



ALIZA & BRANDI



Hello and greetings from New York City! Thank you for visiting our adoption profile as you consider all your options. Our names are Aliza (pronounced "Aleeza") and Brandi, and we live in Brooklyn, NY with our dog, Fernando. We are a loving, creative, and happy couple, and are so excited to build our family and share our lives with a child. We hope the information in our profile gives you a sense of who we are, what is important to us, and what is in our hearts. While we are very moved by the possibility of an open adoption, we honor and respect any choice you are prepared to make.

About Us

We met on the internet and fell in love with each others' online profiles, and then again soon after meeting in person four years ago. It was clear we share the same values and vision for our futures and the same taste in glasses. We quickly bonded over our mutual love of art, music, New York City, and traveling. Ever since, our relationship has been built on a great love and our shared values—compassion and empathy for others, a curiosity about everything around and beyond us, trust, having fun, and experiencing new things about ourselves, each other, and the world. As a team, we support and push each other to reach our goals and dreams and we celebrate spending our lives together every day. We try to live creatively and find meaning and beauty in all we do. We are deeply committed to each other, to our families, and to doing meaningful work. Aliza is an artist and is the Director of Education for a non-profit; Brandi is a writer and works at a world-famous music hall in NYC. Art and music are really important to both of us, and we work hard so everyone (especially children) can have this in their lives. We have so many hopes and dreams for our future family.



*Above: Traveling together in Istanbul.
Inset: Our sweet and wise dog Fernando*



About Aliza

"Aliza feels deeply, loves intensely, and is one of the most thoughtful, creative, and loyal people you could ever meet. Brave-hearted and honest, she says what she means and means everything she says. She would do anything for those she loves. One of the things I love and appreciate most about Aliza is her incredible empathy and compassion. She listens deeply and notices everything. She asks good questions and is genuinely curious about the answers. This makes her an amazing teacher, artist, friend, sister, aunt, and partner. Aliza is creative in every aspect of her life—from spontaneously composing the lyrics to silly songs, to making really cool paintings and drawings, to figuring out the solutions to any problems we run into. Surprises and adventures make her happy. She can make just about anything feel fun, special, and meaningful. Aliza treats all people with the greatest of respect. Children gravitate towards her gentle nature and her sense of fun. Her nephews adore their "Ahah" and I love to watch her spend time with them. I love being her partner and I know that her kindness, curiosity, open heart, and strong sense of right and wrong are all qualities that will make her a great parent." —**Brandi**

*Having fun
with our friend's
daughter, Isabella.*



About Brandi

"Brandi is one of the most genuine, patient, nurturing, and intelligent people I have ever known. It was Brandi's smile and openness that first drew me to her. That smile holds the soul of a kind, loving, and deeply caring person. Her enthusiasm is contagious. Brandi has a great laugh and lightness. There are also things that deeply move her. She knows how to feel connected to her innermost feelings and the empathy needed to be there for others. I admire how Brandi is always committed to reflecting on her experiences and growing as a human being in every way possible. It is joyful to watch Brandi with my nephews and the rest of my family, with her family in Texas, and our friends and friends' children. People adore Brandi and look to her for guidance and vision. She treasures reading and writing, especially with our dog Fernando sitting by her side. I know that Brandi will immerse herself whole-heartedly in the nurturing and encouraging of a child's interests, intellect, curiosity, and emotional well-being. I'm proud of Brandi every day, and proud and excited to be her partner through the journey of parenting and life." —**Aliza**



*The quest for the perfect slice of
pepperoni: Brandi and nephew Ethan.*



Peaceful evening at home: Brandi reading, Fernando napping.

Our Home & Neighborhood

We live in a loft in Brooklyn, in an old factory building with lots of families, dogs, and a rooftop garden. Fernando loves to walk with us to the park and along the beautiful tree-lined streets in our neighborhood. We like that we are close to playgrounds, libraries, museums, farmers' and flea markets, several parks and community gardens, and lots of fun things to do with kids. Exploring Brooklyn is an adventure. There's always something new to see or do. We meet so many people and find interesting new things every time we step out our door. There could be a new mural painted on a wall, a woman selling homemade tamales, a summer street festival, kids selling lemonade, an outdoor movie night in the community garden, or free concerts in the park. Our home is a quiet and creative space—full of books, artwork, and special things found on our trips. On weekends, Brandi likes to cook and make a big mess in the kitchen while Aliza paints and draws in her mini-art studio. Fernando loves to snuggle and take naps with us. We also like to get out of the city sometimes and drive to upstate New York or Vermont for weekends.



This is our building on a beautiful sunny day.



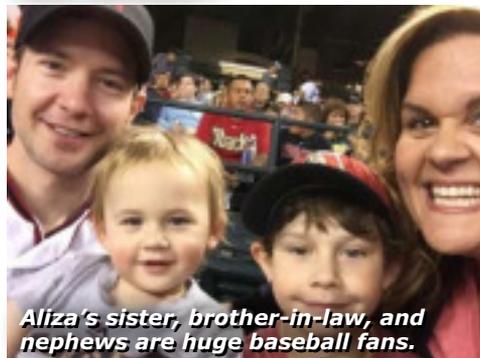
Aliza picking lavender in our building's rooftop garden.



Brandi's cousins Jordan, Sam, and baby J.



"AhahBandi" time with nephews Ethan and Jonah, Aliza's sister Rachel and her husband Doug.



Aliza's sister, brother-in-law, and nephews are huge baseball fans.



Brandi's family in Texas: mom, aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, and Cowboy the dog!



Surprise! Brandi flew in for her grandmother's birthday. From left: Brandi's mom, aunt Cindi, and grandmother.



Horsing around for Aliza's dad's birthday. Aliza's sister Rachel, brother-in-law Doug, Ethan, and Aliza's mom and dad celebrating at a dude ranch in Arizona.

Family

Our families have a huge presence in our lives, even though they live in Texas and Arizona.

We visit Aliza's family in Arizona often. Aliza's sister Rachel and her husband Doug live right down the street from Aliza's parents and have two boys. We love to hang out with our nephews, Ethan (9 yrs) and Jonah (3 yrs). Aliza's parents love to visit New York and we plan great things to do together—like going to museums, new restaurants, concerts, etc. They are very involved in our lives, very supportive, kind, funny, and the best grandparents to our nephews.

Brandi grew up in a small town in Texas and her whole family lives there. She is especially close to her grandmother. Brandi's mom comes to visit us in NYC and loves walking with Fernando in our neighborhood. We go to West Texas for holidays at Brandi's grandparents' house with her whole family—lots of aunts, uncles, cousins, and family friends who have known Brandi's family for generations.



Thank You

so much for taking the time to learn a little bit about us. We are honored that you would consider us for this very important decision. As you think more about what is best for you and your child, we hope you will keep us in mind. If you have any questions or would like to know more about us, please be in touch! With love and respect,

*Aliza
&
Brandi*

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FUN FACTS					
	OCCUPATION	HOBBIES	FAVORITE PLACES	FAVORITE FOODS	FAVORITE MUSIC
Aliza	ARTIST AND ARTS EDUCATION DIRECTOR* <i>(*) Drawings by Aliza</i>	SCULPTING, PAINTING, EXPLORING ON BIKE	NYC, NEW ORLEANS, ART MUSEUMS AND HAMMOCKS	TACOS, ANYTHING PUMPKIN, THAI, INDIAN	BLUES, WORLD MUSIC, AMY WINEHOUSE
Brandi	WRITER	READING, MOVIES, MUSEUMS, THEATER	NYC, AUSTIN, A LIBRARY OR THEATER ANYWHERE	TEX MEX, BBQ, ICE CREAM	FLEETWOOD MAC, EXPERIMENTAL CLASSICAL MUSIC, BEYONCE



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