

Dear expectant parent/parents,

We are Ben (37) and Maria(35), we are a cowboy and cowgirl who have been married for 10 years. We would like to thank you and express our gratitude for your considering adoption! We know that it will never be an easy decision and are so honoured that you have read at least this far in our letter to you! We hope that within the difficult situation you find yourself in that our openness to a relationship and transparency will give you some comfort in your choice.

In a nut-shell, Ben and I love attending Catholic Mass every Sunday and attend bible study with friends. We try to be as regularly active no matter the season. We work hard for our horses to help them perform and play under any situation. We also love winter sports like skiing, snowmobiling, iceskating, snow-shoeing ... In the warmer seasons, we are with our horses working, playing and training, competing in ranch rodeos and roping. We also try to fly fish, float down a river and hunt both rifle and archery seasons.

We live on a Guest Ranch that hosts people on vacation. Our working lives consist of training horses, managing cattle and property on Maria's family's ranch. We spend a great deal of time giving horsemanship instruction and being hosts. We also do a great deal of work on the property that consists of fencing, driving tractors for haying and farming, feeding livestock and enjoy being together working outdoor or indoor.

We have been unable to have any children though we would love too! We have many nieces and nephews who we love to spend time with and expose to our way of life. We have been drawn to adoption because we want to receive a child as a gift in any form. We would also love to have your baby be able to know you through his/her child hood and through adolescence and adult hood to know the sacrifice and love it took to make this decision if you choose too.

We thank you and honour you for thinking of making a adoption plan with us. We pray and hope that the decision you make is through the grace of God.

Sincerely, Ben and Maria