

# JAKE & JOHANNE

Best Friends | Loving Family | Living Our Dreams

## Our Story

We started out as best friends 15 years ago and blossomed into the loving couple we are today. We set out to create an amazing life together by focusing on love, happiness and making each other laugh every day. We have a deep appreciation of our family and friends, and having a family of our own is our biggest dream.

We love to entertain and surround ourselves with family and friends for holidays, special occasions, and summer barbecues. There is always an extra place setting or two for last minute guests! These are our favourite times as a family - cooking, sharing delicious meals, music, laughter and watching our nieces and nephews play.

We love to travel and see new places. We work hard, but we play hard too and we love to embrace the West Coast outdoor life whenever we can. Golf, snowboarding, tennis and hiking with our dog Charlie are just a few of our favourite things to do together, and would love nothing more than to share these experiences with our own child.

We are both senior leaders within large global technology companies. We have worked very hard to achieve success in these careers which allows us the freedom to live in our dream home on 10 acres, nestled in the mountains on Vancouver Island.



We are able to work from home most days which will allow us to devote an incredible amount of time to raising a child and creating a safe and stable environment for them to grow up in.

We have a strong, supportive and loving relationship, financial freedom, and we are ready to commit our unconditional love to an adopted child.

We are truly grateful and thankful for your consideration.



*Jake - Loyal, loving, strong, funny, creative. My rock.*

*by Johanne*

*Jake is such a caring and supportive partner and I know he will be the most loving father! He's a big kid himself and is always making me laugh. Uncle Jake is the favourite with all our nieces and nephews!*

*Jake was adopted as a newborn and raised on Vancouver Island. His own adoption story, and the relationship he has with his birth family has shown me how magical, and successful it can be.*

*Jake loves music, playing guitar, staying fit, and entertaining family and friends with his amazing chef skills in the kitchen!*



*Johanne - Giving, smart, nurturing, empathetic. The love of my life.*

*by Jake*



*Johanne is the girl of my dreams! She is the most caring, intelligent, and thoughtful woman I've ever met. Most importantly, she laughs at all my jokes! She is a natural with kids and is so ready to be a Mom!*

*Johanne grew up in Toronto and is the daughter of two European parents who moved to Canada to start their dream business. It's definitely where her strong work ethic comes from.*

*Johanne danced ballet for 16 years, and all our nieces love ballet with Auntie Jo! She also enjoys hiking, tennis, working in the garden and a good scary movie which she makes me watch at least once a month!*



*Hiking in the Cowichan Valley*



*Kayaking in Alaska*



*Dressed up for a summer wedding!*

## I was an adopted child - Jake's Story

Both myself and my younger brother were adopted. We came from different birth moms 4 years apart and grew up in a very open and loving family. Our adoptive parents shared our adoption stories with us at a very young age. My dad wrote each of us our own children's book which told the story of our adoptions. These were our favourite bedtime stories!



*Jake and his younger brother*

Although being adopted did come up from time to time at school and meeting new people, we never felt embarrassed or ashamed - we simply had a loving Mom and Dad and a wonderful home to grow up in - it was our "normal".



*Jake with his adoptive Mom and birth Mom*

Like you, my birth parents had to make a very difficult decision. They were only 16, and although they were in love they didn't have the means to raise a family at such a young age. After making the decision to have an adoption plan, they stayed together and went on to have two more boys many years later. I met my birth parents when I was 19, and it's been one of the

most fulfilling parts of my life. What's even more wonderful is that my birth parents are close to my adoptive parents, each respecting the important role they have played in my life.

It is this experience which has shown me how amazing an open adoption journey can be, and we will respect your wishes regarding an open adoption.

As a birth parent, we can only imagine how difficult this decision will be for you, but whatever choice you make, it will be the right one.

With sincere gratitude,

*Jake and Johanne*



*With Jake's birth family and our new nephew!*

## Our Family



Right now it's us, and our rascally little dog, Charlie, who has really taken to West Coast country life!

Jake has a huge family throughout Vancouver Island and BC. To know who's who in Jake's family requires a wall poster!



We are affectionately known as Aunt Jo and Uncle Jake by our nieces and nephews who are a big part of our life!

Johanne has a younger sister who lives in Toronto who she is very close to and they visit each other all the time.



Our weekends are full of family get togethers with all the kids, aunts, uncles, and grandparents.

We have a huge loving family who is by our side, supporting us all the way on our adoption journey!

