

IVORYANNA & KAYLA



HI THERE! WE ARE IVORYANNA AND KAYLA MCCALVERY



We are originally from Texas and now living in central New Jersey. We believe we found in each other a true partner – someone to laugh with, lean on, and grow alongside. Our home is a warm, comfortable place in a friendly neighborhood where kids play outside and neighbors wave hello. We've spent years filling our home with love, and there is a space in our hearts and in our home that is ready and waiting to welcome a child.

ABOUT US

We originally met in 2012 at a party, where Kayla made fun of Ivoryanna's Spider-Man's shoes. Weeks later, after Kayla joined the Army, Ivoryanna reached out through social media. We started talking regularly and began dating. While we knew we would eventually get married, we didn't think it was ideal to marry early in the relationship. However, we chose to get married quickly due to the pressure to solidify benefits for Ivoryanna through the Army. In 2014 in New Mexico, we drove overnight, changed in a Walgreens parking lot, and eloped in a beautiful park. Soon after we found ourselves in couples therapy and shortly realized that our current end goals were not aligned. This ultimately led to our divorce in 2016. Separating was devastating, but we knew it was the right choice for us at the time.

We went four years without communication, focusing on ourselves by continuing individual counseling and therapy. We truly believe this work is what allowed us to get to where we are today. In 2020, Ivoryanna reached out to Kayla to reconnect – which led to rekindling our relationship. We started talking daily and after three months realized we still loved each other and wanted to try again. We dated for 2 years before we got engaged in 2022 and married again in 2023. This time, we feel we have been able to grow together and are creating a life we can be proud of.



About Kayla:

Kayla graduated with her high school diploma. She has experience teaching children indoor soccer and is an Army Veteran who flew Drones. She even maintains the license for it to this day. Kayla currently works in IT Security.



About Ivoryanna:

Ivoryanna holds an Associate's, Bachelor's, and Master's degrees. She has experience teaching children dance, with over 25 years of dance experience. Ivoryanna currently works in HR Compliance.





ABOUT EACH OTHER

Kayla:

Kayla is dependable, supportive, adaptable, talented, and fun. Ivoryanna ultimately is drawn to her because she is so great at finding the good moments in any situation. Ivoryanna thinks Kayla will be the type of parent that creates an atmosphere of playfulness, independency, and learning.

Ivoryanna:

Ivoryanna is caring, organized, supportive, determined, and independent. Kayla believes her to be the perfect balance to herself. Ivoryanna's planning of the future will make her a great parent, ensuring our family always has a good time and is safe while we go on new adventures. She'll create a foundation where the child will want to learn, and she has the patience to sit with them while we learn about the world.



OUR FAMILY

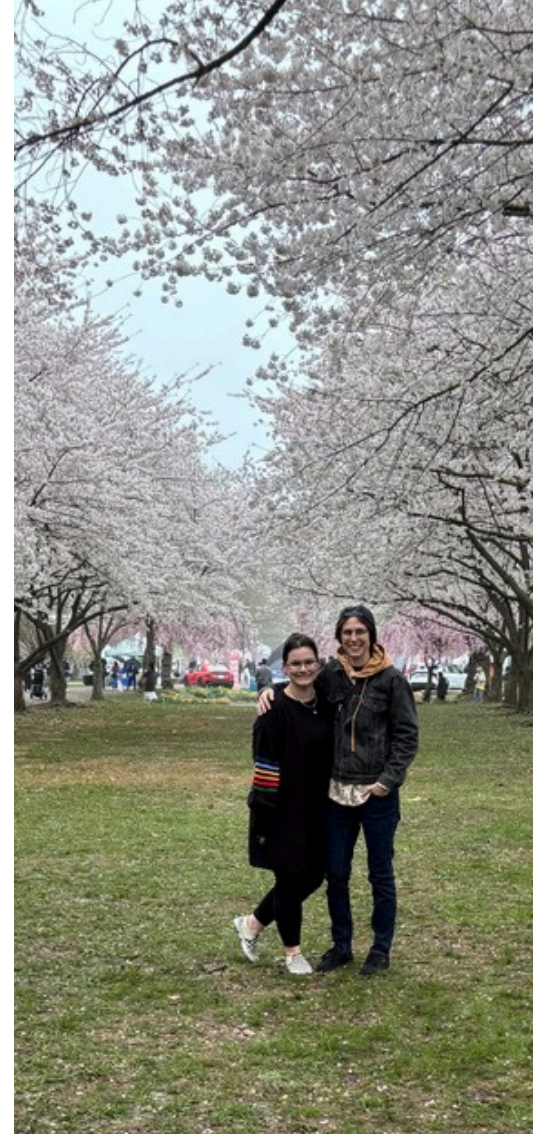
We are very fortunate that we have friends that we consider to be our family. Currently, our friends are spread across the country, but know that they will all have a place in this little one's life. In addition to our friends, we are very close to Kayla's family. Kayla's family is warm and close knit. They are especially excited taking this journey with us. Our favorite moments with Kayla's family are any time the whole family is together, which is just about any time we make it back to Texas to visit.





OUR HOME

We currently live in a condo community filled with kids of all ages, ethnicities, and genders. We believe a child would enjoy making and having friends near them, two mamas to make their home safe, comfortable, and inviting, and two doggy brothers to play with.



FUN FACTS

Kayla Fun Facts:

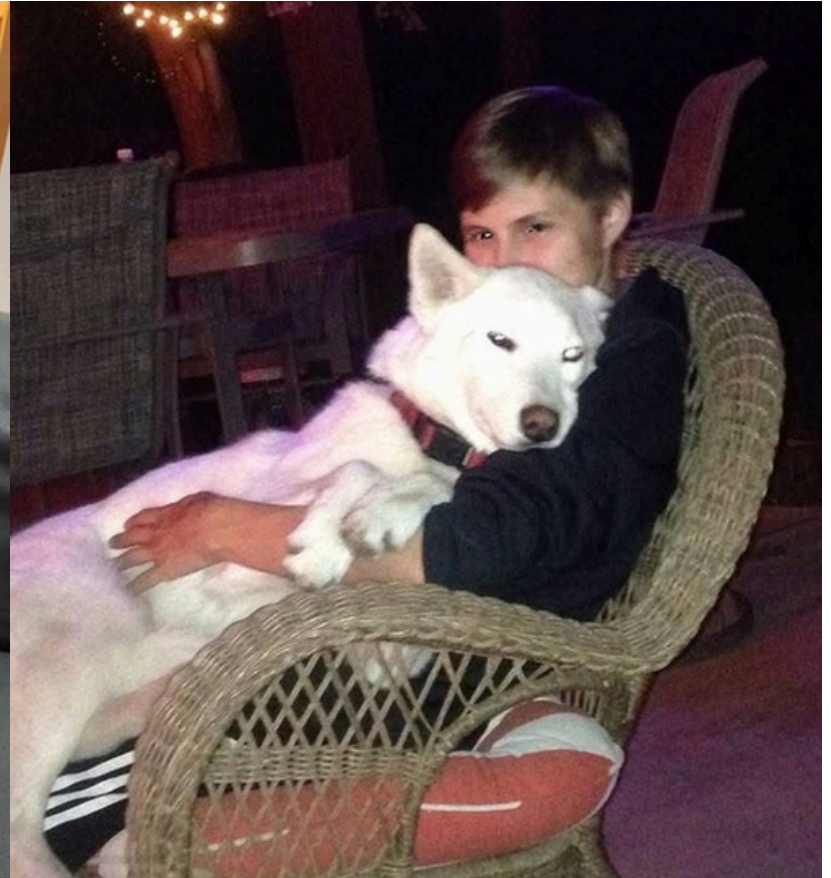
- She was in the US Army for 6 years as an Instructor to the Drone Unit.
- She was airborne in the army and jumped out of over 50 plans.
- She loves to paint and draw in her free time
- She loves just sitting outside watching birds or simply sunbathing on a warm day
- Her brother is one of her best friends. He's 2.5 years younger and they are always playing games together. Usually, Pokemon or Chess since he loves those.
- She LOVES NY style pizza

Ivoryanna Fun Facts:

- She is a 2x National Collegiate Dance Champion
- She has had the opportunity to dance in the Superbowl 45 Halftime Show, as well as the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade
- She loves to read, color, and bake
- She enjoys all types of music, but always ends up listening to early 2000s to 2010s music
- She squeaks when she laughs too hard
- Pickles are her favorite food



EVERYDAY LIFE

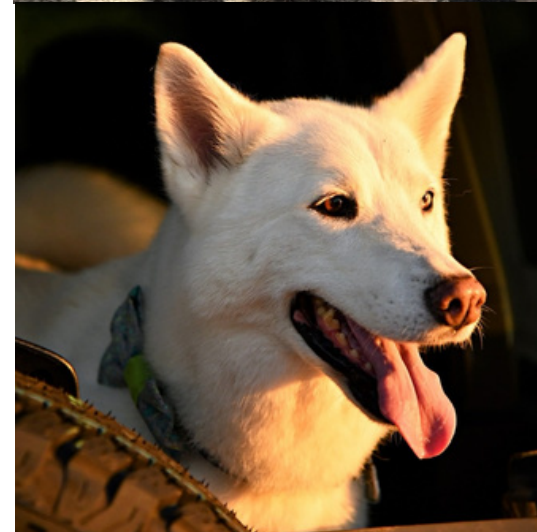


We both are fortunate to have hybrid jobs. Kayla works from home 2-3 days a week, while Ivoryanna only goes into the office as needed. A typical end to a workday for us would include Kayla hanging outside with the dogs, while Ivoryanna cooks dinner. We try to make sure that we have dinner together every night, while ending the night with a little tv or reading. Since we are new to the central New Jersey area, we have been enjoying our weekends by filling them with exploring New York City and surrounding areas.



AUSTIN AND ARCHIE

We have two dogs, Austin and Archie. Austin is a 12-year-old Husky, he's on the smaller size, barely talks, and loves to be sitting outside in all types of weather. Archie is a 5-year-old Mini Schnauzer, who has lots of feelings, loves to play, and sunbathe with a good stick. We just know they will be excited to have a little sibling to play with and take with them on hikes and to the dog park.



HOLIDAYS & TRADITIONS

Our favorite holidays to celebrate are Halloween and Christmas. Every year, Ivoryanna plans out the Halloween costumes (that includes the dogs) and together we pass out candy to the neighborhood kids. For Christmas, we make sure to decorate the house together – especially the tree. For both holidays, our biggest tradition is setting up our “villages” for display in our home. In our lives, Ivoryanna has made sure that birthdays are taken seriously and are special. She bakes that person’s favorite dessert and makes sure it’s a day filled with what that person wants and wants to do.





OUR PROMISE

We promise to raise them with unconditional love, a sense of wonder, and the confidence to know they are deeply wanted. We will celebrate who they are, support their dreams, and make sure they always know the story of how they came to us – and how much bravery and love went into that decision.



OUR FEELINGS ABOUT ADOPTION

We would build a home and a life for the child to feel loved, safe, and secure. We intend on having age-appropriate conversations about adoption and their birth parents. We hope for a semi-open adoption - letters and photos independently exchanged. We are open to discussing a yearly meetup.





Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for taking the time to learn about us and for considering us as potential parents. We are in awe of your strength, courage, and love. Please know that if chosen, we will provide a life filled with unconditional love, stability, and support.