## Who We Are

Hi! Our names are Wes & Leslie and this is our dog, Elway! We met in 2011 through a mutual friend, and Wes proposed the very next Christmas! Our vibrant, loving, laughing marriage has been getting better and better since 2012. We love being together!

Our favourite activities are ones we can both enjoy, whether hiking a trail, hosting a dinner, or sharing a laugh at a show. We love being with friends and family, whether for special occasions or no reason at all. We both come from strong, caring families that love to be together and are excited to continue that tradition. We enjoy a large constellation of close friends that we see all the time, including lots of little kids. People describe us as funny, thoughtful, loyal, and a good team. The amazing group of people that make up our community are excited to celebrate with us as we become parents, and support us along the way.



Our journey to adoption has only increased our anticipation to become parents. After discovering we could not have children on our own, we've set our hearts and minds towards the joy of adoption. We've always wanted to grow our family, and now that we know adoption is the way, we fully embrace not only the experience, but the future with our child. Its important for us to let you know that we are surrounded by a community of people that are (almost!) As excited as we are. Our future child will be brought into a community of love.

## Our Life and Community



We live in a gorgeous heritage home in beautiful British Columbia, Canada. Our big backyard, playhouse and massive neighbourhood park are looking forward to meeting our adopted child. Summertime is BBQ time with friends and family, and during our short winters, we love to cosy up by the fireplace. Our area boasts one of the most family-friendly environments around, with endless parks, outdoor recreation, beaches, and great schools.

We enjoy a vibrant and supportive network of friends and family. We own our home with Leslie's patents who live in the suite adjacent, and they love spending time with their six grandkids. Various siblings and cousins live in the area, along with many close friends we consider "extended family," and we gather regularly for what we call "Family Dinner." Our community is full of kids, and as such provides opportunities for camps, playdates, and lots of potential friends for our future child.



Our parents will make the best grandparents in the world and they can't wait to meet our little one. Leslie parents live next door and will always be a part of our lives. Wes' parents live in Southern California, but they visit frequently and we visit them down there. Wes and his sister Deanna have always had great "aunties" and Deanna can't wait to use everything she's learned from them to become the world's best auntie ever.

## Our Plans For The Future

We plan on growing our family right where we are and see our family's future here. We plan on discovering our child's unique gifts and talents, and supporting them in their own journey of discovery. Art, sports, education, relationships - when we imagine our child's future, we imagine the very best for them. We hope to demonstrate each and every day that family is family no matter how we became such, and as we gather for family meals, our different stories are a celebration of love's design.

