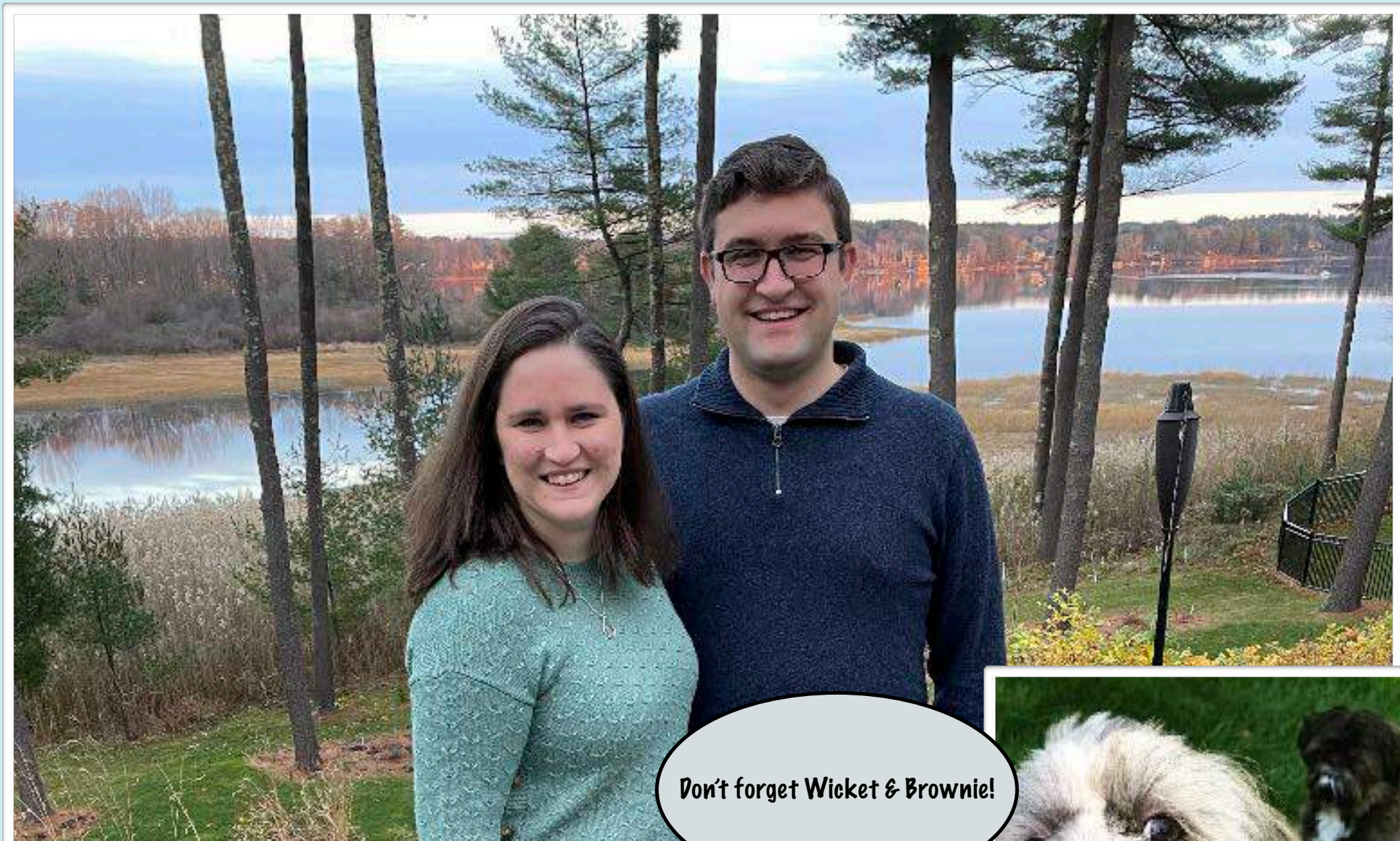


# *Sam & Kasey*



Don't forget Wicket & Brownie!



Hello,

We're guessing that if you made it this far, our cover photo didn't scare you away! Phew. But in all seriousness, thank you for turning the page and taking the time to read on.

We can't imagine what you are going through right now. We can't imagine the strength it takes to consider adoption. The strength it takes to turn the pages of one profile book after another.

While we can't lift the burden from you, we hope that we can lighten it a little. We invite you to turn the page and walk along with us for just a while. It is our greatest hope to grow our family through adoption, and perhaps share that journey with you. We can only give you a small glimpse into our lives in this book, but would welcome any questions you may have.

We can't promise to be perfect parents, or even perfect people. We can promise love, laughter, adventures, and a whole lot of aunts and uncles. We can promise beach days, and hikes. We can promise that we will help our child learn and grow, and give them the opportunity to explore their interests and passions.

At the end of this letter, you may choose to close this book. That is okay! Maybe you've decided to walk a little further with us, and you're ready to turn the page. If so, we're excited to share a glimpse into our lives with you! No matter what you choose, we're grateful that you took some time out of your day to spend it with us. Thank you!

~Sam & Kasey





# Our Story

We met in the spring. Kasey was teaching kindergarten at an early learning center and running their school-aged before and after school program. Sam was the preschool director. Eventually a group of us became friends. We started having game nights at Kasey's house, doing trivia on Wednesdays, and watching movies in the park during the summer. It was a year and a half before we fell into dating--everyone else around knew what was going on before we did.

The great thing about falling in love with your best friend? You already like each other, and doing things with each other, a lot. From hikes and long walks on the beach, to lazy Saturday brunches, hot cups of tea with a good book on the couch, trips to the grocery store, and projects around the house. We work together, lean hard on each other, dream together, have grown together, and are building a wonderful life together that we can't wait to share.



## Things We Love

\*Hiking

\*Traveling and Exploring New Places

\*Our Family

\*Movies in the Park

\*The Ocean

\* Gardening

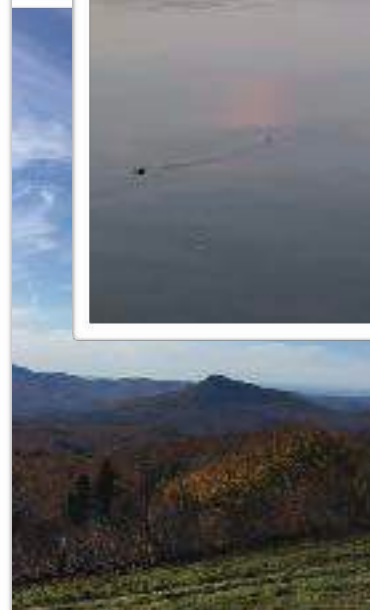
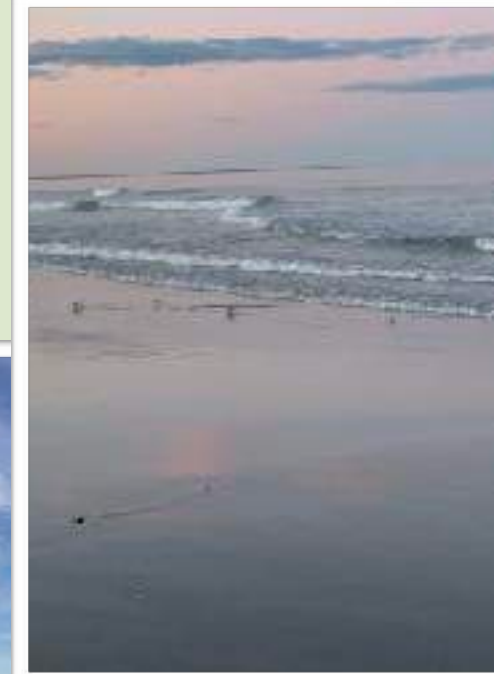


# It's a Beautiful Day in Our Neighborhood!

We live in a three-bedroom, single story house, on the Seacoast of New Hampshire, with both the mountains and the beach in close proximity! It's great, because those are two things that we love. We're within walking distance to two excellent elementary schools, a park, and conservation land with miles of trails.

There's no need to go far, though--we spent much of the past year landscaping our yard. We've got room for a swing-set, lots of gardens, and plenty of space to play (and barbecue)! It's the perfect place for our friends and families to get together.

We're excited to share beach days, hikes, picnics, and so much more!



**Fun in the Seacoast!**

## You might be wondering....

## Why adoption?



On our first date, Sam and I spent hours walking the beach and talking.

And somehow, along the way, adoption came up. We've been planning to adopt since the very beginning. **It has always been a part of our plan.** Together, we made the decision before we were married that adoption was the way we were going to grow our family, and we feel so blessed that you are considering joining with us on this journey!



# Meet Sam

(Written by Kasey)

There are so many things that I want you to know about Sam, but they won't all fit in this tiny space! Who is Sam? He's an occupational therapist, who works with students with disabilities. He fights every day to make sure the children he works with have what they need, physically and emotionally. He's a son, and a brother, who is always there to lend a hand when anyone (family, friend, or stranger) needs it. Sam's empathy and compassion lead him in everything that he does. Sam has stopped to jumpstart stranger's cars, he has taken time to dig them out of snow, and helped find their way more times than I can count.

To me, he's my husband, my best friend, and I can tell you that his self-sacrifice for those he loves knows no bounds. He can make me laugh when no one else can, and always pushes me to be my best self. Sam isn't afraid to try something new, and always encourages the kids he works with to reach their full potential. I've watched him play joyfully with toddlers, preschoolers, and kids at camp, and meet each and every one of them where they're at. Sam's really good at that--meeting us where we're at. And while all these are examples of why he'll be an amazing father, they're evidence of the strong, giving spirit that Sam carries within him and drew me to him in the first place.

I know that this probably barely scratches the surface of your questions about who Sam is. I wish that I could answer them all for you right now. And while I can't, I hope that I was at least able to let you see what I do every time I look at Sam.



## Things Sam Loves:

- \* Hiking
- \* Soccer
- \* Harry Potter
- \* Kasey's Baking
- \* Legos
- \* Beach Adventures

# Meet Kasey

## (Written by Sam)

Oh my, to describe Kasey, a task nearly impossible for so many reasons let alone in writing. She is a dedicated, strong, caring, nerdy, loving, and creative wife, daughter, teacher, and person. Long before we even thought about dating Kasey became a good friend and role model because of the joy and comfort she was able to provide to all of the people around her. I watched her working with kids of all ages, putting a smile on their faces and giving them the confidence to go down their own paths. I love listening from the other room as she has taught from home this last year as she uses her wonderful sense of humor to put her students at ease during even times as crazy as these. Clearly watching how Kasey works with kids makes me know she would be an amazing mother but there is so much beyond even that.

Kasey has such passion that it is quite literally infectious. A year and a half ago I was afraid to touch any living plants (following a traumatic experience killing a terrarium in less than a week) but after working with Kasey as she planted her garden last year I am just as giddy walking into a greenhouse as she. She dedicates so much to those around her, she is constantly aware of the needs of others, often before they are. She continues to help her siblings as they enter adulthood as she always has. Kasey gives so much love to those around her but I still feel that her heart is overflowing with more. One of the most difficult things to describe is Kasey's mind, she is constantly aware of the world around her and draws conclusions that, frankly, I can't follow half of the time. She is quick witted, quick thinking, and quick to help. I would love to sum Kasey up in one word but I literally cannot think of a word to do it; it would take a dictionary. I hope this has given you even a small picture of who Kasey is, for she is, without a doubt, a person worth knowing.



### Things Kasey Loves:

- \*Gardening
- \*A Hot Cup of Tea & a Book
- \*Star Wars
- \*Baking
- \*Beach Days
- \*Thunderstorms



# Wicket

All About My Brother Because Mom  
Made Me By: Brownie



Wicket's okay. I guess. I mean, I love having a little brother to boss around, don't get me wrong. But he moves. A lot. And lately, he's been stealing my sunspots. I mean, I let him share, but I still grump a little bit about it--I don't want him to get spoiled or anything. He likes to play this game, where he leaves a treat and hides and rushes to get it before I can when I get near it. It's a "sister-trap". Joke's on him, I can still move fast. Most of the time I beat him to it. I mean, he's only one, so he's still got a lot to learn, but I've been teaching him. Just the other day he finally learned to wipe his face on the carpet like I've been showing him. Took him long enough. He likes to give a lot of kisses, which isn't my thing. I direct him towards the humans whenever he wants to snuggle, but he doesn't always listen. Oh, well. So, overall, he's pretty great...if you're into cuddles. Which reminds me, I'm off to take a nap....





# All About Brownie

(Written by the best brother ever, Wicket!)

Brownie is great! She's really good at getting treats, and showing me where to find all of the cool stuff. She's an awesome big sister! She loves when I bounce on her head, and sometimes she'll even play tug with me. Brownie's 14, so she snores, A LOT.

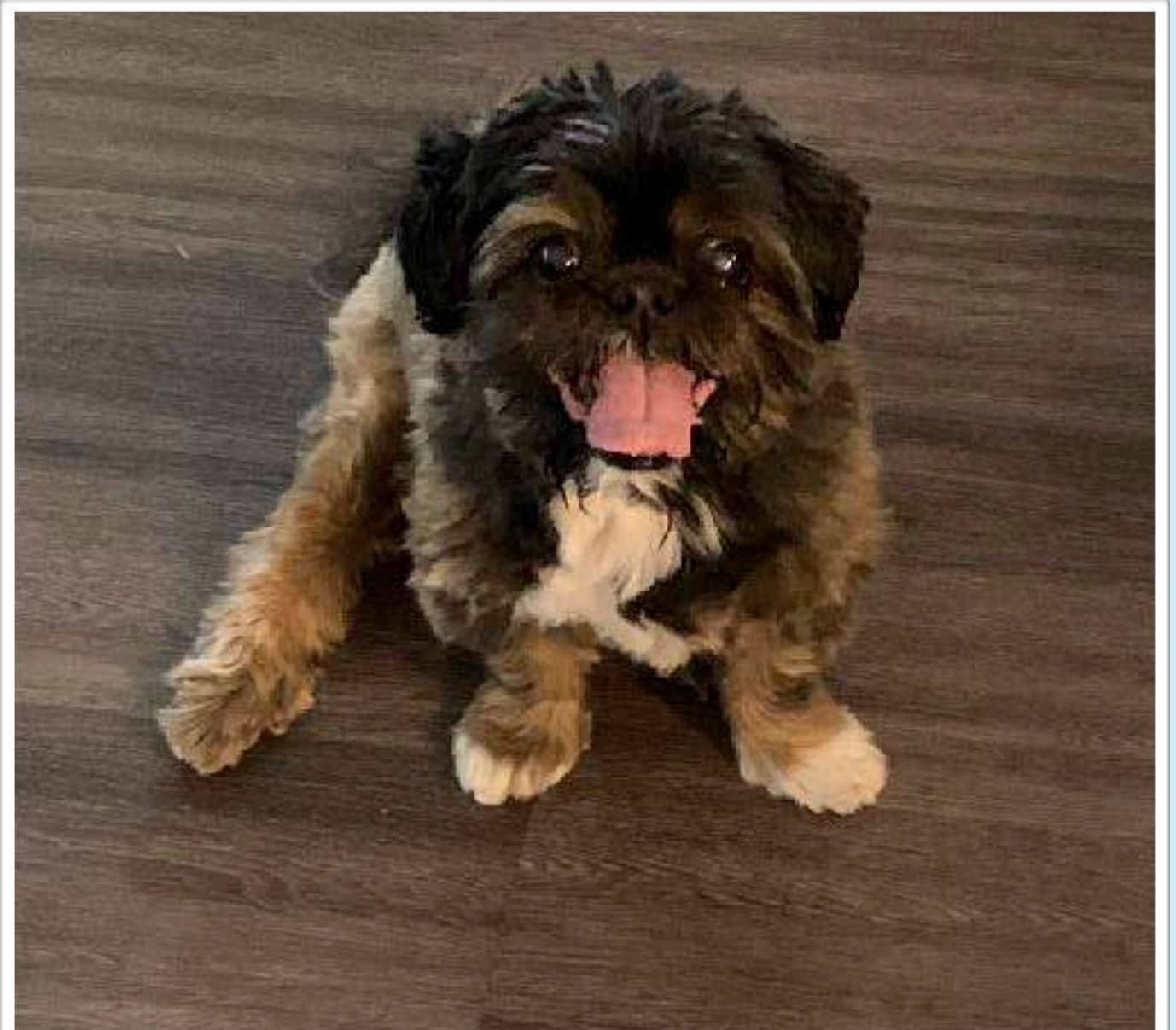
But that's okay, because I love her. She really likes to hike up mountains, and she rides in the adventure backpack on the way down. Her favorite, though, is kids. As soon as she sees them she perks up and starts prancing. She gets ALL the pets from them. Mom says she used to go into her classroom to visit the students when she was younger, and she knew my Uncle Aidan when he was little and loved to play hide and seek. Maybe that's why she hides from me sometimes?

It's okay, I'm really good at finding her (she snores, remember?). Speaking of which, I'm off to go get her now! Bye!

## Our Favorite Things

Brownie: Sunspots, Puppperoni, Long Walks, Visitors, & Bossing Wicket Around

Wicket: Teasing My Sister, Long Walks, Snuggles, Stealing Socks, & Getting the Mail







## Meet the Fam!

We are blessed to be surrounded by our family! Both of our families live within 30 minutes--that means we see our parents, three sisters, and four brothers pretty often. It is wonderful to have a support system that celebrates all of your successes with you, and comes running to help when a tree falls on your shed.

We love getting together for family dinners, taking vacations together, paddle boarding, kayaking and spending days at the beach.

Our family has an abundance of love and laughter, and everyone can't wait to share it as our family continues to grow!





# Traditionally...

We've created some wonderful traditions with our family! There are large holiday gatherings involving gingerbread houses, dinners (including a Charlie Brown Thanksgiving), egg hunts, and birthday get togethers.

Then there are smaller traditions that have been created with the two of us that we hope to continue--Saturday morning pancakes, board game nights, sunset walks on the beach, and weekend hikes. **We're excited to create new traditions as our family grows**, and would love to learn about some of yours!





## Thank You...

For joining us in looking at this snapshot of our lives. We know that we can't fit everything into these pages, but we hope that we were able to give you a glimpse into our hearts, our home, our community, our family, and everything that we hold dear.



We appreciate the precious time you've spent with us, and would welcome any questions you might have—we'd love to know you too!

