

Joanna & Thomas



Our Adoption Profile

Hello!

We are Tom & Joanna and we are thankful that you are taking the time to get to know us a bit better!

We have so much love to provide a child and are excited to start our family through adoption. We hope over the next few pages you will see the loving home that we want to provide for a child.



About Us

We met in 2009 on the dance floor at a local restaurant in our town. (Tom has some amazing moves!) We struck up a conversation and started dating soon after. From the beginning it was clear that we had so much in common and that we truly complemented each other—the yin to each other’s yang! We were engaged 5 years later and got married in 2015 with a massive, weekend-long celebration with all of our family and friends at a mountain resort in upstate New York.

When we discussed the dream of our family, adoption was a path that we felt drawn to from the very beginning. We both envisioned a large family and knew that we wanted adoption to play a role in building it. After trying to conceive for many years and facing some heartbreaking losses, we are excited to start our adoption journey to make our dreams of our family come true.



Dancing at our friend's wedding!



Happy Halloween!



Hiking near our home



Celebrating our anniversary in Lake George!



We love visiting Tom's sister in Long Beach Island, NJ in the summer!
But winters at the beach are lovely too!



Meet Joanna

In Tom's Words

This past summer Joanna found a group of caterpillars in our garden. Joanna spent the afternoon building a cage from old chicken wire to guard them against the various birds that eat from her feeders. Joanna researched the bug until she found it exclusively ate parsley, and then relocated some plants to ensure they would not go hungry. She checked on them every day until they eventually moved along on their journey towards becoming butterflies.

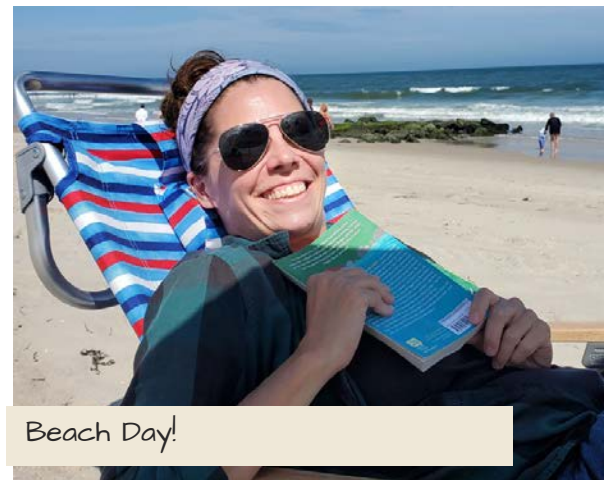
The way Joanna approached the caterpillars is how she approaches life. She is caring, thoughtful, and creative. Her curiosity to explore all things new coupled with her drive to improve the world around her has made her a wonderful partner, and what will make her an amazing mother.



At a Fall Festival with our nieces



Weekly Food Rescue



Beach Day!



Planting bulbs for the spring



A great day with her niece



Crafting a Christmas Wreath for above our garage door



With our nieces



Playing Rummy! (Cinder advising)



Being silly in Lake George, NY



Working on a new project



Tom & his father



At the beach with his God Daughter

Meet Tom

In Joanna's Words

Tom has the most amazing laugh. It's one of those BIG, full body laughs that quickly take over a room and brighten everyone's day. There are so many things that I love about Tom— he's smart, supportive, loyal, generous, and driven, but it's his ability to make everyone laugh and feel at ease that I think is really special.

Not only is he FUN and FUNNY, but Tom is also a great listener and gives the most thoughtful advice. He is the first person you want to call when you're having a rough day and when you need to talk through big, difficult decisions. He is my confidant, best friend, and biggest cheerleader. It's his ability to wear all of these different hats, that I know will make him a fantastic dad.

Joanna

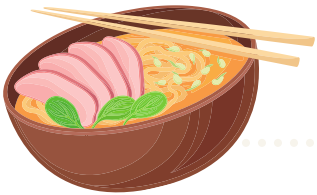
Fun Facts

Thomas

Marketing Manager
for a Media Company

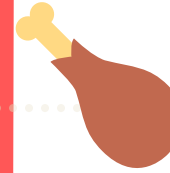
Occupation

Product Manager
for a Tech Company



Tuna Melts
& Thai Food

Favorite Food

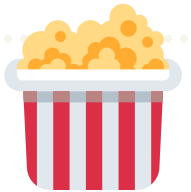


His Mom's Chicken
(famously referred to in the family
as "Grandma's Chicken")

A League of
Their Own

Favorite Movie

Coming to America



Gardening, Cooking,
Baking, & Puzzles



Hobbies



Woodworking, Golfing,
Video Games

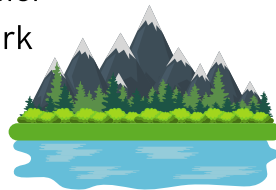
Any Beach!

Favorite Places

Kiawah Island, SC



Visiting Glacier
National Park



On Our Bucket List



Buying a farm

Adventures

We love to explore new places-- whether it is checking out hiking trails near our home, beach vacations or traveling abroad. We cannot wait to go on adventures as a family.



Sunset over the Pacific in Carmel, CA



Ogunquit, Maine



Our Honeymoon in Aruba



Touring the Guinness Brewery in Dublin



Roadtrip to D.C. to watch Villanova v. Georgetown



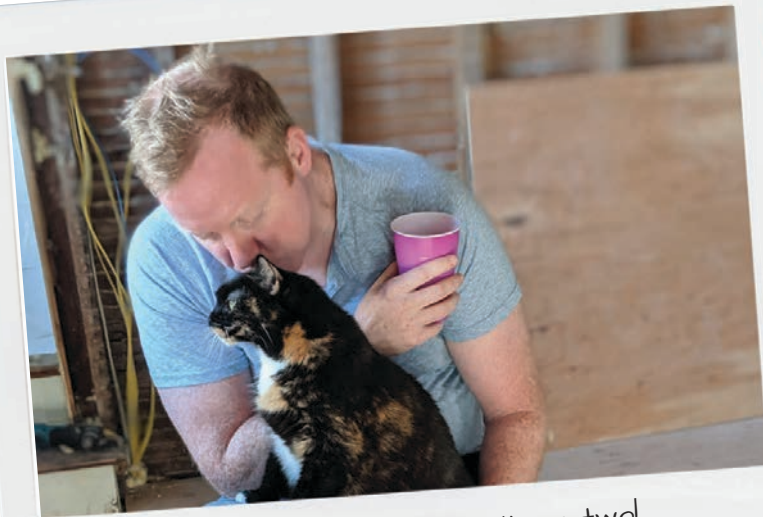
Barcelona, Spain

Meet Cinder

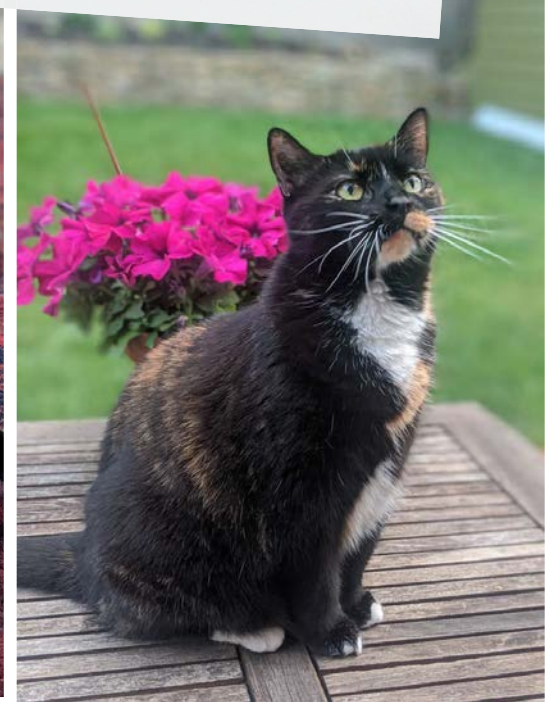
We adopted Cinder from a rescue agency in 2011 and we are grateful for her every day.

She is sweet, goofy and loves everyone that she meets. Her favorite things are sitting on our back deck with us, chasing her toys, and ear scratches.

Always a good sport for family photos!



A constant love fest between these two!



Meet Pierogi

Pierogi joined our family in March and has been such a fun addition!

He is smart, sweet, friendly and quickly developed a fan club on our walks through our neighborhood! He loves naps, his toys, and playing outside in the sunshine.



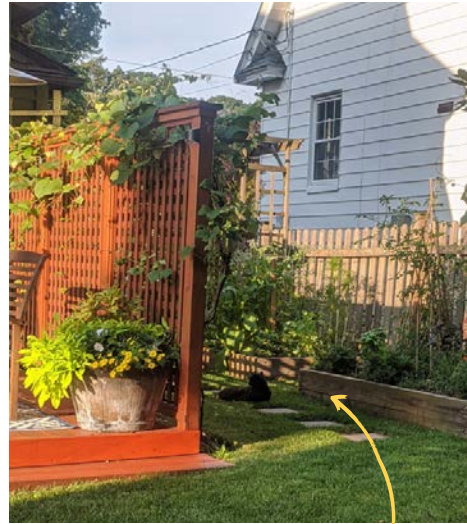
Pierogi's first road trip! Visiting Joanna's parents in PA



Our Home & Community

We live in our home in the suburbs of New York for 3 years (since 2017) and have formed a tight knit community of friends in our neighborhood which is filled with many young families. On any given day you will see kids riding their bikes or scooters and families walking their dogs past our home.

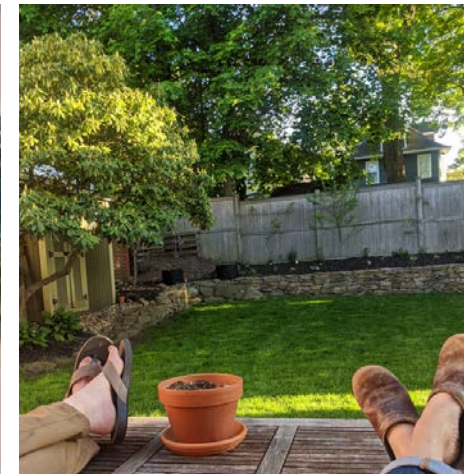
Our fenced in backyard is lined with trees which provide cool shade during the hot summer months and lots of leaves to jump in during the fall. Joanna loves to spend the Spring and Summer in her flower and vegetable gardens.

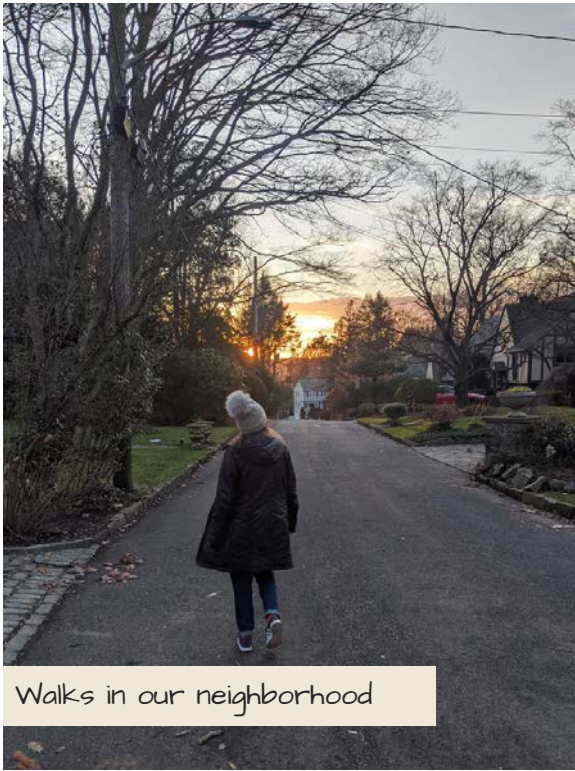


Cinder protecting the garden from chipmunks



Homemade pickles using Joanna's family recipe





Walks in our neighborhood



We spend so much time cooking in the kitchen



We love having friends and family over for s'mores around the fire pit



Beautiful sunsets from our back porch



The park that is walking distance from our home

Our home is within walking distance of a quaint village with restaurants and shops as well as a train that will take you into the city —making things like museums and shows just a quick train ride away. We are also walking distance to elementary schools, parks and playgrounds. Our area has lots of hiking trails, nature preserves and is centrally located to both beaches and mountains.

Our Family

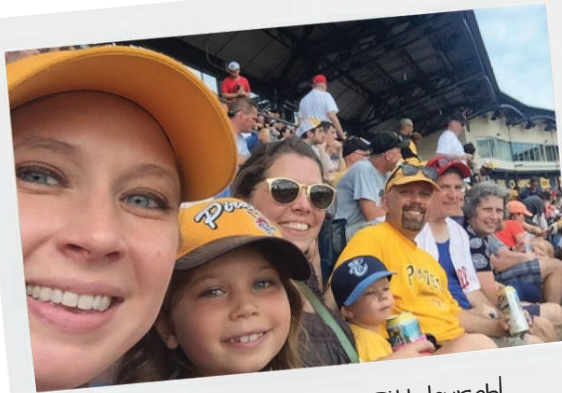
We both come from large and loving families who are very supportive of our adoption journey. They are beyond excited to welcome new family members into the mix.

Joanna's family lives in Pennsylvania (where she grew up) but we speak with them often and try to make trips to see them or host them at our house frequently. Joanna has a sister who lives in Pittsburgh with her husband and children. Joanna loves being an aunt and chats with her niece and nephew regularly.

Joanna's parents are loving and devoted grandparents. Her mom loves to bake and is always trying new cookie recipes. Her dad is funny and kind and loves wood working. While we are all spread out, we find time to get together as a family during the holidays or by taking family vacations.



Vacationing with Joanna's Family in Cape Cod, MA



Catching a pirates game in Pittsburgh!



Fun & Games at Christmas!



A day at the zoo near our house!



Vacationing with Tom's Family in South Carolina!



Tom comes from a large Irish family. He often wows people by saying he has 61 first cousins—true story! Tom's parents immigrated from Ireland in the 50's/60's so he has a strong connection to Ireland with many Aunts, Uncles & Cousins (& extended family) still living there. His parents live locally to us and we are blessed to be able to see them regularly, hosting them for weekly dinners, popping over to their house for tea or helping them with projects around their home.



At a soccer game while visiting Tom's family in Ireland

Tom has 4 siblings who we are really close with and among the 4 of them there are 11 nieces and nephews. As you can imagine, family dinners and gatherings are loud, but full of laughter!



Hosting our family for Christmas Eve!



Our Flower Girls (nieces)



Celebrating St. Patrick's Day with Tom's brothers

Our Friends

Our Friends are extensions of our family. We get together often with those that are local taking turns hosting bbqs or dinner parties. We love going on beach vacations together and are talking about when we can plan our next trip.



Joanna and her best buddies from college at the zoo on a visit to Pittsburgh!

Tom & his best friends from high school celebrating their birthdays



Beach Trip with our friends in the Outer Banks!



Helping friends nearby with their homebrew!



Projects

We love to take on home improvement projects! We fell in love with this house as soon as we saw it listed and had a clear vision of how we would make it our own. We have invested a lot of time into transforming it into a home that will be at the center of so many memories as we build our family. From our gardens to our recently renovated kitchen and basement, our goal is to create a warm, safe and welcoming space for all.



Thank You

We are so grateful that you took the time to view our profile and get to know us a little better. We understand that you have many options and appreciate your consideration. We would be honored to be considered as a family for your child. Please know that we have a place waiting for a child in our hearts and in our lives.



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