



Thanks For Looking!!



Aaron & Christa



Along With Our Animals, Family, & Friends!



Greetings!!!

We hope this book gives you a better understanding of us, as well as a few smiles along the way.



Our Love Story

For our first date in May of 2015, we meet at a local brew pub after finding each other online.



Our first camping trip



Oregon Coast Aquarium

Because we are both introverts, we knew it wasn't likely we were going to meet "our person" in a conventional way.



First 4th of July with the family

Our first time at the Shakespeare Festival



Aaron's first trip to the movies with his soon-to-be nephew



Our first summer together was spent working on Christa's newly bought tiny home, walking the dogs, camping, going to Shakespeare Festival, spending time with family, traveling and floating the Boise River

By the end of the season we were in love and knew that we had found our life partner.

The Beginning of Our Forever



Fun Fact: Our entire wedding was done by family and friends! Including our photography, caterer, music, cake, decorations, and flowers.

We got married at a local park on a beautiful fall day, surrounded by our family and friends.



Here Is what Our Family & Friends Have To Say

A great gift in my life would be seeing the delight of a child as they grow and learn, to love and cherish them every stage of their life knowing they will be surrounded by our family's love and compassion.

-Aaron's Mom

I am so excited to watch our children become friends!

-A Friend

I can't wait to spend time with my new niece or nephew, and watch their relationship develop with my son.

-Christa's Sister

Our children and their husbands are the best parts of our lives. We can't wait to welcome a new child to our family and share in all the great moments to come. There is nothing more special than the love of a child or grandchild.

-Christa's Parents

Our Critters



Toothless
is a drooler and loves
attention!



Sweasel
got her name because she
is a sweet weasel



Ru & Winter
Ru loves snuggling & Winter
wants to be exploring
constantly!



Zenia
loves lounging on the
couch in front of the fire



Mira
is the sweetest old lady cat
and loves her patio

Our Favorite Things

- Traveling
- Beach Combing
- Camping
- Scuba Diving
- Going to Plays
- Hiking with Our Dogs
- Kayaking/Paddle Boarding
- Trying New Food



What Christa Loves about Aaron & Why He Will Be a Great Father!

His generosity, communication skills, sense of humor, soft-heartedness, need for adventure, loyalty, and creativity set him apart from anyone I have ever known.

I know he will be a great father because he is willing to put people he loves first, can think quickly and creatively, and works hard to make sure everyone in his life is happy and fulfilled. Plus, he is the best animal dad around!

-Christa



What Aaron Loves About Christa & Why She Will Be A Great Mother!

She is truly the most amazing person I know and being with her has always been easy. Her charm, personality, and the love she shows for her animals and family makes every moment a joy to be around her. I find myself falling more in love with her every day.

Christa will be a wonderful mother. She is incredibly intelligent, accepting, loving and empathetic. Plus, she is a great cook!

-Aaron



About Christa!



Christa is a positive reinforcement dog trainer and owns her own business. She makes her own schedule and only works two days a week!

"I created my business to help people and animals in need, as well as give myself more time with the people I love!"

-Christa

- Collects alebrijes (Mexican folk art wood carvings) and plants
- Hates the feel of cotton balls
- Reading is her favorite leisurely activity
- Has a scar on the roof of her mouth from a cleft palate
- Loves watermelon
- Volunteers as a wildlife rehabilitator
- Has had the same best friend since she was 6 years old
- Can't decide if her favorite animal is an otter or red panda

Her Childhood & Favorite Memory

She grew up in a small town in the foothills of Northern California with her parents and older sister. Her parents cultivated a love of animals, being outdoors, camping, and boating!



"One of my favorite memories is horseback riding in Costa Rica with Aaron. Riding on the beach had always been a dream of mine. Aaron had never ridden before! Knowing how much I wanted to go, he willingly got on. I immensely appreciated sharing my joy of riding with him."

-Christa



Influential People In Her Life



Her sister taught her to think independently, love big, and always stick up for herself.



Her best friend helped and encouraged her to follow her dreams no matter the challenge.

Personality, Interests, and Outlook

Christa is loving, empathetic, passionate, fun, nerdy, quirky, sweet, trustworthy, intelligent, and compassionate.



Her interests include, fantasy novels & movies, riding horses, animal & human behavior, photography, medicine, Latin American Culture, endangered species, and human rights.

Keeping a baby offer warm at work!

She is a realist who enjoys life to its fullest. She endeavors to help people feel comfortable and enjoys having deep conversations about the meaning of life. Christa loves to engage with people of other cultures. She believes it helps her to gain a better understanding of the world and not be so focused on herself.

Important Life Lessons

Have honor: "When you say you're going to do something, make sure you do it!"

Always be kind: "You never know what someone is going through. You can either make or break them with your words & actions."

Never give up on something just because it's hard: "The hard roads in life are often the ones worth choosing."

Don't ever judge someone by their appearance or what they have: "People will surprise you with their generosity and willingness to share their story if you open your heart & listen."

Set healthy boundaries: "You will be more at peace with yourself if you do."

-Christa

Her Greatest Challenge

"Both of our dogs were diagnosed with cancer 6 months apart. It was one of the only times in my life where I felt helpless and afraid."

My biggest fear was prolonging their lives for selfish reasons. Every day I would ask myself, is it time? Am I making the right choice based on their quality of life? Is there anything that I can do to make their remaining time with us better? When the time came, I knew I was making the right decision. However, I grieved a great loss, nonetheless. I still think of Beauford & Skye daily and misses them fiercely."

-Christa



About Aaron!



Aaron has always had a knack for technology and worked as an IT Systems Engineer for almost 15 years. Recently, he has been renovating our house along the Oregon Coast.

- ☀️ Has traveled to over 20 countries on six of the seven continents.
- ☀️ Enjoys making up ridiculous songs to sing to our pets.
- ☀️ Favorite food is Mexican.
- ☀️ Loves a good classic science fiction novel.
- ☀️ He shares the same birthday with his brother who is two years older.
- ☀️ Aaron was born in Idaho with Irish heritage, but has an intolerance for potatoes. Though he can still enjoy sweet potatoes!

His Childhood & Favorite Memory

Aaron grew up in a very small town in Idaho, located on the southern shore of Lake Coeur d'Alene with his parents and two brothers. He spent most of the summers swimming or boating and winters skiing and snowboarding.



"I have many favorite memories from lugging down mountains in New Zealand to scaling waterfalls in Costa Rica. Though one of my most fond memories is simply four-wheeling around Santorini island with Christa. The weather was perfect on our way to enjoy some great street food and watch the sunset."

-Aaron



Influential People In His Life



His mom is an incredibly loving, kind and thoughtful person. She has always been supportive of his dreams and has taught him a lot about kindness and helping others in need.



His best friend since freshman year in high school, has taught him of kindness and intelligence that has no bounds.

Personality, Interests, and Outlook

Aaron is laid back, attentive, caring, reserved, thoughtful and has a sarcastic sense of humor. He has the best dad jokes around!

Rescuing a very angry pelican!



His interests include woodworking, science fiction, female vocalists, rock hounding, camping, rafting, arcade games and adventures in nature.

He is an optimist who enjoys a challenge. He truly is a jack of all trades and loves solving problems. He is spontaneous and takes things in stride.

Important Life Lessons

Try to live in the moment: "It may be difficult these days because of technology, but I believe its important for emotional well being and happiness."

Try new experiences: "Most of my favorite memories were created when I was outside of my comfort zone."

"Don't take life too seriously. You'll never get out of it alive." Elbert Hubbard

-Aaron

His Greatest Challenge

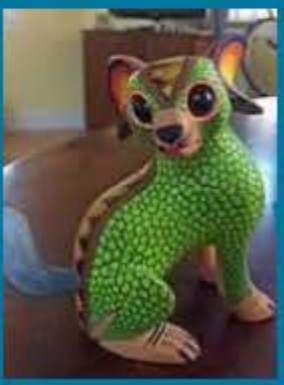
One of Aaron's greatest challenges has always been finding his forever companion. Aaron was 32 when he met Christa. Before then, he was in and out of difficult relationships and lost hope that he would find the right person, not knowing whether he would find someone he was happy with and could just be himself around.

"When I met Christa, I found so much more than just that. I found true joy of being in a relationship. I found my family."

-Aaron



Our Home



Our Neighborhood



Traditions



Christa makes homemade biscuits and gravy from scratch on the weekends. They were her favorite as a child and she can't wait to make them for her child some day.

Every morning we wake up and enjoy our coffee, watching what we lovingly refer to as "Chippy TV." We are excited to start our day with a child cuddling and giggling at the chipmunks' crazy antics.



Each night the dogs and cats get treats before bed. We started this tradition when Beauford and Skye were diagnosed with cancer and have kept it up ever since. A child is going to enjoy their enthusiasm!

...and more!



For Christmas, we hike and find a tree with Christa's family. Also, we travel to Northern Idaho to see Aaron's family and make cookie houses. Our families can't wait to spoil a child with tasty treats and love!



Around Halloween, we go to a pumpkin patch and dress up with our nephew. We also carve pumpkins!



"I am excited to have a cousin!"

-Arlo (Nephew)



Yearly, Aaron's dad, brothers, Christa, & Aaron go on a trip together. The guys warmly include Christa in their outings and will appreciate adding a niece or nephew to the mix!



We want a child within our home to grow up feeling extremely loved, supported, and confident. We will help them lead a happy life full of adventures, where they learn to accept others and cultural differences, practice self-love, enjoy the outdoors, and learn about all that life has to offer. We promise to encourage, love, and support them unconditionally and help them to follow their dreams while being true to themselves!



We wish for you to be part of our family in what ever way feels right to you. As our relationship grows, we hope you feel empowered and confident to communicate honestly and without fear. We promise to reach out often, communicate as clearly as possible, and understand when you need space.