. We believe that love is the most precious gift one can offer a child, and it's a commitment we're ready to honor every day. Our values of trust, communication, kindness, and compassion shape the foundation of our home, where your child will be nurtured, supported, and encouraged to chase their dreams. Should you choose us as adoptive parents, we will eagerly anticipate the opportunity to welcome your child into our lives and create cherished memories together. Thank you for considering us as potential parents.

#### BUDDY+HEATHER









### our journey together

Our love story began at a Halloween party where mutual friends introduced us, sparking an instant connection that has only grown stronger over time. Despite the initial challenge of a long-distance relationship, we knew we had found something special. Heather, originally from California, eventually moved to Oregon to be with Buddy. In September 2017, surrounded by our families, we exchanged vows in a small ceremony in Buddy's parents' backyard. September holds a special place in our hearts, as it marks our birthdays and our anniversary!





## MEET Heather by Buddy

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Halloween with friend's child

MEET Buddy by Heather

Buddy, aptly nicknamed for his friendly and giving nature, is a beacon of positivity and kindness. His willingness to go above and beyond for others reflects his innate capacity for fatherhood. With a smile that lights up the room and a heart as vast as the outdoors he loves, Buddy is destined to be an exceptional father. His close-knit relationship with his family and his passion for outdoor adventures set the stage for a loving and enriching childhood for your child.

**66** Buddy is a friendly, outgoing guy, with a big smile and an even bigger heart.99 – Heather

Heather embodies warmth, creativity, and a boundless love for children. From a young age, she gravitated towards caring for children, often volunteering in her church's nursery and even creating her own babysitting business cards with her dad's help. Her nurturing nature and ability to connect with kids on their level make her an incredible mother figure. Heather's dream of motherhood is deeply rooted in her, and she's eagerly awaiting the opportunity to design the nursery of her dreams for uour child.

**66** Heather has the greatest sense of humor of any person I know! ?? - Buddy

**OCCUPATION** Stylist / Fitness Instructor **FAVORITE MOVIE** Poor Things FAVORITE PLACE Outside in Nature CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT Buddy and our two pugs Minnie & Lily **MY PERFECT DAY** A sunny day at the beach or in a pool somewhere warm! **OCCUPATION** Construction coordinator for Film & Television FAVORITE MOVIE Wayne's World FAVORITE PLACE The top of a mountain **CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT** Heather and outdoor activities **MY PERFECT DAY** Spending a sunny day laying next to my wife on our paddleboards while floating on a calm lake!



Buddy with friend's newborn

### OUR HOME community

Nestled in a vibrant city in Oregon known for its family-friendly amenities, our home radiates warmth and hospitality. Heather's eye for design has transformed our home into a cozy haven filled with natural light and welcoming spaces. Our community is a close-knit one, where block parties and neighborhood gatherings foster a sense of belonging and connection. A close community has always been important to us, and we feel fortunate to have created that here. We're excited to share this supportive environment with your child, surrounded by parks, bike trails, and outdoor activities, providing endless opportunities for fun and exploration.

Additionally, we're in the process of finishing our basement, which will serve as a family TV/playroom. We're eagerly anticipating the chance to create a nursery inspired by our honeymoon in the Caribbean. From the sandy beaches to the lush palm trees and vibrant colors, we aim to infuse the space with the same sense of tranquility and wonder we experienced during our travels. It will be a sanctuary where your child can feel safe, loved, and encouraged to explore their imagination.



Backyard wedding shower



At home with pugs



Our home



Buddy and Heather at home





# OUR **DOGS**

Minnie and Lily, our two pugs, are cherished members of our family. Rescued through a pug rescue organization, they bring boundless joy and companionship into our lives. With their gentle nature and loving demeanor, they're sure to form a special bond with your child, offering comfort and companionship throughout their journey.

# **Supportive** FAMILIES



Us with Buddy's parents

Both of us are fortunate to have families who embrace us with love and support. Heather's parents and brothers, along with their families, reside in California, where holiday gatherings and shared experiences strengthen family bonds. Buddy's parents and sister, now living in North Carolina, maintain close connections through frequent communication and visits, eagerly anticipating the addition of a new family member.



Heather with parents and brothers



Buddy with Dad and nephew



Heather with Buddy's parents



Heather with her brothers



#### Us with Buddy's family

# circle

Here in Oregon, we're fortunate to be surrounded by a closeknit circle of friends, many of whom have children of their own. From shared adventures on group trips to cozy evenings spent by the fireplace, our friends eagerly anticipate the opportunity to welcome a new member into our community. We can't wait to witness our children forming lasting friendships and experiencing the joys of childhood together.







Heather and her best friend



Heather with girlfriends

### why adoption

Adoption has been an integral part of our family plan from the beginning. Inspired by Heather's brother, who was adopted, we understand that love transcends biological connections. After navigating challenges with fertility treatments, we wholeheartedly embraced adoption as our path to parenthood. We firmly believe that every child deserves a loving and supportive home, and we're excited about the opportunity to grow our family through adoption. Heather with her brother who was adopted



### WE promise



### CELEBRATING DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

In our home, we celebrate diversity and strive to foster an inclusive environment. Through active participation in community events and support for organizations promoting equality, we are dedicated to instilling these values in our family. Regardless of your child's racial or cultural background, we are fully committed to honoring and embracing their heritage, nurturing their sense of identity every step of the way. We want to assure you that you will always hold a special place in your child's story. Our commitment to maintaining an open and honest relationship with you is unwavering, respecting your desires for involvement in your child's life. Your child will grow up knowing the depth of your love and the significance of their adoption journey. We promise to provide a nurturing and supportive environment where your child can thrive and flourish, surrounded by unconditional love and encouragement every step of the way.





<sup>66</sup> Family is family, whether it's the one you start out with, the one you end up with, or the family you gain along the way.<sup>99</sup>







Heather with girlfriends



- Buddy is a Licensed helicopter pilot
- Heather studied pottery in Copenhagen, Denmark
- Buddy climbed the highest Mountain in the US
- Heather travels to many beautiful places for work
- Buddy builds movie sets as a career
- Heather has an artificial heart valve, but is extremely healthy!
- Buddy has memorized a library of Dad jokes
- Heather has an amazing close group of girlfriends from High School



Heather at work



Your child's roots are precious, and we believe in honoring and cherishing them. We embrace the idea of your child knowing their heritage and staying connected to you for life. Should you wish to pass on any cherished traditions, we'd be deeply honored to carry them forward. Thank you for investing your time in getting to know us. We're genuinely excited about the prospect of building a meaningful connection with you, should you choose us as adoptive parents for your child!

Warmest regards,

BUDDY+HEATHER