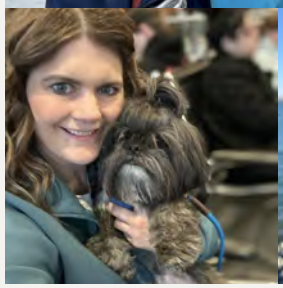
Lisa

Hey Mama!

I'm Lisa... or "Little Lisa" as my friends call me. I'm so grateful you're here and excited to share a peek into my wonderfully full, sometimes chaotic, always love-filled life. Becoming a parent isn't just a hope for me, it's a calling I feel deep in my heart.



As someone who was adopted, I have a special connection to adoption and am forever thankful to my birth mom for her incredible gift.

As a licensed veterinary technician and clinic manager, I've spent over two decades caring for animals and comforting the people who love them. I'm the one coworkers come to with questions or when something breaks... because they know I'll figure it out. Problem-solving, nurturing, and finding calm in the chaos? That's my thing. I'm grateful to have a job where I manage a wonderful team and create my own schedule — something I'm really looking forward to, especially when I become a mom and have a little one waiting for me at home.

I'm blessed with a strong, loving village — near and far — who will guide me, cheer me on, and pour love into a new little one.

Tidbits & Trivia

Occupation Licensed Veterinary Technician/Manager

Movie A good comedy! I love to laugh and have a good time.

Food Asian and Mexican

Holiday Christmas and Halloween

Vacation Give me a beach and I'm in heaven! Every summer I head to St. Augustine, Florida with friends and family for sun, sand, and laughter. I've also loved big adventures to Australia, Rwanda, and Zanzibar!

Hobbies I love staying active, whether it's biking, walking the dogs, exploring art walks, or taking a trip to the zoo. I'm always up for a good adventure and love to travel. At home, I'm usually cooking, baking, playing with my friend's kids, and of course sneaking in lots of puppy snuggles.

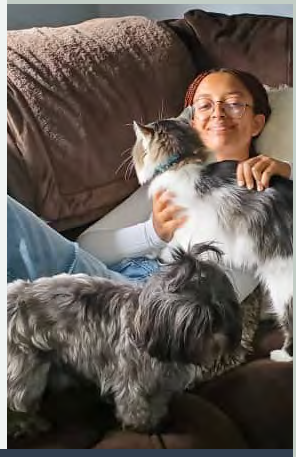
Get to Know Me...

As told by my niece, Marie

In Kindergarten I was tasked with writing a letter about a family member. Naturally, I decided to write about my Aunt Lisa. I don't remember much about what I wrote but I do remember my thesis: "My Aunt Lisa is awesome." Despite it being almost 14 years since that assignment, my opinion has not changed.

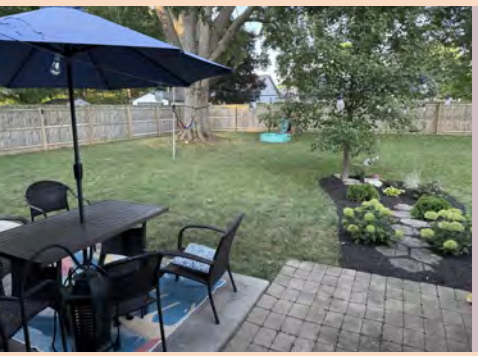
My Aunt Lisa is awesome, and any child in her care will be surrounded with love, laughter, and unwavering support.

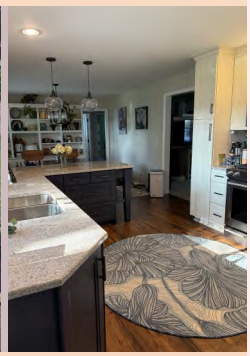
Growing up, I always loved spending time at my aunt's house. As an only child, I often didn't have many people to play games with, but without fail Aunt Lisa would always have something we could do together. Between baking, taking trips to the park near her house, and playing with her dogs there was never a dull moment with her. Growing up, I often felt discouraged from trying new things, but Aunt Lisa always made me feel included and engaged. Even in my early teenage years, when I was grumpy and albeit stubborn, she would listen to my problems and offer support when needed. My aunt is someone I can trust and rely on. This is something I can say with certainty because of the continued unconditional support, encouragement, and love she has shown to me since I was born. I am writing this to not only express my unequivocal support of my aunt throughout this process but also my steadfast belief that any child in her care will be loved and supported unconditionally.



Home Sweet Home

My home is my happy place, filled with both peace and play. Out back is a yard made for childhood adventures. It is quiet and calm most of the time, except when my dogs decide to give the neighborhood squirrels a piece of their mind. There's plenty of space to run, toss a ball, chase bubbles, or set up a sprinkler on a hot summer day. My friends' kids love running around playing tag, collecting sticks and "treasures," and helping me plant flowers in the spring. Inside, the heart of my home is the kitchen. I renovated it from top to bottom five years ago, creating a bright, welcoming space perfect for baking cookies together or decorating birthday cupcakes.





The neighborhood is safe, friendly, and full of fun. Friends are right down the street, and there are plenty of kids riding bikes down the street. There's a park, playground, and pool just a ten-minute walk away, and bike trails are right at the end of my block. Community events, like trips to the fairgrounds or watching fireworks on the 4th of July, are all nearby. Great schools and a top-rated preschool are just around the corner, although I plan to choose a smaller, highly rated one for a more personal learning experience. I also have a spot saved at a top-rated daycare and preschool that's welcoming, educational, and full of fun activities to give a child a great start before kindergarten.

Family, Friends, and a Whole Lot of Heart

Family and friends are the heartbeat of my life, and I'm lucky to have an incredible support system that's both near and far. My dad has always been one of my biggest influences, teaching me to be resourceful, independent, and to never give up when I set my mind to something. My brother-in-law is another wonderful role model in my life, and I've loved watching him be a loving partner to my sister and an amazing dad to my niece. Even though my family is spread across Minnesota, New York, and Africa, we're closely knit, making holidays, summer visits, and spontaneous get-togethers extra special. My sister and her family in Rwanda never miss a chance to come home for extended visits, and they're beyond excited to welcome a new little one into our lives. My sister has already promised to come stay for a few months once the baby arrives.

I also have a "local family" made up of my closest friends, most of whom I've known for decades. We celebrate birthdays, holidays, and even the little moments like fireworks on the 4th of July, where this year I walked down to the end of my street with my friend's 4-year-old to watch her eyes light up at the sky. Our group loves sharing holiday meals I've cooked, taking trips together, and dressing up for Halloween (dogs included!). They've been my rock, my cheerleaders, and my partners in making memories, and they're all so excited to welcome a child into our circle. Together, we can't wait to surround a child with warmth, adventure, and the security of knowing they have a big, loving team in their corner.

St. Augustine, Florida with my family

Halloween Parade with Friends

Babysitting my bestie's daughter, Isla

Snowy family time in Minnesota

Catching a sunset with friends in the Outer Banks

Family get together with Mom's family

Safari adventures in Africa

Christmas with Dad's family

Zoo fun with Everett

Whether it's with my family across the world or friends right down the street, I'm surrounded by people who love deeply, laugh often, and show up for each other.

Four-Legged Family

My home is full of wagging tails, purring companions, and endless love. I share my life with four dogs and two cats, most of whom are rescues, each with their own quirky personalities and hearts of gold. Kody, my oldest at 12, is a laid-back Shih Tzu who adores people and children. Benny, a 10-year-old Shih Tzu mix, is a little eccentric but a total sweetheart. He was rescued from the streets and has flourished into a loyal companion. Gryffin, my 6-year-old mama's boy, loves to travel, is endlessly happy and friendly, and adores kids. Jovee, my 2-year-old Shih Tzu, is pure joy and playfulness, always ready with a ball in her mouth and a smile for everyone she meets.

My two cats, Sheldon and Wally, are adventurous and affectionate, always curious and ready for attention. Together, my furry family fills my home with energy, laughter, and love, and they're already excited to welcome a new little human into our pack.

Dear Birthparent,

First, thank you from the bottom of my heart for taking the time to read my story. I know you are facing one of the most important and emotional decisions anyone can make, and I want you to know that I see the strength, courage, and love it takes to even consider adoption.

As someone who was adopted myself, I understand firsthand what a profound gift adoption is. It shaped my life in beautiful ways, and it has given me an immense respect for the selflessness and love behind this choice. Please know that your decision will always be honored and spoken of with gratitude, respect, and love.

I am excited to become a parent, and though I will be raising a child on my own, I will never be alone in the journey. I am surrounded by a close, supportive group of family and friends who cannot wait to welcome a little one with open arms. Together, we will make sure your child grows up feeling cherished, supported, and celebrated for exactly who they are.

My promise is to provide a home filled with love, laughter, and curiosity. I will encourage your child to explore the world, just as I was lucky to do while growing up, and to embrace every bit of their cultural heritage and identity with pride. They will know where they come from, they will know how loved they are by you, and they will know that their story began with courage and compassion.

I PROMISE A CHILDHOOD FULL OF ADVENTURE, LEARNING, AND JOY... THE KIND THAT COMES FROM BEDTIME STORIES, SILLY TRADITIONS, FAMILY TRIPS, AND THE EVERYDAY MAGIC OF BEING LOVED UNCONDITIONALLY.

Thank you again for considering me. No matter what you decide, I want you to know you are making this choice out of love, and that love will forever be a part of your child's life.

With gratitude and warmth,

Lisa

Love Led Me Here

Adoption has always been a part of my story. As someone who was adopted, I know firsthand the incredible gift it can be. My life was shaped by the love and courage of a mother who wanted the very best for me, and I carry that with me every single day.

Life did not take me on the traditional path to building a family, but it made me certain that adoption is how I am meant to become a parent. This is truly my dream to welcome a little one into my life. My greatest hope is to provide a child with a safe and joyful home where they feel deeply loved, supported, and celebrated for exactly who they are.

I will surround them with laughter, encouragement, and opportunities to grow and discover the world, while honoring their story and heritage with pride.

My home is ready, my loved ones are ready, and most importantly, my heart is open.

Every family begins with a story, and I can't wait to write this next chapter with

you

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