

HOPING TO ADOPT



ADOPTIONS OF WISCONSIN

BRANDON & MARISSA



Just married!



Hiking at Peninsula State Park, Door County, WI



Celebrating our friends' wedding



Enjoying the arboretum on a snowy day

Hello!

Thank you for taking the time to read our profile and learn about us. We have so much respect for you and your decision to consider an adoption plan for your child.

We have known we would grow our family through adoption for many years, and are so excited to welcome a child into our home. **We would be honored to be considered as a family for your child.** Our ultimate goal is to raise a child who knows they are loved and supported to chase their dreams.

We commit to loving this child unconditionally. We commit to having the patience that parenthood demands. We commit our whole life, now until forever.

We very much look forward to meeting you and hope that our photos and story give you a glimpse into who we are as a couple, and who we will be as parents.

With love and gratitude,

Brandon & Marissa

Our Story

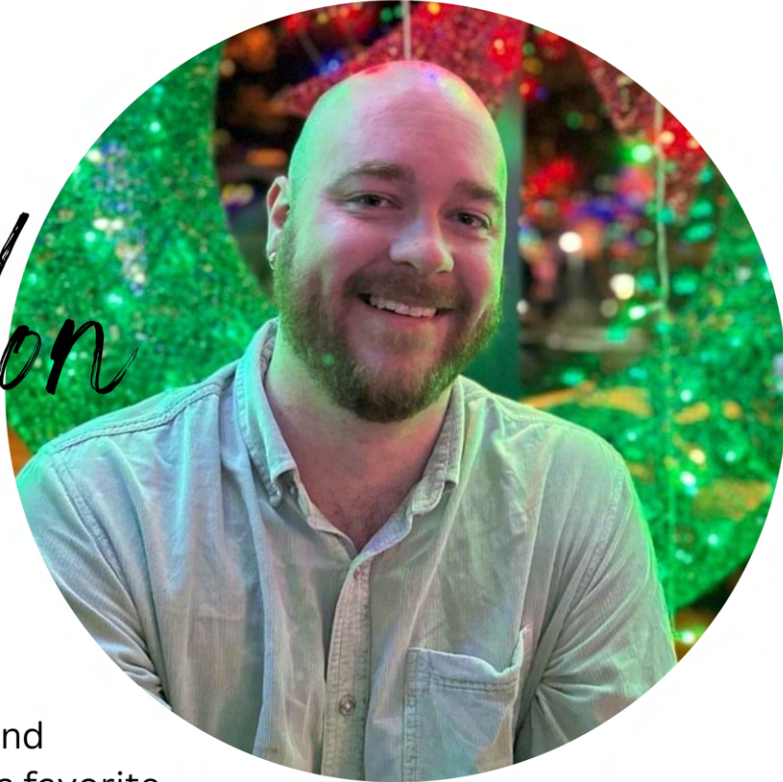
We first met in 2014 at the student org fair during our junior year of college at UW Madison. Brandon was the president of the Paleontology Club and Marissa was the president of the Botany Club. A mutual friend introduced us and we were dating within a month. Our first date was to a local coffee shop, where we picked up coffee and went for a walk. It quickly became clear that we this was the start of something special.

Shortly after college, Marissa was diagnosed with Stage 4 Endometriosis. After going through multiple surgeries and medications, we learned our next option was to have life-changing surgery that would remove our ability to get pregnant. We had been discussing adoption prior to this, and we both agreed we would love to start a family this way. Marissa had the surgery and has been healthy ever since!

We got engaged in December of 2019. We knew we would be adopting a few years into getting married, so, we asked our family and friends to contribute to an adoption fund instead of giving us wedding gifts. We got married in a beautiful garden center surrounded by our loved ones! Since then, we have been enjoying married life and planning to grow our family through adoption.

Meet

Brandon



Brandon studied Geology and Zoology at UW-Madison. His favorite part of his undergrad was working with the geology museum, giving tours to kids of all ages. He has been working for the same company since 2020, in Healthcare IT. He is an Epic Certified Analyst working remotely for a hospital system based in Texas. He configures their scheduling and referrals software.

Brandon can't wait to be a dad. As a proud Eagle Scout, he is hoping to be able to be a leader in his future child's troop. Although, he'll be more than happy to help out in any extracurricular activities they choose. He also can't wait to do science experiments with his child and help them understand the world around them.

BRANDON'S FAVORITE THINGS TO DO

- Hiking
- Playing board games
- Gym rock climbing
- Woodworking
- Listening to audiobooks

Meet

Marissa



Marissa started her career by earning her Bachelor's of Science degree from U.W. Madison in 2016. She entered the workforce into a biomanufacturing position and transitioned into a safety position within her company two years later. She decided to go back to school to earn her master's degree in Occupational Safety and finished in 2021. She now works as a Manager of Environmental Health and Safety where she helps with accident prevention and monitors health and safety risks and hazards in the workplace.

Marissa has gotten to a very good place in her career and is married to the man of her dreams. Her next dream is to become a mother!

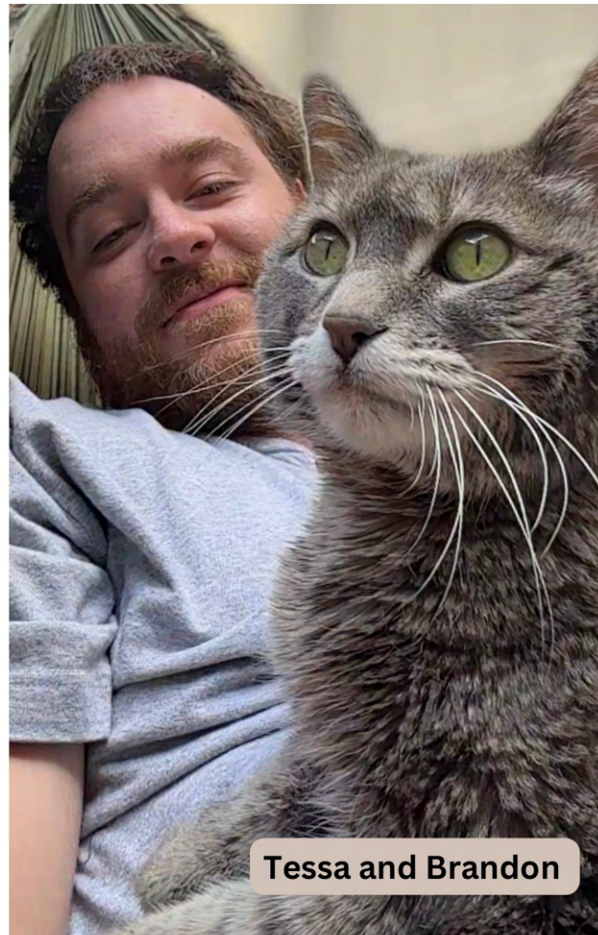
MARISSA'S FAVORITE THINGS TO DO

- Making pottery
- Gardening
- Practicing yoga
- Cooking and baking new recipes
- Changing hairstyles (and hair colors!)

Meet our

Pets

Zaboomafoo (Zabu, 15) joined our family in 2014, and Tessa (14) joined in 2016. They have both met our best friends' babies and were very interested in being their friends. They cannot wait to have a little brother or sister in the family!



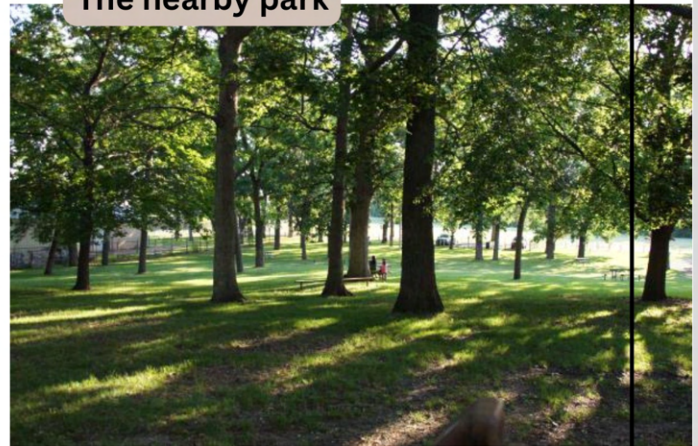
Tessa and Brandon



Zabu and Marissa

Zabu's favorite hobbies are snuggling on Brandon or Marissa's lap, sitting at the highest point of his cat tree while talking to birds out the window, and soaking up the sun in any ray he can find throughout the day. You can find Tessa making biscuits wherever she can or relaxing on the porch when she is off the clock (ideally, with Brandon in the hammock!).

Our Home



We own a three bedroom townhouse in the heart of Sun Prairie. Within a short walking distance is the Fireman's Dream Park - a wonderful space to have picnics, enjoy the playground, and explore amongst the trees in the warmer months. In the winter months, there is a snow hill great for sledding!

Our Values

Family - both blood-related and chosen - is most important to us.



Officiating our friends' wedding

We have amazing friends that we have made throughout our lives, both separately and together. Through casual weekends together to being in each others' weddings, we all love each other immensely. Our friends are so supportive of our adoption journey and cannot wait to have a child in the chosen family.

Our parents all come from big families, and that means big holiday parties. An important part of any holiday is getting together with our extended families to celebrate together. Marissa's mom puts on a Gingerbread House competition every year, and we always give it our all. The highlight on Brandon's side of the family is Thanksgiving, where up to 35 relatives all get together to enjoy a home-cooked meal together hosted at Brandon's parents' house. We know everyone at these parties can't wait for the newest family member to join.



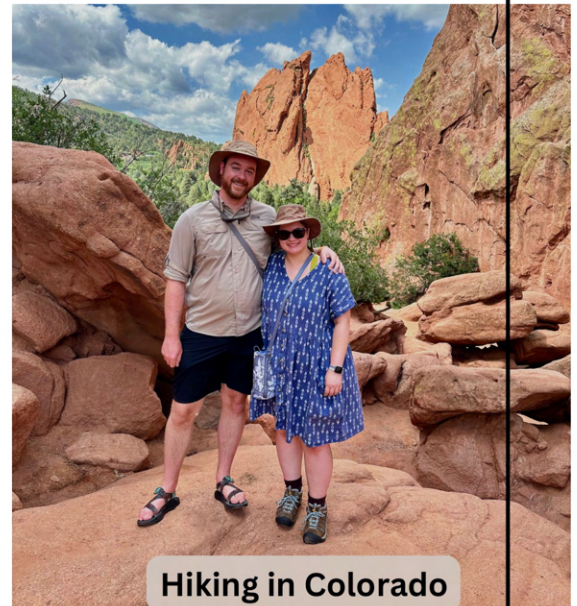
Gingerbread competition

Things we love to do *Together*

We both love the outdoors. We try to spend our vacation time outside whenever possible. Whether that is camping in a state park, taking our kayaks to a new lake or river, or visiting Brandon's parents at their cabin in Northern Wisconsin, we are happiest in nature. Brandon cannot wait to purchase a backpack that can carry a toddler so we can bring our future child with us!

For times when we can't get out of the house, we love having board game nights. We have a good collection of games to share with our friends and family, or to just play the two of us. We are excited to expand our collection with games for younger children, and plan to have family game nights be a mainstay in our household.

We love spending time at our local coffee shop and frequenting small businesses and local restaurants that align with our family values: places that support inclusivity, diversity, equality, and environmental stewardship. When we travel to new places, we spend our time seeking out these spaces also - and we always need to try the coffee!



Hiking in Colorado



**Trying new coffees
in Door County, WI**



Meet Brandon's *Family*



Brandon and his brother



Brandon and Marissa on wedding day with Brandon's brother, mom, and dad



Brandon and his mom at a family gathering



Brandon and his dad out fishing

Meet Marissa's

Family



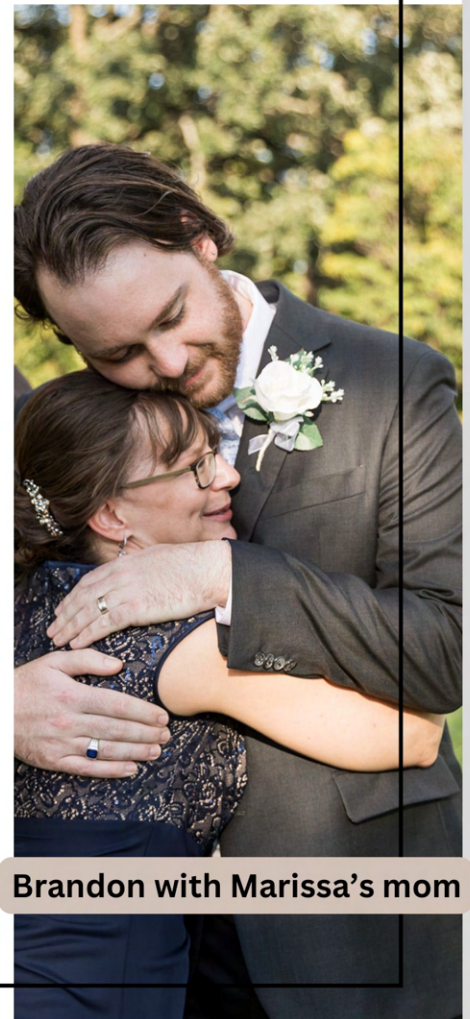
Marissa with her mom and brother



Brandon and Marissa skiing with Marissa's brother and friend



Marissa, Brandon, and Marissa's brother, mom, mom's partner, and brother's friend at a Badger football game



Brandon with Marissa's mom

Seven Things We Will Teach Our Child

EMPATHY TOWARDS ALL

SELF-WORTH

TO STAND UP FOR WHAT THEY BELIEVE IN

APPRECIATION FOR NATURE

TO APPRECIATE OTHERS DIFFERENCES

HOW TO OVERCOME CHALLENGES

THAT THEY ARE LOVED UNCONDITIONALLY

THANK YOU



We thank you for the time you have spent learning about us and considering us for something so important. We are very excited to take our next steps as a family, and would be honored if you chose us to love and care for this child.

We plan to honor our child by ensuring they understand their adoption story. From the start, they will always know that you are the person that brought them to us.

This profile gave you an idea of who we are, but we would love to answer any other questions you might have. We would cherish the opportunity to meet and get to know you. We are committed to building a relationship with a level of openness that works for everyone.

With love and gratitude,

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