



Valeria & Pete



Thank you for considering us



Dear birthparent:

Thank you very much for taking the time to get to know us. We are Pete and Valeria. We started dating in 2004 and we have been married since March of 2007. While we have been blessed with the gift of love in one another and from our families, we have experienced difficulties conceiving a child. However, we are a strong couple and have faith that one day we will be able to adopt a child and share our love with him or her.

Words cannot begin to describe how grateful we are for this selfless act you are about to do. This is truly the most amazing gift a person can ever give. We promise you, from the bottom of our hearts, that this beautiful child will be the most precious gift to us and will be raised in a stable home surrounded by love and attentive parents.

God bless you!

Pete and Valeria



A little bit about us...

Valeria was born and raised in Peru and emigrated to New York when she was 24 years old. Pete was born in Athens, Greece. He lived there until he was 16 and has been in the United States ever since.



How we met:

While Valeria was living in New York with her sisters in 2004, a family friend called on Valentines Day, and asked if she would like to go out for dinner to meet a "good looking" guy who had just moved to New York. Intrigued, Valeria decided to go and it ended up being the best Valentines Day of her life. The night was fantastic. Maybe it was because neither of us thought of it as a date so we were both very relaxed, or maybe it was because the conversation and laughter was amazing. We talked for many hours that night and time just flew by. Three days later, Pete asked Valeria on a "real" date, and their journey began.

Although we come from two different parts of the world, our cultures match perfectly and we are looking forward to sharing both of them with our child. We both have large, fun families, and love to spend time with them. Today we live in a beautiful home, and have two great dogs, Nacho and Chewy. They are our boys and we love spending time with them by playing at our local dog park, going for walks, or just hanging out at home. What started off as a blind date has matured into a relationship built on communication, shared experiences, a sense of adventure, trust, and above all else, LOVE.



Having fun at a Bucs game



Awww...



Enjoying some Peruvian culture in Lima, Peru





Ten things about Valeria:

1. I am excited to become a Mommy!!!
2. I love to dance! Even more so now that Pete is taking lessons with me.
3. I love animals, big or small. They are awesome, especially my two dogs Nacho and Chewy.
4. I love working out, especially spinning. It makes it easier to eat a piece of cake after burning those calories.
5. I am the official champion of the "Angry Birds" game amongst my friends and family.
6. I enjoy traveling to new places.
7. I speak English, Spanish, and some Greek, which I learned from my new family.
8. I have a lot of patience. Especially when it comes to helping with homework. I have had a lot of practice with my nieces, nephews, and Pete.
9. I have a Bachelors degree in Business Administration and an MBA in Finance.
10. I love my family. Being around them makes me happy, and although some live in different cities, we always make time to get together.



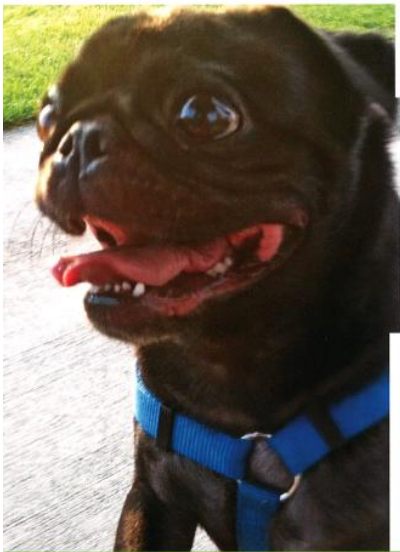


Ten things about Pete:

1. I am very excited to become a Daddy!!!
2. I was born and raised in Athens, Greece.
3. I am a big sports fan and I am looking forward to encouraging my child, boy or girl, to enjoy outdoor activities and going to games with me.
4. I love traveling to exotic places around the world.
5. My favorite outdoor hobby is photography.
6. I enjoy reading or going to the movies in my spare time.
7. I love dogs!!! Especially my Pugs, Nacho and Chewy, which don't tell Valeria, but Chewy got his name from the "Star Wars" character "Chewbacca".
8. Kids of all ages tend to love me. I love it when kids call me "Uncle Pete".
9. I am proud of going back to school to fulfill my lifelong dream of obtaining a Bachelors degree in Management Information Systems. I am scheduled to graduate in August 2011.
10. Valeria thinks I am a kid at heart. You know what, she might be right.



SO
CUTE



Nacho, the
older brother,
being cute as
always!!!



Nacho enjoying
one-on-one time
with Pete.

Fun at the park!!!

Chewy's first day with us!!!



PLAYTIME

Chewy loves to lay on
top of his big brother!!!



Chewy trying to be cute,
haha!!!





Home
Sweet
Home!!!



We live in a two bedroom, two and a half bath townhouse in nice, quiet, residential community. We are just two short blocks away from Grandma's house and her pool.



Our neighborhood park. We spend lots of time here with friends and their kids.





FRIENDS

We love spending time with our friends, whether it be at the park, out for dinner, at parties or on vacation. We love the fact that we have maintained strong relationships with our friends from the past. Today, many of them have children of their own and we can't wait for our child to become friends with their little ones.



memories. moments. stories. love. **celebrate family.** generations. traditions. vacations. history.



Our families are extremely happy with our decision to adopt a baby. They know how important this is to us, and have supported us throughout the journey.

They can't wait to welcome a new addition to the family and share our joy.

LOVE
MY FAMILY



Photos from our wedding day! Here we are celebrating with our family and friends. On the right is one of our favorite pictures of Valeria's dad enjoying a secret conversation with his granddaughter, Isabella.





Pete's cousins and aunt in Greece



family



Valeria's sister, Isabel, and goofy
brother-in-law, Michael



Valeria's sister, Gloria, and niece,
Isabella



Pete's little sister, Tasha, her boyfriend,
Kenny, and our nephew Anthony



Pete's sister, Chrisy, her husband Hector and Pete's Goddaughter, Corina



family

Valeria's parents, Raul and Gloria



Big Yia-Yia (Pete's grandma) and his niece, Eliza



Pete's mom, Soula, with her pug-grandkids, Nacho and Chewy



Places we have visited:

In our seven years together, we have traveled throughout the US, and visited several countries within Europe and South America. As much as we enjoyed taking these trips on our own, we look forward to traveling with our child and have saved the best locations to visit with him or her. We can't wait to strap on the baby carrier and enjoy our first trip as a complete family. We plan to encourage our child to embrace the many cultures the world has to offer.



Some pictures of the
"little ones" in our
lives... our baby's
future friends.





About Pete, by Valeria:

Pete is my best friend. He is caring, loving, and has a great sense of humor. He is also very supportive and his hugs are always the best remedy after a tough day. I am extremely proud of his decision to complete his Bachelors degree, and I love listening to him planning our future once he obtains a position in his field. We have both matured throughout our relationship, although I think he did most of the maturing, ha ha... but who are we kidding, all men are kids!. Pete speaks fluent Greek and he is very proud of his culture. We plan to teach our child to speak both languages, Greek and Spanish, as well as English. Although Pete can be shy, he surprised me during our house-warming party when he bent down on his knee in front of 40+ friends and family to ask me to marry him. He enjoys watching sports and teaching the little ones how games work. He chases Nacho and Chewy all over the house and enjoys playing tug-of-war with their toys. One of my most treasured memories is when I caught him doing a Greek dance for Nacho when he was a puppy to soothe him before bed time. Pete is a lover of all types of movies including cartoons. I can still remember when we were in the early days of dating and he brought "Aladdin" over to watch with me, my niece, and my parents. He also loves to read and encourages me to do the same. We enjoy relaxing with a good book while we are on vacation and during road trips. My love for Pete knows no boundaries. I knew when I said "I do" that I was marrying a person who would be an amazing husband, friend, and the best daddy ever.



About Valeria, by Pete:

Valeria is an amazing companion and friend. She is a remarkable person who achieves whatever it is she sets out to do, whether that is in her day-to-day life, or her professional career. At her place of employment Valeria was able to move up the ladder very fast due to her hard work ethic and great personality. She has been promoted two times in five years, and has now achieved the position of Regional Audit Manager for Latin America. Because of her position, she will be able to work from home with the baby, since the employees she manages are outside of the country. At home, Valeria is loving, nurturing, and a caring person to our pugs and me. She has a lot of patience, which shows when she is helping my nieces and nephews with their homework, or when we are training the dogs. When it comes to me, Valeria is my inspiration to be a better person. Because of her encouragement and support, I went back to school to further my education. Her parents instilled the importance of going to school in her and her siblings, which she has passed along to me, and something we plan to encourage our child to do as well. I could go on all day about how great of a person my wife is, but I think once you get the chance to meet her, you will quickly be able to see that for yourself. One thing I know for sure, from the bottom of my heart, is that I will love her forever, and that she will be the best mother to any child we are fortunate enough to adopt.



A letter to our future son or daughter:

Mommy and Daddy have been waiting for you and can't wait to hold you in our arms. We promise that we will love you forever, take the best possible care of you, and do everything in our power to make your life the best it can be. We will be your biggest fans and will support you in whatever you choose to do. Your birth-mom was very courageous when she made the decision to place you for adoption, and you should know how much she loves you, and how much we love her too. We are very fortunate to have you.

Love you tons and tons,

Mommy and Daddy