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LIZZY &
KENNETT





Hello! We're Lizzy & Kennett.

Thanks so much for taking time to get to know us -
we're so grateful to share our story with you.

OUR RELATIONSHIP



How We Met

We met around 2013 while working on photo shoots together. Kennett was a Photo Assistant and Lizzy was an Art Director at the time, and we developed a friendship on set together full of humor and talk about dogs, future studios, and travel dreams.

In 2016, after forming a really strong connection over the years, we finally became an item. We knew from the day we started dating that we would spend our lives together.



We love to road trip and camp. The picture above is in Joshua Tree on our way to Death Valley.



We tied the knot on June 15th, 2019! We loved celebrating this occasion with our closest friends and family (second time's a charm!).



Our relationship has been a healthy contrast of fun, adventure, love, communication, understanding, support, and selflessness.

Both of us had been married previously, which helped us to focus on what's most important.

The past couple of years have thrown us some life challenges which have only strengthened our relationship.



We love cooking together, hiking with our dogs, going to museums, playing games, traveling, camping, spending time with our families, doing house projects, and being cozy around the house.



ABOUT KENNETT

OCCUPATION

Photographer

INTERESTS

Hiking, camping, traveling, eating, photography, video games, puzzles, skateboarding, music.

FUN FACTS

I WAS BORN IN DENMARK.

I'M ADDICTED TO GUMMIES.

I'VE VISITED 48 OF THE 50 U.S. STATES.

I LOVE HOCKEY (GO TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING!).

I LOVE A GOOD SUNSET.



My Story

I was born in a small town in Denmark. At 3, we moved to Pennsylvania, then to New Jersey, and finally settled in Sarasota, Florida when I was 11.

I grew up in a family of six with two sisters and a brother. We were super close - holidays and family gatherings were always important. I played soccer and baseball as a kid, and was always outside playing.



Visiting my childhood home in Mariager, Denmark.



My mom & I in Florida.



Me, my older brother Chris, older sister Natalie, and younger Sister Holly.



Visiting Multnomah Falls with my siblings in the 90s.

Traveling & exploring new places was always something my family did. One of my favorite memories is a summer vacation to the Pacific Northwest to visit my Mom's family. This is one of the main reasons I moved out to Portland as an adult.



With Lizzy's brother, Nato, in Palm Springs.



With my best friend, Eli, who I met in photo school.



When I was 24 (after working in restaurants for years) I decided to take a chance and go to photo school. I finished a 2-year program (while working two jobs) and packed-up to move to the Pacific NW.

Being a photographer had always sounded like a dream job, something I didn't know was possible. After persistently reaching out to photographers, I got an internship in Portland, then became an assistant and finally, started shooting professionally about 6 years ago.



On "set" in the desert. This was the first shoot Lizzy and I did together!



I am so grateful to get to do something I'm passionate about. I work with great people, I get to travel, and I met Lizzy through work :)

We recently decided to go into business together so we can have balance in our life and prioritize our family.



ABOUT LIZZY

OCCUPATION

Creative Director
& Adjunct College Professor

INTERESTS

Ceramics, music, travel, puzzles,
cooking, architecture, museums.

FUN FACTS

I'M ADOPTED BY MY FATHER.

I GREW UP AT THE BEACH.

I'M FLUENT IN SPANISH.

I PLAY GUITAR.

I MAKE A MEAN MATZOH BALL SOUP.



My Story

I was born and raised in Redondo Beach, CA, with a large extended family. My mom and birthfather divorced when I was a toddler. We lived with my grandparents until I was 7 (which I thoroughly enjoyed). When I was 9, my stepfather adopted me. This is one of my fondest childhood memories.



At the courthouse with my parents, aunt, grandma and grandpa when my adoption was finalized.



Nate & I at my wedding in 2019. He was ordained and officiated the wedding!



Nate and I growing up.



My mom and grandma together at the Redondo Pier.

I begged my parents for a baby brother. Nate was born in 1993 (I was 10). I changed his diapers as a baby and picked him up from grade school when he was a kid. Now that we're both adults, we're close friends. He's an animator, and we've even had the chance to collaborate together on projects.



With my auntie Susie and cousin Paul in Catalina.



With my dad, mom and I with Nate and cousins Abby & Paul.

My cousins were also like siblings growing up. We took family vacations together. One of my favorite memories is a road trip through the Southwest with my parents, aunt, and cousin Paul.



My dad and I at a waterfall hike in Costa Rica.



My mom and I in Boston.



Crabbing with Kennett's uncle Tim.



Kennett took this photo of me on our first shoot together.

I've been into music and art since I was a kid. In college, I studied audio engineering, graphic design & Spanish. I played in bands throughout my 20s from metal to electronic music but ultimately, loved designing posters more than performing.

I started my career as a graphic designer, eventually became a creative director. My work ranges from directing campaigns to designing museum exhibits. I love creative work, from conceptualization to working with my hands.

FRIENDS & FAMILY



Left: Lizzy with her parents (Danny & Alison) in their yard on Mothers Day 2020.



Kennett's Mom & Stepdad Doug.
Top: Getting silly in Boston.
Bottom: In Sarasota.



Above: Kennett & his best friend Eli snowboarding on Mt. Hood.



Our friends (Lizzy's of 17 years) Darren & Krista with baby Charlie.



Above: Kennett & our niece Ellie on a movie date in Florida.



Above (left to right): Our brother-in-law Josh, Kennett's sister Holly, mom (Stacey), Kennett and his sister Natalie.



Above: Our nephews Levi & Theo with Margot on a summer trip to the beach.



Above: Our nephews Oliver & Finn in Tennessee.



Above: Lizzy with Kennett's sister Holly and his mom at the Japanese Garden.



Above (left to right): Lizzy's mom Alison, Lizzy's brother Nate, Lizzy, Kennett, Kennett's mom Stacey, Lizzy's dad Danny.



Above: Kennett, Lizzy, and our close friend Katherine.



Above: Katherine and her boyfriend, Neema (AKA Chaz and Margot's favorite human).



Above: Kennett showing our nephew Oliver around a camera.



Above: Lizzy with her brother and best friend from college, Shira.



Above: Lizzy with her best childhood friend, Nooshin.



Above: Nephews Oliver, Levi and Theo.



Above: Niece Myla and and nephew Theo.



Above: Kennett & Lizzy with Kennett's best friend Eli and his mom Casey.



Above: Pre-wedding BBQ at our house with Eli, Kennett, Darren, and our nephew Mo.



Above: Our nephew Mace and niece Myla (Mo's siblings).

OUR HOME & NEIGHBORHOOD

We live in the Inner Richmond district in San Francisco. Located near the beach and Golden Gate bridge, our neighborhood is family-oriented - we have great public schools, lots of playgrounds, markets, restaurants, and diverse family businesses.



Our neighborhood is nestled between two incredible public parks: Presidio Park Golden Gate Park. We walk the dogs to Baker Beach each morning just down the hill.



Our home is a vintage duplex. We have a sunroom attached to our bedroom that we plan to make a nursery. We have a guest room for visiting family, a backyard for gardening, and a big cozy living area. We're in business together, and run our creative studio primarily from our home office.



THE DOGS!

CHAZ



AKA "Cheeze"
Mini Dachshund, 16 years old

INTERESTS

Sitting on the heater vent, sleeping, cuddling, lounging in the sun.



MARGOT



AKA "Margs"
Rhodesian Ridgeback, 1.5 years old

INTERESTS

Running at the beach, getting chased by other dogs, snuggling Chaz, hiking, lazing on the couch.



FAVORITE TRADITIONS



We do a Passover seder with Lizzy's family each year. Sometimes with a large group of friends and family (28 guests is our record).



We love making the house cozy during the winter. Kennett grew up with Scandinavian Christmas traditions, and we carry this into our home. We celebrate Hanukkah as well.



We've spent nearly every 4th of July with Kennett's sisters and our nephews who live in Atlanta. Last year we made a road trip out of it. It was a coincidence at first, but has become a tradition.



We both love games, and have a few traditions / routines related to games:

- We do a word game pretty much every day together with our morning coffee.
- We always bring cards to the park.
- We usually have a puzzle going in the winter.





OPEN ADOPTION ASPIRATIONS

More than anything, we want our child to feel loved by everyone involved. To know the complete picture of their story first-hand, and to feel a genuine sense of belonging.

We hope to build a relationship with our child's birth family around mutual trust, understanding, and empathy. We hope for healthy communication, where everyone has a voice and feels comfortable being open and honest.

DREAMS FOR OUR CHILD

Our values are rooted in relationships with family and friends, being open-minded, embracing life experiences, having empathy for people and animals, and being conscientious about the environment.

We're excited for our child to grow up with a large extended family, and for our family to extend even further with adoption.

We live in a kid-centric neighborhood with great schools. We want to establish a sense of stability at home. We're excited to foster interests and hobbies - art, sports, foreign languages, music ... We want our child to love learning, but to feel safe and supported when they make mistakes.

We both believe it's important to get out of your comfort zone and experience new things. We can't wait to travel with our child and for them to have memories of cities, states, and countries visited, new foods they've tried and the people they've met along the way.