

KEELAN JODI & EVERLY



Hi, I'm Jodi! I like listening to country music, reading books to Everly and my Kindergarten students, and I enjoy creating family memories and traditions. I also love gardening, crafting, cooking, canning, decorating, taking pictures, organizing, camping and fishing. I come from a Doukhobor background and grew up in a close knit family in the country. I am a Kindergarten teacher—a lifelong dream. More than anything, I absolutely love being a mama. It brings me joy watching Everly light up as she learns something new, celebrating her achievements and being there with open arms when she needs a hug. *Jodi is caring, nurturing and strong. She is a remarkable mom!*



Our family includes the two of us, our daughter Everly, our dog Dexter, our cats Rudolph and Ramona, and five fish. We have a loving extended family and friends who we are blessed to have in our lives. We have been married for 18 years and together for 23. Our relationship is built on a strong foundation of similar beliefs, values, goals and dreams.

Our journey to grow a family began in 2008. We learned that life does not always go as planned but that life's twists and turns open new doors to new journeys. We say that adoption chose us and we are so very grateful for this. In 2018 we welcomed Everly into our family through adoption, and she has been nothing short of a blessing. We know first hand of the special bond siblings share, and because of this we can't wait to watch our family grow.

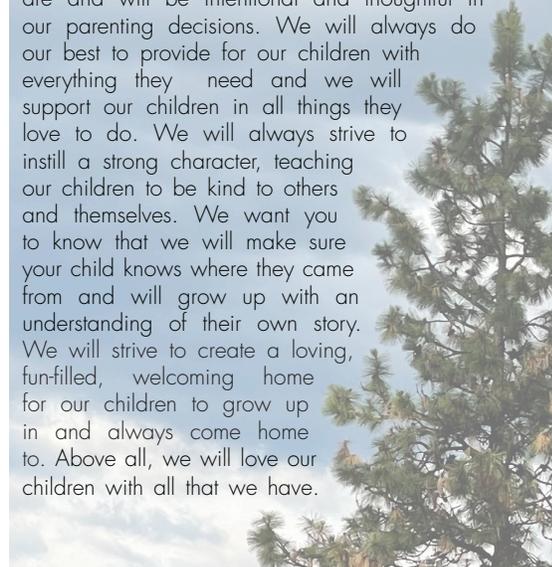


Hi, I'm Everly! I am 3 years old and my favourite colour is pink. I love horses, books, snuggling with my kitties and playing in my backyard with my dog Dexter. You can always find me wearing a dress, and usually playing vet with my horses. I have fun going to preschool, Unicorn Club (horse riding lessons) and yoga. Winter is my favourite season and Christmas is my favourite holiday. I like apples, tomatoes, broccoli, carrots and pancakes. When I grow up I want to be an animal doctor. I can't wait to be a big sister. I tell everyone that "I'm adopting a baby soon"! *Everly is joyful, curious and kindhearted. She will make an amazing big sister!*

And Hi, I'm Keelan! I like to listen to old country and indie music. I love figuring out how things work, fixing old machines, building things, drawing, camping and fishing. I enjoy learning about history, technology and people. I come from an English background, and like Jodi, I grew up on an acreage in the country, and spent my summers playing in the forest and creek. I work as a systems architect for a tech company, which suits my personality well. I love being daddy, and I enjoy the challenge of Everly's constant curiosity about the world. *Keelan is inquisitive, capable and patient. He is a fun-loving dad!*



Our promise is to work together as parents to be nurturing, patient, and understanding. We are and will be intentional and thoughtful in our parenting decisions. We will always do our best to provide for our children with everything they need and we will support our children in all things they love to do. We will always strive to instill a strong character, teaching our children to be kind to others and themselves. We want you to know that we will make sure your child knows where they came from and will grow up with an understanding of their own story. We will strive to create a loving, fun-filled, welcoming home for our children to grow up in and always come home to. Above all, we will love our children with all that we have.

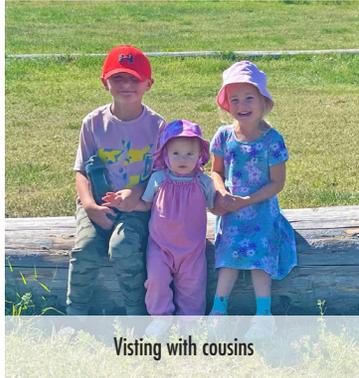




Our home sits on half an acre in a small farming community in the Okanagan. We are surrounded by beautiful orchards, many lakes, great schools and parks. Without leaving our community, we can catch a baseball game, go to the farmer's market, spend the day at the beach, go for a drive in the mountains, or simply take a picnic lunch to the splash park. But our favourite place to be is home. We love spending time playing and working in our yard and making our house a home. We enjoy taking Dexter for walks, doing Friday movie nights, sitting around a campfire in the back yard and making Sunday morning pancakes as a family. We feel like we get the best of both worlds; we live close to town but we can still live a bit of the country lifestyle we grew up with. We love it here and chose it because it's the perfect place to raise a family.



Trying to take a family photo — sometimes all you can do is laugh!



Visiting with cousins



Mom friends raising kids as friends



Grandparents are the best!



Helping follow passions

It takes a village. We enjoy getting together with friends and family for weekend barbecues, playdates, birthdays celebrations, and holiday dinners. With family in all corners of BC and Alberta, we often take road trips to visit them. Our favourite adventures are ones where we can get in the car, drive, and enjoy the scenery along the way. Our roots are in the East and West Kootenays, and they hold a special place in our hearts. It is where we grew up, and where our parents, extended family, and many friends continue to live. We enjoy spending time there; working on our property, visiting, tubing down the river, going creek fishing, and camping in the mountains. We are so blessed to have such amazing and supportive family and friends. Everyone is so excited that we are growing our family through adoption. We will continue to nurture close, loving relationships between our children, our family, and our friends. We are so thankful for our always growing, ever expanding village.



Lots of places to explore in the backyard



Making memories



Growing a love for gardening, just like mom



Daddy's helper



Sometimes calm times are the best times

Adoption has been a part of our family story for many years. Jodi's dad was adopted at birth and his birth family has now become simply, *family*. Jodi's family's adoption story has reaffirmed the value of openness in adoption. Openness expands opportunities for love and support. We also understand that openness can be difficult; we will welcome you into our family with the level of openness that you are comfortable with. In our home, we talk openly and read stories about adoption and diversity within families. We have also developed a very special bond with two other families who share similar stories to ours. We are thankful that our children are growing up together and that we have each other as sources of support. We look forward to creating special traditions to celebrate your child and helping them to know who they are and where they came from. Please know that you will always be spoken about with love and respect.



Thank you for giving us the opportunity to introduce ourselves. We are grateful for the love that you are showing by considering an adoption plan for your child. We wish you strength in your journey ahead. Regardless of the choice you make, we hope for only the best for you and your child. With love,

Keelan, Jodi & Everly