

Jenny
AND
ALEX





*We are Alex and Jenny.
We have wanted to
grow our family for a
long time, and we are
excited to introduce
ourselves to you.*

WE LIVE IN KANSAS CITY, MO

with our two dogs. We are close to downtown, but we still see deer in our backyard. Alex is the general manager of a restaurant close to our house and Jenny teaches 6th grade in the public school system.

We value education and we believe in treating others as you want to be treated. We enjoy traveling and spending time outdoors hiking with our dogs. Our family loves to play games, cook together, and watch movies.

We can't wait to be parents; we have so much love to give. We have an amazing support system of family and friends that are so excited to have a new little one to love on.



»»»» THANKS FOR TAKING THE TIME TO GET TO KNOW US!



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How WE MET



WE HAD WORKED TOGETHER FOR A FEW YEARS AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT, but didn't know each other well. Alex was a cook and Jenny was a server/ bartender, but had never really talked. One night at a friend's birthday party, we really hit it off when Jenny brought Alex outside for some star gazing and to show off her constellation skills. The next summer Jenny planned a really long road trip to see the Rocky Mountains, to "test" our compatibility. Road trips are something she grew up with and are important to her, you learn a lot about a person while on the road!

Two and a half years into our relationship, we got engaged on another road trip to Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado after a beautiful day of hiking and exploring. We were married the next year at a little chapel surrounded by friends and family. We have been married for seven years and together for 11.

TRAITS WE VALUE:

- A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR
- LAID BACK • WILLING TO HELP
- EASY TO TALK TO

ROSE GARDEN PORTLAND OREGON



OUR FAVORITE Things

favorite hobby

JENNY: Hiking

ALEX: Woodworking

favorite seasonal activity

JENNY: Carving pumpkins

ALEX: Being outside in Spring

favorite animal

JENNY: Wolf

ALEX: Bear

favorite vacation spot

JENNY: Anywhere with mountains

ALEX: Rocky Mountain National Park

favorite TV show

BOTH: Parks and Rec

what you like to collect

BOTH: Dessert recipes



ALEX'S PERFECT DAY: SLEEP IN • GO FOR A WALK • AND EAT AMAZING FOOD!

All About Alex: The thing I love most about Alex is that he is willing to try just about anything. He loves learning about other's interests and always puts in a genuine effort to understand.

I also love that we are partners in all we do. We make big decisions by walking together and talking it out. We have spent many walks over the last few years hoping to become parents, planning out what kind of parents we want to be, and imagining our future with children. Alex has talked about playing with a child in the backyard and teaching them all about sports. He can't wait to take a child to see a sports game, teach them how to ride a bike, and tinker around with them in the woodshop. He is amazing at his job and his staff appreciates his patience and fairness.

»»»»» ALEX IS SO KIND AND RESPECTFUL, I KNOW HE WILL BE AN AMAZING FATHER.

Meet ALEX

WORKING ON A NEW PROJECT



GINGERBREAD HOUSE TRADITION



Meet JENNY

JENNY'S PERFECT DAY: GO TO THE BOOKSTORE • TAKE A HIKE WITH ALEX AND THE PUPS • AND ENJOY SOME ICE CREAM!

All About Jenny: Jenny is a sweet, attentive, and caring person. She is able to apply these qualities as a teacher. She loves her job and is amazing at it! She cares deeply for all of her students, and I have a lot of respect for her ability to remember little details about each of them.

Seeing her interact with children, whether it's her students or our family, affirms my belief that she will be an excellent mom. She treats people with respect and gives kids space to just be kids. Jenny will create an environment of openness and adventure. She looks forward to baking cookies and reading with our kids every night.

JENNY IS INCREDIBLY FUNNY. SHE ALWAYS MAKES ME LAUGH AND CAN FIND A POSITIVE IN ANY SITUATION. In short, Jenny is my best friend. She and I have been together for over 10 years. I look forward to spending the rest of my life with her and growing our little family.

NEPHEW QUINN GOOSIN AROUND




FAVORITE SPOT TO READ





*We live in Kansas City,
Missouri and we love it here!*

We are within a few hours of most of our family members and there is so much to do. We live near the river and there are a lot of walking and biking trails near our house. Kansas City also has a great zoo and an art museum. In the summer, we enjoy wandering at the farmer's market on the weekends.

WHEN WE STARTED LOOKING FOR A HOUSE, WE KNEW THAT WE WOULD NEED  a big kitchen, a large fenced yard for the dogs and future kiddos, and a deck so that Alex could grill. We have a large veggie garden and we have planted fruit trees and berry bushes around the yard. Inside, our house is full of books, musical instruments and the walls are covered in photographs of our families and our adventures.

 **THIS IS THE HOME**
We plan to raise our family in.



Why we love KC!



**KIDS BOOK COLLECTION ON
ALEX'S HOMEMADE BOOKSHELF**

We love going to **PENGUIN PARK** because it has a great playground and walking trails.

We live near the **LIBRARY** and it offers many activities for families.

The **KC ZOO** is amazing because there's so much to see!

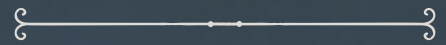
Kansas City has **THREE SPORTS TEAMS** that we love to cheer for.

Our **NEIGHBORHOOD** is a great place to walk and see wildlife.

**BAKING
COOKIES**



FAMILY TRADITIONS



One tradition that Jenny's family has is Friday night karaoke. She has a big, loud family who are singers and storytellers. When we visit, we always eat too much and play games.

Alex's big family tradition is we always dress up as clowns for the Cole Camp Fair. This is a tradition Alex's great grandfather started in the 1940's.



FAMILY GAME NIGHT SHENANIGANS

Meet
OUR
LOVED
ONES



ALEX'S FAMILY WILL BE SUPER EXCITED

for us to bring a child into

their lives, it will be the first grandbaby! Alex's family includes his parents and younger brother. They both live about an hour and a half away and we try to get together every couple months. We spend all of the holidays and birthdays together. We also occasionally go to see one of the local Kansas City sports teams play with family as well.



JENNY'S FAMILY ALSO CAN'T WAIT FOR A NEW GRAND BABY.

Jenny's parents have

three grandchildren already, (Malachi 14, Quinn 3, Elias 1) who call them Big Dean and Ama. Jenny's three younger siblings are located in Oregon, Arkansas, and Kansas. We really enjoy any time we can spend with them, like Thanksgiving and our New Year's gathering at our house. Jenny's parents have an amazing deck and backyard and like to host summer gatherings as well.



JENNY'S BROTHER DOMINICK AND HIS FAMILY



JENNY'S SISTER ABBY & HER FAMILY

JENNY'S YOUNGEST BROTHER JAMESON & HIS FAMILY



ALEX WITH HIS FAMILY AT THE COLE CAMP FAIR



WE LOVE OUR FAMILY!!!

SCOUT



CAMPING TRIP WITH THE PUPS!



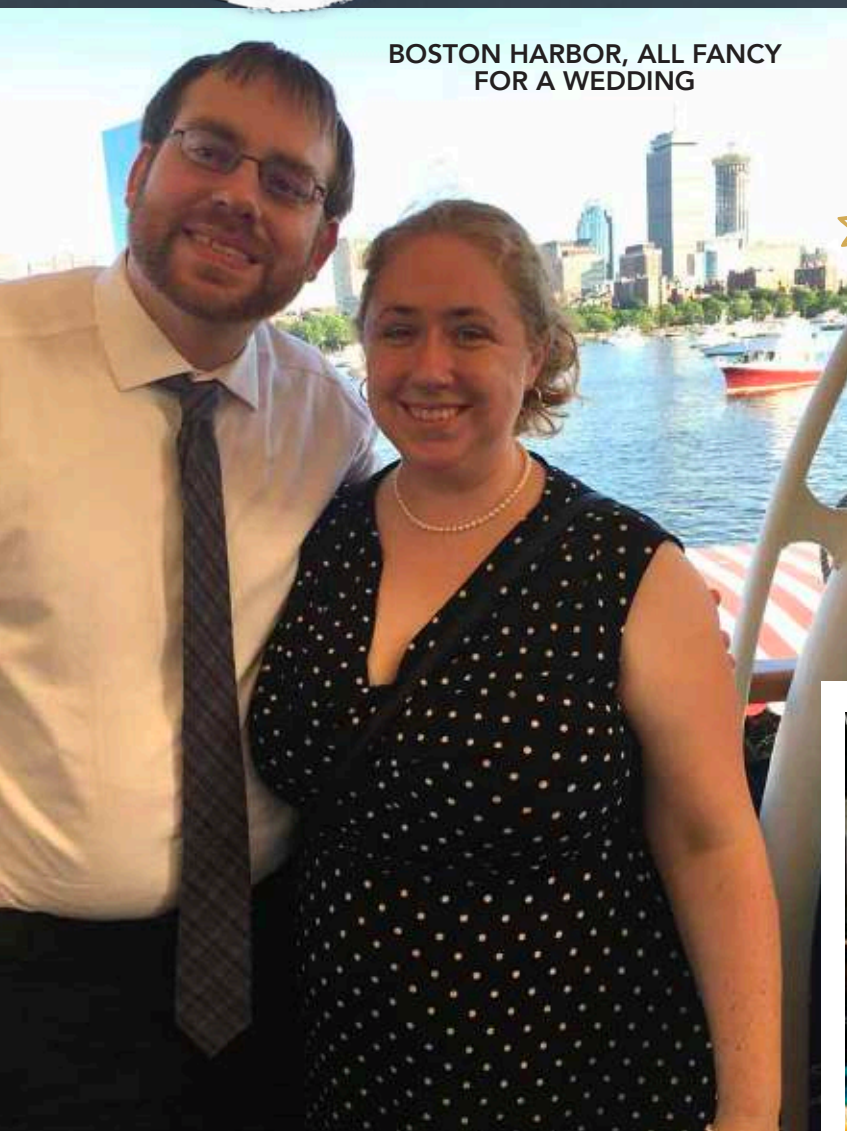
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Our dogs, Scout and Tsunami, frequently join us on our hiking and camping adventures. They are 11 and 10, but are still very active. In the last year, they have helped us train four foster puppies for a local no-kill shelter.

BOTH DOGS LOVE PLAYING WITH OUR FRIENDS' KIDS AND THEY ARE BOTH LAID-BACK AND GOOD NATURED.

BOSTON HARBOR, ALL FANCY FOR A WEDDING



WE TREASURE

TRAVELING AND HOSTING FAMILY

We really enjoy traveling. We usually camp and hike on our trips, especially if there are waterfalls in the area!

We also love hosting family events at our house because we like to gather everyone together and feed them. We can't wait to share that love with a child.



One of Jenny's sillier ideas was to paint a mural on the basement walls for Alex's man cave.



We hope this has given you an idea of the kind of life we can offer a child. If you choose us to parent your child, we promise to love your child unconditionally, keep them safe, and encourage them in all that they do. **WE WOULD LOVE TO INCLUDE YOU IN THE CHILD'S LIFE IN ANY WAY THAT YOU WOULD LIKE,** whether that means pictures, frequent visits or anything in between.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ THROUGH OUR PROFILE
AND GOOD LUCK ON YOUR JOURNEY.