



michelle & jeff



why adoption?

When we first got married 16 years ago we planned to start a family. We were young and finishing graduate school together, then after a couple of fun adventures we decided it was time. Unfortunately, we had a difficult road finally coming to the realization that we wouldn't be able to have kids on our own. Having always wanting a family, we realized adoption would be a wonderful opportunity to share our adventures and passion for life. We look forward to the many more adventures to come with our newest family member.

the two of us



We met roughly 22 years ago at a friend's house in our early twenties. It was surprising we hadn't crossed paths since we grew up in the same city, graduated from the same high school, and had multiple mutual friends. Our first date was to a Halloween party; typical of Jeff's fun playful sense of humor that he dressed up as the Crocodile Hunter and Michelle was a modest cow girl. We balance each other out well as Jeff is very outgoing seeking anything fun while Michelle is great at organizing the fun and handling the day to day household things. We share the same love for the outdoors; taking trips to camp, snowboard, go off-roading in the desert, go boating and explore new locations internationally. We've pushed each other to advance in our careers and recently purchased a new home by the beach.



michelle

I've lived in California all of my life; most of my family is here. I've worked in finance & accounting most of my career and am currently at a large tech company going on 15 years. I've played team sports all my life; softball, basketball and mainly soccer which I still play today in 3 women's leagues. I like to stay active; workout, travel, hike, bike, snowboard, swim at the beach, off-road in our toys, camp, boat, work in my garden and just about anything outdoors. My close friends describe me as; athletic, thoughtful, fun, adventurous, one who takes initiative, someone who brings people together, kind, loving, and focused.







jeff

I grew up in California as an only child from divorced parents. I bounced around a bit spending most of my time in Monrovia where I graduated high school. I currently work in Marketing for a large tech company. I grew up loving the outdoors, spending lots of time camping in the mountains and in the desert. I have spent a good deal of my life racing and riding dirt bikes. I enjoy Soccer, snowboarding, taking our boat out and bringing our dogs everywhere we go.





we are family

We feel very fortunate to be surrounded by lots of family and friends. Within only a few miles we have Jeff's mom & 2 aunts. Within 25 miles we have Michelle's mom, sister's family, numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Our dad's and their families are a little further away but visit often. We are also surrounded by what we consider our extended family which is our close friends from high school, college, soccer, dirt biking, and neighbors who we see all the time.







home & community

We are 1 mile from the beach in a city famous for surfing and family activities. There is a huge central park, farmers markets, parades, firework shows, bond fires, bike path and airshows. Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, the zoo and many other theme parks are a quick drive to visit. The desert and mountains are about a 2 hour drive for a quick getaway.





travels





water fun

We enjoy the beach, water sports and boating. A few highlights are scuba diving in Belize, snorkeling in Hawaii, wake boarding on Lake Havasu, paddle boarding in Mammoth and sailing in Greece. Also, the lakes and river in the Arizona/Nevada region have been a frequent destination since we started dating. In 2020, we bought our first boat which we've taken it both the ocean and river.





land adventures



We love exploring the desert and mountains in our side by side, quad and dirt bike. We travel together with the dogs and close friends in the dirt bike club, cheering Jeff on during his dirt bike races. We also enjoy the mountains for snowboarding, mountain bike riding, fishing and hiking. Most of our land adventures take place in our camping trailer with family and friends.





we promise...

to let you play with the neighbor kids on the block

to take you to Disneyland

to go swimming in the ocean with you

to make s'mores with you by the campfire

to read you bed time stories

to do homework with you

to get dirty in the mud with you

to fly a kite at the beach

to buy you ice cream

to watch Saturday morning cartoons

to jam out to your favorite toons

to support you in the hobbies you enjoy

to take you to swim lessons

to get you the cool new shoes everyone's wearing

to encourage you when you're down

