

Andy & Stefen



Adoption Booklet

Pictures top to bottom: 2018 in Waukesha for Stefen's residency graduation;
2022 Thanksgiving in Door County with Family; 2023 Mount Cook, New
Zealand

Our Story



Found!

We're from opposite sides of the country, but still managed to find one another while Stefen was completing his residency to be a family medicine physician in December of 2016. While both of were very busy working very different jobs they were living together within three months of dating.

Pictures top to bottom: Fall of 2023 outside a winery in NZ; Summer 2018 in the mountains near Denver, CO; Summer 2018 at Mt Vesuvius, Italy.

Our Adventures



Here you can see us after one of our hikes that took us to one of the highest points in Wellington, NZ.



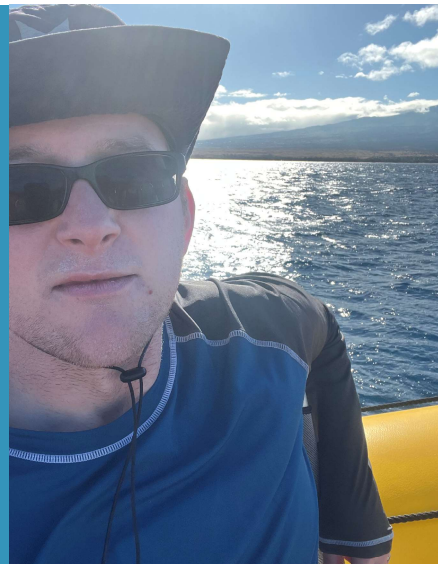
Above you can see us poking out of a home in Hobbiton, one of the many locations we visited where the Lord of the Rings movies were filmed.



Italy

In the summer of 2018 we traveled to Europe and visited the countries of Iceland, Ireland, Italy, France, Switzerland, Monaco and Vatican City. Here is a picture of us as we braved the public transportation along the rocky terrain of Sorrento, Italy.

Meet Andy



Easy going /Loving

Andy was born and raised in the Midwest. Much of Andy's time is currently spent on completing his MBA in Human Resources. His favorite foods include pizza, sushi and almost anything with peanut butter. During his free time you can find Andy gardening, attempting DIY house projects, kayaking or watching TV shows on Netflix or MAX.

Pictures top to bottom: All Fall 2023 in New Zealand. Hike to Lake Mavora;
On top of a glacier; On boat for snorkeling off Maui in Hawaii.

Meet Stefen

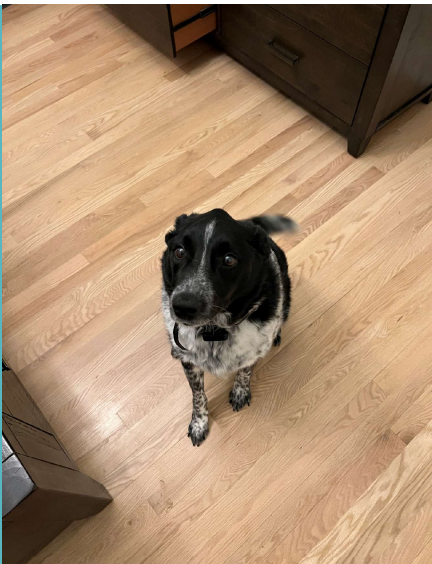


Passionate / Go-Getter

Stefen was born and raised in the south and was brought to the Midwest to continue his journey to become a medical professional. Other than his time at his clinic, his further training in obstetrics allows Stefen to work alongside expecting families and be a part of the delivery. Stefen's favorite foods include salmon, brussel sprouts and a variety of high quality soups. During his spare time you can find Stefen snuggling with the furbabies of the house, listening to audiobooks, or being far more successful than Andy at DIY houseprojects.

Pictures top to bottom: All Fall 2023; kayaking at Mt Cook, NZ; Hobbiton, NZ; Fitchburg, WI (day we found Wolfie).

Our Pets



Furbabies

We have 4 pets in our household. Our dog, Merlin, is the only male of the bunch and is 14 yrs old. Our cats are all ladies, Cleo (14), Goose (4), and Wolfie (6 months). They all have very different personalities, but here are some of their attributes; Merlin is our shadow, Cleo is the most vocal, Goose is the moodiest and Wolfie is the most snuggly.

Pictures top to bottom: Cleo, Goose and Wolfie on Andy's lap, Merlin being a good boy, All the ladies chowing down.

Our Family



Never a dull moment

Our families love to get together and celebrate when we can. Our times together generally include great food and various games to keep each

Pictures top to bottom: Xmas with family in 2022; Thanksgiving with family 2022; Xmas with family 2021.

You only live once



On Halloween of 2023 we bungee jumped off the Kawarau bridge in Queenstown, NZ.



On our last day in NZ we went skydiving from 15,000ft above Queenstown.



We were lucky enough to take two different helicopters while in Mt Cook, NZ; we even got to take a hike on a glacier.

Outside



Here we are during one of our many hikes in Mt Cook, NZ. Hiking mountains is Stefen's favorite outdoor vacationing activity.



Our internal time clocks helping us to be awake for a sunrise hike in Te Mata, NZ.



Andy prefers the beach and ocean and has hooked Stefen into hunting sea glass as one of their vacation hobbies. Here we are walking along the beaches in Nice, France.