

# *Nice to Meet You / Enchanté*

Thank you for considering us as parents to your child. We are Tom & Pierre, a married couple living in Ontario pursuing our lifelong dream of being parents. We consider ourselves blessed to have found a loving spouse, two of the most adorable dogs, and built a home filled with love and laughter to raise your child. We may not look like a traditional family, but we are a family with traditional values placed on love and respect. Being raised in a close-knit household ourselves, we have a strong sense of family. We know this will be an emotional process for all involved and with the focus on what is best for your child, we look forward to the journey ahead of us.

Thank you,

*Tom & Pierre*





## *Our Adventure*

We met online with no expectations realizing that we were in different countries. It was quickly evident to each other that we were starting something special. On our first chat, Pierre was on a hike sending pictures of butterflies and the views around him.



We had been dating internationally, and eventually got engaged. Due to the pandemic, we were married in an intimate ceremony on the beach on Long Island, New York. We have since planted roots in our home here in Canada with a yard for our furry kids – Cooper and Astrid, and are ready to add to our family.



## About Tom

Born and raised on Long Island, New York, I relocated to Canada to be with Pierre after dating internationally. Growing up and visiting Long Island means that I can be at the ocean beach in minutes, with any member of my extended family within 20 minutes, or in New York City in less than an hour. Moving away from my close-knit Italian family (and mom's cooking) has been the hardest part about moving to a different country, however we facetime daily and visit often. I consider myself very fortunate to now legally call myself a Canadian.

Becoming an uncle has been one of my greatest joys in life, and has reinforced always wanting a family of my own. I have a very close connection with my 3 nephews and 1 niece, having stepped in when their father was absent. Being so involved in their lives from birth to young adulthood has prepared and excited me for being a father.



Tom on Safari during a sibling's vacation

## About Pierre



Pierre all bundled up for a walk in the city

I grew up in small francophone community in rural New Brunswick with my sister and parents', including various extended family members: my mother had 15 siblings and my dad had four. We spent quite some time outdoors either be doing projects or in nature - hikes, cross-country skiing, etc. We traveled often making long weekends into fun little adventures to visit family and also went on longer trips in the summer, such as camping in Old

Orchard Beach, Maine USA. I have many fond memories of my childhood and now I am at the stage where I want to be the dad that makes those happen for my family.

We make the point of visiting family by traveling New York and meeting up in Florida during the winter months - nothing like the playing in the sand. Either be cooking, going kayaking or lounging at the beach, spending time with loved ones is the most important thing to me.



# Our Furry Kids

Together we adopted two cavapoo (Cavalier King Charles and Poodle mix) littermate puppies named Cooper and Astrid. They are super affectionate, loving, and social 2-year old pups who will be life-long friends with your child.

*Astrid*

## Nicknames:

- 🐾 Astroid
- 🐾 Licky Licks a Lot
- 🐾 Pillow Bandit
- 🐾 Snuffalufagus

## Favorite Things:

- 🐾 Snow
- 🐾 Giving kisses
- 🐾 Squirrels
- 🐾 Going on walks
- 🐾 Hide and Seek
- 🐾 Sleeping on pillows



Astrid living her best life

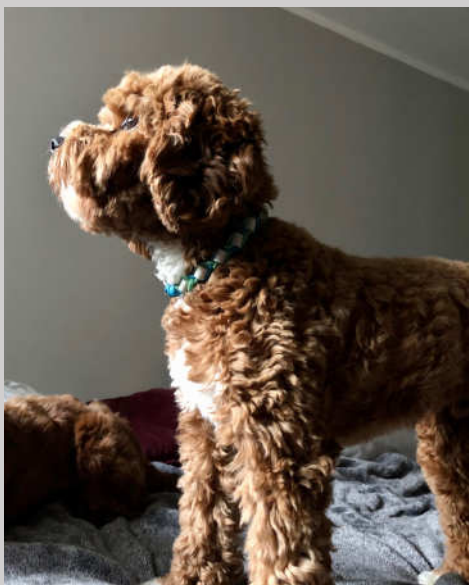
*Cooper*

## Nicknames:

- 🐾 Coupe
- 🐾 Super Cooper
- 🐾 Coopa Doopa Doope
- 🐾 Coupes

## Favorite Things:

- 🐾 Treats
- 🐾 Cuddling
- 🐾 Playing fetch
- 🐾 Watching TV
- 🐾 Kitchen dance parties
- 🐾 Belly Rubs



Ever the curious Cooper

## *What I Love About Pierre* written by Tom

Pierre has one of the most caring hearts that I have ever known. He is thoughtful in ways that most do not even consider. He is the man who travels to Mexico and gives glow sticks to the local children to celebrate New Year, and the guy who shows up to a friend's summer BBQ with a cooler full of water balloons for the kids to play with. He will be the kind of father who, no matter how busy he may be, will find the time each day to create special memories.



Puppy love!

The words I would use to describe Pierre are patient, loyal, committed, and level headed. They say every structure is built on a strong foundation, and Pierre is the bedrock that I rely on in order to stand tall. I am most looking forward to our daily family walks and looking over at Pierre to see him pushing the stroller with your child.



## *What I Love About Tom written by Pierre*

Tom is the most thoughtful and caring person that I have encountered. Tom brings a different outlook to our relationship and allows me to learn and grow with him, for which I see us being a good balance as parents and cannot wait to embark on that journey with him – it fills my heart. He will care for your child like no one else will, by teaching them kindness and honesty, and he will comfort, guide and support them in achieving their happiness.



Matthew, Grace and Tom on  
Thanksgiving, 2021



Tom juggling Cooper and Astrid in his arms



## Our Community

When we were searching to buy a home, we were looking for a welcoming house with plenty of room to grow, a family friendly fenced-in yard, in a mature neighborhood with a lot of trees that was close to family. We



Our home

were so lucky to have found our dream home with everything that we could want, including a room waiting for your child, less than 2 km from Pierre's family. A few blocks away from our detached home, is one of many public parks with a playground,

a baseball diamond, a seasonal ice rink and waterpark. We take pride in our home where we host dinner parties, game nights and visiting guests.



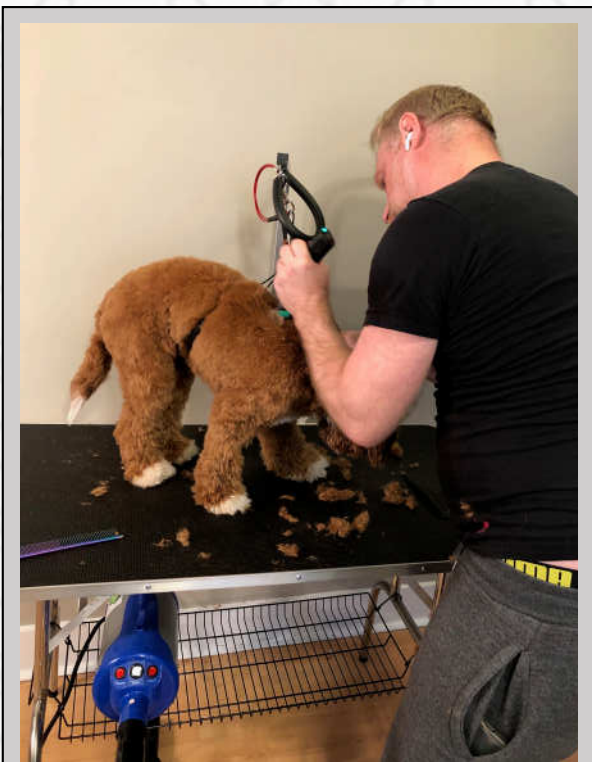
Who doesn't enjoy playing in a pile of autumn leaves?





## *Our Down Time*

We are both fortunate enough to work remotely from our home. Our days typically end with preparing dinner in our kitchen, paired with music and an impromptu dance party. Every day, we take the time to bring Cooper and Astrid for a walk through the neighborhood.



Tom grooming Cooper. We have both learned how to keep the pups coifed.



We try to eat healthy. Pierre serving a salad with pita and hummus.

Our weekends tend to be quiet and relaxed spending time together enjoying the outdoors. Whenever possible, we enjoy traveling whether to visit family or explore the world.



# Traditions



One holiday tradition is that Tom's family wear matching pajamas. Christmas in New York, 2021

Pierre's parents snowbird in Florida where we spend at least a week visiting them bonding in the sun and going on excursions to the local ocean beach. Both being raised observing catholic holidays, we have passed the last few years with Tom's family in New York for the Christmas season. As a couple, we have a few traditions of our own that we bring no matter where we are. Christmas onesies and Christmas cookie decorating are a must. We are so excited to add a baby onesie to the mix. This past Halloween, we hosted a party at our home. In the basement, we had various covered containers where everyone had to put their hands in and had to guess what gruesome trick was inside. We both enjoy creating memories from little moments and we find that our family, friends and their children also do. We have both grown up with amazing memories of family and friends, that we are ready to pass down to your little one.



Pierre, Dayvid, Tom and Xavier making Christmas Cookies, 2021



## *Same-Sex Family*

We are both openly out gay men, whose relationship is no different than a heterosexual couple. We are proud of all that we have accomplished as individuals and we are a proud gay couple who have the loving support of our family and friends.



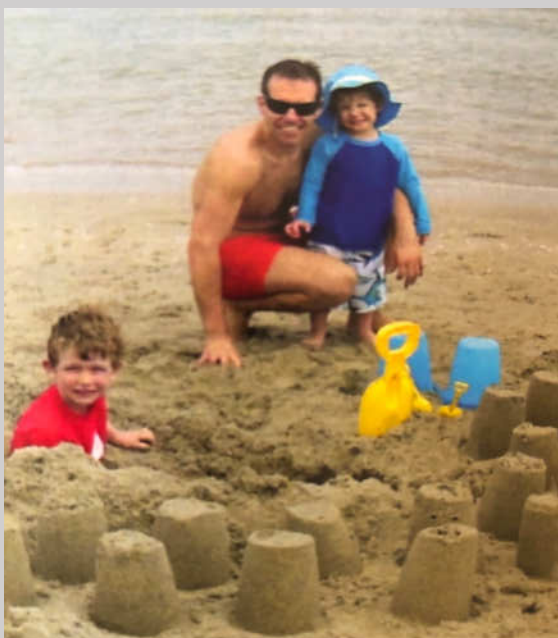
Pierre (l) and Tom (r) leaving the beach after our wedding ceremony.

We recognize that you will always be your child's mother, however as their daddy and papa, we are confident in the love we have for each other and the love that we will have for your child. We are committed to raising your child to be loving people with a good heart. We strongly believe in leading by example and demonstrating to your child open-minded acceptance and respect of others without bias or judgement.



## *Parenting*

As parents, we believe in providing your child with a fun, safe and loving environment. Fortunately, we both have a generous parental leave benefit that will allow time away from work to bond together. We plan on instilling the values of honesty, fairness, respect, reason, and diplomacy by demonstrating those behaviors ourselves. We want them to be heard and respected, allowing them to be able to share their opinion, therefore teaching that their opinion matters. We are excited to explore their creativeness, by doing arts and crafts and playing in the garden, as well as doing various physical activities such as skating or playing soccer. We cannot wait for the adventures ahead of us with your child whether they be in our kitchen, picking strawberries in a field or traveling the world.



Pierre with Caleb (l) and Nico (r) making sandcastles during family vacation in Florida.



Tom with Dayvid flying for a week of skiing in Wyoming.



## *Our Close Family*

Together we are the uncles to 6. Tom's siblings have blessed him with 3 nephews and a niece, and Pierre's sister has two boys that are entering their teenage years. As uncles to children of single mothers, we have both been intimately involved in their upbringing. We have spent Christmas eve putting together Christmas presents, been the adult who has been called when their first love cheated, and has had the open discussions of sex and drugs. Our relationships with our nephews and niece are built on openness, honesty, respect, love and of course laughter.



Pierre with (from l to r) Nathalie, Phillip, Caleb, Nico, Mom and Dad



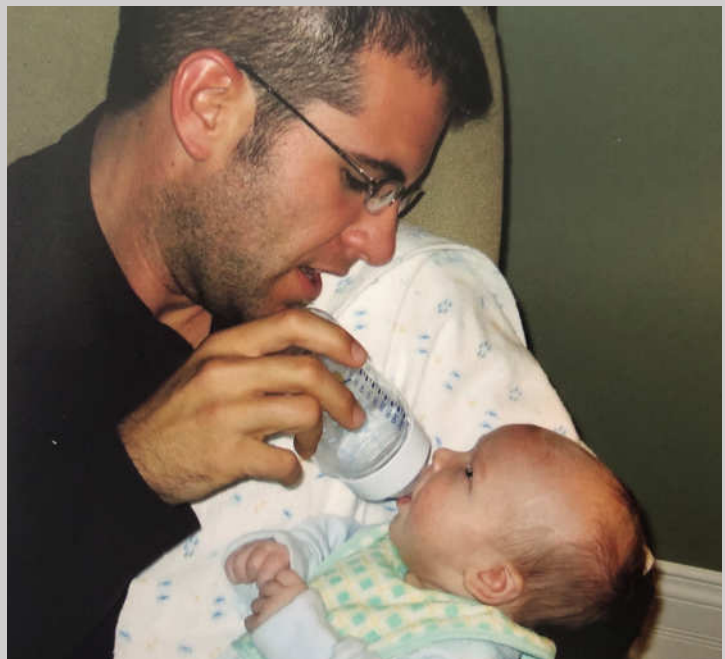
Tom comforting nephew Matthew



# Life With Us



On the lookout for squirrels!



Pierre bottle feeding Nico

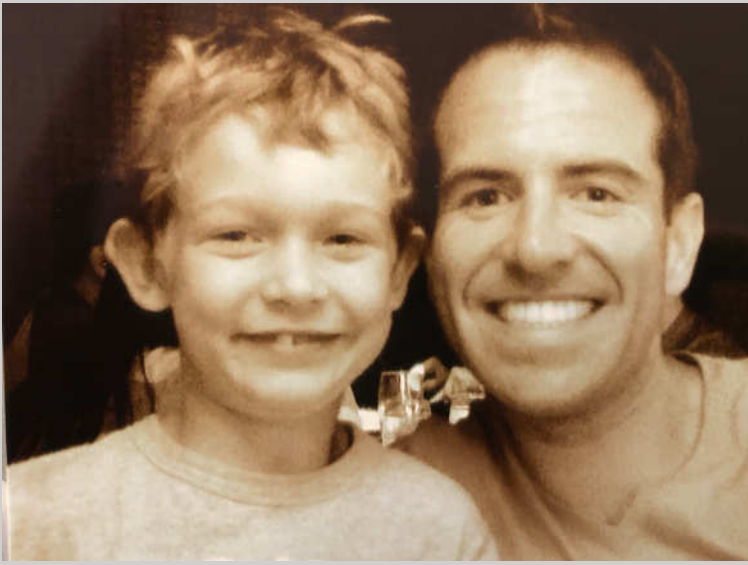


Tom (left), Grace (center), Pierre (right)  
Sending our niece off to her prom.

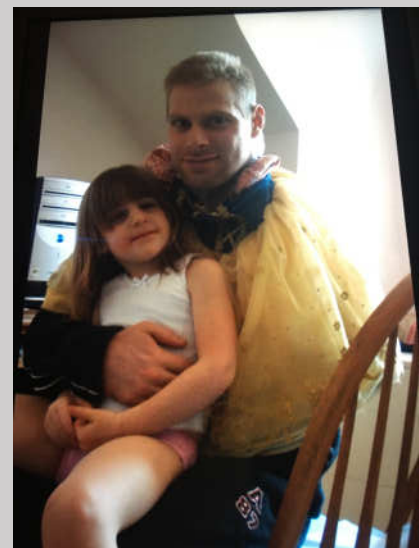


Cooper (left) and Astrid (right).  
Modeling our snowsuits and booties.





Caleb and Pierre showing off their pearly whites



Tom playing dress-up with Grace



Pierre and Nico bonding



Picking Pierre up from work on Halloween in a lion costume



We don't care how hairy you are, you are family - 2022





Pierre teaching Caleb and Nico how to rock climb



Silly moments with Nico and Snapchat filters



Making a wish on Tom's birthday with Matthew, Xavier,  
Dayvid & Grace



Tom teaching Matthew how to  
tie his tie for Prom, 2020





Enjoying each other on vacation in Mexico



Keeping the kids happy sometimes means going from the Hulk to a tea party



Tom, Caleb, Nathalie, Nico and Pierre during a family visit to Ottawa, 2021



Pierre holding Nico to see the fireworks with Caleb on Canada Day



Tom with his sisters, November 2021



Tom and Xavier playing on the local beach on Long Island



*Thank You*

Thank you for taking your time to get to know us. We cannot thank you enough for helping to make our dream of becoming fathers a reality.

Throughout our journey we have learned quite a bit about the unique needs of caring for an adopted child. Keeping the focus on what is best for your child, our goal is to have an open adoption. Our vision of open adoption remains flexible, however we feel that every child can benefit from knowing their roots. We are open to your thoughts on sharing photos, sending updates and visits. We look forward to establishing an adoption plan that honors your child and their full story.

We truly appreciate being part of your journey of adoption and are grateful for your consideration in raising your child and look forward to the path ahead of us!

Sincerely,

*Tom & Pierre*