



KELLY AND DANIEL

Hello!

We are Dan and Kelly and we are so excited to write this in hopes of growing our family. We are a family of (3) - us and our dog Virginia, who is a huge part of our life. We love to travel and experience all life has to offer, but our favorite time is whenever we are together as a family, wherever that may be.



About US



We have been together for over 15 years and have always known we wanted to be parents and have a family. At the core of our relationship, we are best friends and love being partners in tackling day to day life and parenting our dog, Virginia. We struggled with infertility and loss for four years, and our ability to pull through those hardships truly is a testament to the strength of our relationship.

We met in college in Boston, MA where Kelly attended Northeastern University and Dan attended Bentley University. Kelly became an event planner and now runs her own business that plans weddings and corporate events. Dan worked in financial services for many years and now owns and runs a security systems business with his family. We both work really hard and love what we do. We are lucky to be in control of our schedules and both work from home most of the time.



About Dan



Kelly on Dan:

Dan is one of the most charming, generous, and warm people I have ever met. I have always loved seeing him be the best dog Dad to Virginia and our late dog, Lucy. They love/loved to snuggle with him and go/went to him when they wanted to feel safe.

His tenderness, thoughtfulness and protection of them has been a joy to watch and I cannot wait to see him as a father.

About Kelly

Dan on Kelly:

Kelly is one of the strongest, smartest and funniest women I have ever met. She is entrepreneurial, type-a, and tackles every challenge in front of her with enthusiasm. What drew me to her is her caring side. She is very nurturing and loving and will be a great mom. She likes structure and schedules just as much as she is fun and loving.



Friends and Family



Since we have been in each other's lives for so long, our friend and family circle is very intertwined. We are blessed to have such a supportive community around us and a group of loved ones who are just as excited for us to be parents as we are. We are extremely close with Kelly's parents and live just 30 minutes from them. We spend a lot of time with them in Massachusetts, Florida and on vacations. They also will be supporting us with childcare as we adjust back to a daily work schedule. This will be the first grandchild on both of our sides, so everyone is waiting with open arms for the new member of our family.

Ever since Kelly was a child, her family has enjoyed many family vacations to Disney World. Since Dan has joined the family, he has also become a regular and grown to love it. Each time we visit, we pray the next time we go we will have our son or daughter with us, and cannot wait to introduce them to the magic our family has enjoyed for years.

Another of our favorite memories is our wedding in Cabo San Lucas Mexico. We were able to spend almost a week with 65 of our closest family and friends, and they all got to know each other.



Home Sweet Home

We both grew up in New England and love living on the coast. Our community is a coastal beach town with lots of great restaurants, things to do and kind people.

Most of Kelly's family lives within 30 minutes, so we often are getting together for barbecues and beach nights.

Our home is peaceful, relaxing and warm.

Our outdoor spaces is one of the best features as we are on a small, quiet street surrounded by trees. We have a fenced in yard and large deck with lots of nooks and crannies to sit back and enjoy the sunshine. Virginia loves to run around and look out into the woods for animals. The fenced in space is a perfect safe and clean space for our future child to play and make their own.

We also spend a lot of time at our family vacation home in Naples, Florida. We have a similar design aesthetic there with lots of cozy accents and places to lounge.

Similarly, we spend most of our time outdoors there in the pool or lounging on the lanai while eating dinner or watching TV.



Hobbies

Dan introduced Kelly to boating and we now are members of a boat club and get on the water whenever we can. Dan loves to fish while Kelly sits back and read. We love taking our family and friends out on the water both in Florida and Massachusetts.

Kelly loves all things entertainment, going to lots of concerts, listening to podcasts and watching movies/TV. Dan loves all things science and loves to read and learn new things whenever he can.

We both love to be active - Dan through golf, walking and going to the gym and Kelly through yoga and various other fitness classes.

We can't wait to introduce our child to all of these activities and especially helping them build a worldview through traveling to different places with us. Dan is also excited to play any sports with the child that they enjoy.



Virginia





We both are huge animal lovers and both grew up with pets. We adopted a 9-year old Chihuahua (Lucy) when we lived in NYC and had her for 8 years. Having her together truly showed us how much we loved being partners and was the start of our excitement to be parents together.

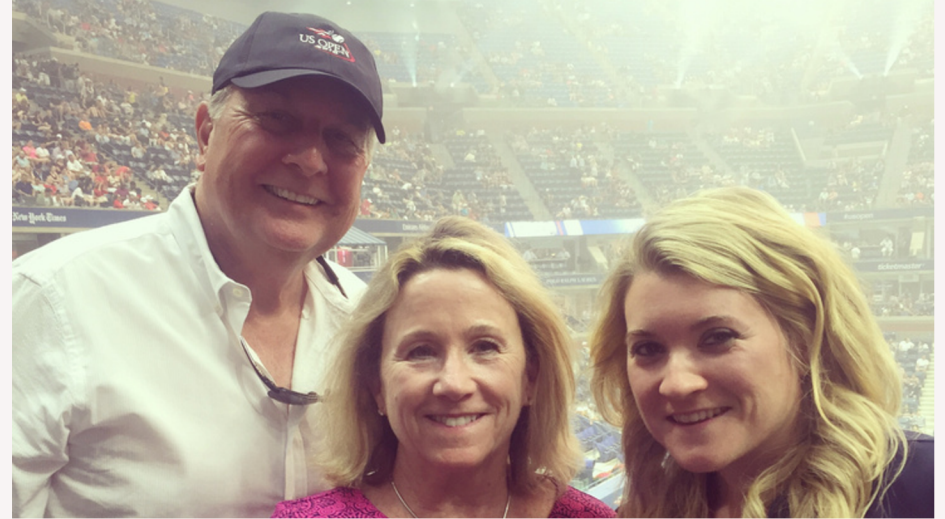


We adopted Virginia in 2020 and she became the center of our lives very quickly. She is 5 years old and sweet, fun and a little bit sassy. She loves to be with us all of the time and is our shadow all day long. We love watching her swim in the pool and she could jump in the pool over and over all day long. Even though her breed is high-energy, she loves to snuggle up with us and do whatever we are doing.



★ Holidays

Thanksgiving is our favorite holiday and we both have so many amazing memories celebrating it with family, together and separately. We usually spend it with Kelly's family at her Mom and Dad's house and spend the day helping her Mom cook, eating with extended family and ending the day with games or a walk to the beach. We look forward to being able to host one day!



Travel and Fun



We always love an excuse to travel, whether a quick overnight to the city or a weekend or week long vacation. For our birthdays and wedding anniversary. As long as it is somewhere Virginia can tag along with us, we are happy.

Kelly has been to all 48 mainland states (goal is to get to Hawaii and Alaska soon)! Dan is the cook in the house and is great at it! He loves to make stir frys, home made pizzas, pasta, and smoke ribs on his smoker. We have fostered many dogs together over the years through a local rescue organization and love being able to help them find homes.



Conclusion

We feel it's so important for an individual to know where they came from and know their story. We plan to be open with our child about their adoption story and find ways to honor it throughout their life. We want our child to feel that adoption can be a source of strength and pride through their life. We truly see openness about adoption and contact with birth parents as a special opportunity for our child to have an even larger community of love.

We endlessly admire the strength and courage it takes to make this decision and are forever grateful to be considered as parents. This is not something we take lightly and your bravery and the love you have for your child are deeply humbling to us.

For as long as we have been together, we have always considered ourselves a family. From the way we support each other through life's ups and downs, to the joy we've shared raising our dogs with unconditional love and care, being a team has always been at the heart of who we are. Some of our favorite memories together are sitting in bed watching *Modern Family*, admiring the partnership between Claire and Phil as they raise their three children. We always saw a bit of ourselves in their relationship in how they balance each other out with their opposite personalities and through the ways they always show up for their kids, no matter what's going on. This is what we do with our families and can't wait to do the same with our child.

We are so grateful for a life we love and have worked hard to fill it with love, community and adventure. We cannot wait to welcome a child to our wonderful life and show them the amazing things that the world has to offer through family memories, travel, and cherished experiences. There are grandparents waiting with open arms to spoil them and bring them to Disneyworld for the first time and a large community of other children waiting for new friends to play with.

We can't wait to start our next chapter, as a new family of 3 (4 with Virginia!) and support them as they become who they are meant to be, with a full picture of where they came from, and pursue their dreams.

