



Hello, Howdy, Hola, Guten Tag!

We'd like to start off by expressing that we are **so grateful** that you have taken the time to browse our profile and learn more about us. We hope this book does a good job of giving you a glimpse into our lives.

We are hopeful to grow our family through adoption, as we both have a strong desire to be parents. We value kindness, compassion, hard work, and education. We love spending time with our friends and family and hosting holiday gatherings. We enjoy travelling, hiking, walking our dog (and hopefully one day a baby stroller), and sharing a meal together.

We understand this is a difficult decision which requires strength and courage. We will treat you with the **respect** you deserve and will **honor** whatever you decide. We are strong believers in **open adoption**, and would love to welcome you and your family into ours if you'd have us.

Sabina & Pablo

# Our Story

In December of 2011, Sabina was visiting one of her close friends, Leah, in Austin, TX. Pablo worked with Leah and was invited over to her house for dinner. It was at this dinner that Sabina and Pablo discussed their other connection through Pablo's brother Carlos, who was a

veterinary student at Texas A&M while Sabina was working at the veterinary teaching hospital. Fate had us connect again the summer of 2012, when we officially started dating.

We spent the first three years of our relationship in different cities (Sabina in College Station for vet school, Pablo in Austin for work) until Sabina finished school. Pablo proposed to Sabina the week she graduated from vet school - it was a time of big life changes!



Our wedding



On a trip to Oaxaca



Celebrating our engagement with friends

After vet school, we moved to **Albuquerque**, **NM** for Sabina's internship, and then to **Manhattan**, **KS** for her veterinary residency.

We were **married in November of 2016**, officiated by our dear friend Laura.

With so many close friends and family still in Texas, we made our way back to Austin once Sabina's residency was completed.



# Meet

I was born in New Mexico but raised in San Antonio, TX. I have always loved spending time with dogs and cats, and even wrote in my kindergarten journal that I planned to be a veterinarian. My family and friends supported my passion for animals throughout my life.

Despite always knowing I wanted to be a veterinarian, it took me a while to start my career. I received a Bachelors degree from Texas A&M in 2008, worked in a cancer research lab at the vet school while working on a Masters degree, and finally started vet school in 2011. I completed an internship in Albuquerque and an oncology residency at Kansas State University.

I am now a **board certified**veterinary oncologist and practice
at a wonderful specialty and
emergency pet hospital in Austin.





Checkup for Mr. Max



spending time with my friends. I keep in touch with several friends I've known since high school & college, & have been fortunate to meet many amazing people through my veterinary training.





Activities I enjoy include exercise – I love taking a walk, hiking, swimming, or bicycling. I also love live music, reading (favorite genres are memoirs and thrillers), eating cheese & the delicious meals Pablo makes, spending time outside, & trying out new crafts projects. I particularly enjoy macrame and miniatures!

FAVORITE FOODS: CHEESE, PANCAKES, SUSHI, ICE CREAM

**FAVORITE HOLIDAY: HALLOWEEN** 

FAVORITE MOVIE: THE WEDDING SINGER

FAVORITE BOOK: THE ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN

FAVORITE BANDS: LORD HURON, HISS GOLDEN MESSENGER



### **FAVORITE FOODS:**

TACOS AL PASTOR, CHIPS & DIP, SMASHBURGERS

### **FAVORITE SPORTS TEAMS:**

BUFFALO BILLS (NFL), TEXAS A&M (ALL), WEST HAM UNITED (SOCCER)

### **FAVORITE BANDS:**

LOCAL NATIVES, BOMBAY
BICYCLE CLUB

# Meet Wahlo

I was born in San Antonio but happy to have called Austin my home since 2010 (excluding our 4 year vacation away from Texas). I'm the youngest of 3 boys; my parents were born and raised in Mexico City, but moved to Texas in 1983 for my Dad's job. I still have most of my extended family there, so we try to visit as much as we can.

I started my career after college in accounting, and worked in that field until this past year when I transitioned into more of a system role, where I manage the financial system that our accounting team uses.

In my free time I love seeing live music, watching sports, traveling, watching TV and movies with Sabina, walking our dog (you'll meet him later), and playing video games. I also recently picked up golf, and have become quite obsessed even though I'm not very good. I hope to pass on that passion to our child, but not the skills!

I also really enjoy cooking and trying new recipes. I'm always eager to learn a new technique, and get a huge sense of joy when I can make something from scratch for friends & family. I like to think that it was the chicken parm I made for Sabina on the night we met that really won her over:)



Go Bills!



Shortly before I whiffed a shot

SOME OF THE TREATS I'VE MADE OVER THE YEARS!









On a friend trip in Mexico



## Sapina's Family



German wine country!

My parents, **David & Charlotte**, met in Germany serendipitously while David was traveling through Europe during his college years. Finding odd jobs along the way, he landed in Charlotte's hometown of Traben-Trarbach, located in a big wine region, during their grape harvesting season.

They quickly became friends and fell in love, and Charlotte followed him back to the States. They got married at Circus Circus in Las Vegas in 1977, and eventually found their way to San Antonio for David's job as a newspaper editor. Charlotte was a preschool teacher for 29 years and still loves spending time with children. They both can't wait to be grandparents, Charlotte has resorted to sewing Christmas stockings for our pets while she waits!

I have a younger brother, **Chris**, who is married to **Laura**, and they are expecting their first child (a baby girl) in December 2024. They are both teachers, and currently live in San Antonio.









**Top:** At our friend Laura's

wedding

Mid left: Traveling through Germany

Mid right: Oktoberfest with my cousin Michael Left: Annual Christmas pic



My parents, **Carlos & Lourdes**, met in Mexico City (where they were both born) and were married for 40 years until 2018 when Carlos sadly passed away.

They had 3 boys, **Carlos Jr.**, **Alejandro** & Pablo (the clear favorite). They moved to San Antonio in 1983, and eventually made it up to Austin, where Lourdes and Alejandro (along with his wife **Selena** & daughter **Gaia**) still live. Carlos Jr. lives in San Antonio with his wife **Tammy**, along with their two daughters **Emma** & **Sofia**. Everyone is very excited about the prospect of us adopting a child, Tammy is already planning on matching cousin outfits for future vacations!

We are all very close, and try to see each other as often as possible, whether it's family meals at someone's house or a family trip to Mexico City or any other destination!

Our Mexican heritage is very important in my family. We still celebrate the cultural traditions, speak the language, enjoy the food, and root for the Mexican National Soccer team. I hope that a child in our family grows up appreciating the culture in the same way I did.

## Paplos Family



Family trip to Peña de Bernal



Visiting Muir Woods



Our engagement celebration





Left: Birthday dinner at our house
Right: Get-together for my Tío Carlos
visiting us from Mexico



Wedding day!



Our families together at Thanksgiving



Our parents at our engagement

# We are fortunate enough to have a rather large group of friends with an extended history, some even going back 25 years! We have yearly reunion trips, as well as weekly dinner parties with our local crew. Any child coming into our family will have a giant support network behind them!

## Our Friends















### What Our Friends Think

They're close as a couple - balancing careers, daily life and travels. They have interacted lovingly with our three children the last 8 years; listening to their stories, playing with them, and showing an interest in what's going on in their lives. - **John & Katie** 

Sabina and Pablo have created a stable and loving home with a very supportive network of family and friends where they will be able to provide a joyful, caring environment for a child. Watching them interact with the children of family and friends has only shown what loving and attentive parents they will be. - Leah





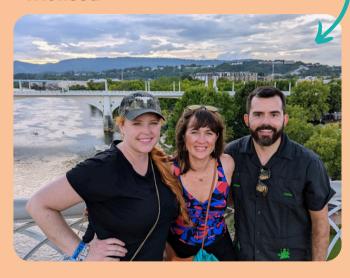
Pablo and Sabina are compassionate, responsible, and deeply committed to creating a supportive environment. They have a stable home, a strong relationship, and a wide network of family and friends who are eager to bring a child into their lives. - Lindsey & Ben

It is clear to everyone who meets Bina and Pablo that they are special; they pour into others, including their nieces that they love and dote on. Whatever child is lucky enough to be placed with Bina and Pablo will be, quite simply, loved deeply and gracefully by two incredibly supportive, thoughtful, and giving individuals. - Stephanie



They are caring and loyal friends who always have me laughing. They clearly are in love as well as best friends. A child would be blessed to have such supportive, kind, and loving parents.

- Melissa



Sabina and Pablo would make amazing parents. Seeing them around our friend's children makes it easy to see why parenthood is a great fit.

- Eric & Victoire



Any kid would be lucky to have them in their lives to guide them through this wild world. If you want a child to grow up in a loving, witty, animal loving, happy and fun (really fun) home, then Sabina & Pablo are the answer.

- Christian & Laura G



They give openly and care deeply and there isn't a thing in the world they wouldn't do for the people (and animals!) they invite so sincerely into their homes. They love their friends and their community on a deeper level than most, without bounds, always with a smile and a joke and always leaving every place and every person a little better than they were before just by spending time with them both. - Laura S

### What Sabina says about Pablo

Pablo is the funniest person I know. He has an incredible sense of humor, which is usually the first thing people notice about him.

Beyond his comedy, Pablo is also a thoughtful, empathetic, and nurturing soul. He has supported me through my many years of vet school and additional training.

Pablo is extremely intelligent and organized (sometimes to a fault) and will always research a topic before he gives his opinion.

Most of all, Pablo will build a strong foundation for a child and growing family.



During a calenda in Oaxaca

### What Pablo says about Sabina



On a family trip to Germany

Sabina makes me a better person. She is the most thoughtful, caring, compassionate person I know. Whether I'm having a good day or a bad day, the first person I want to talk to about it is her because I know she'll tell me what I need to hear. She supported me through the toughest days of my life and was the reason for the best ones. I have seen firsthand how great she is with children, and I know she'll be an amazing mother and leader for our family. Also, she brings a candle with her on every trip and I pretend to be annoyed but actually love it.

Our sweet pup Oatmeal

Binxy, the newest addition



We consider our pets to be part of our family, and we love them unconditionally. We've both always had pets growing up, and couldn't imagine our home without one. They are all very excited about adding more cuddlebuddies to the house!

## Meet Our Pets



Glinda, the Queen of the house



# Welcome Home



We first moved into our house in 2019, and have slowly made it our home since then.

We love our neighborhood pool, nearby parks & trails, and the fact that our family (and HEB) are so close.



We love to celebrate the Holidays, and enjoy decorating our house throughout the seasons. Every year we host a Halloween party (we are excited about family costumes!) and, around Christmas, a Tamalada (tamale-making party) with friends.

# Holiday













# Our Interests

When not in holiday mode, we spend our free time seeing live music, going on hikes/walks, and volunteering with TreeFolks (a local tree planting organization). We are both supervolunteers, which means we get to lead events and spread positivity around all the benefits trees provide to a society!



Seeing The Head & the Heart with our Austin friends



Hiking in Vermont



Caught in the rain planting trees



Listos Verde!



Vet friend reunion in Sedona

### Our Travels

We love going on trips, whether with a group or just the two of us. Exploring new locations & cultures is always exciting for us, and Pablo loves to make itineraries. We are so excited to explore new places, cultures & cuisines with any children who join our family!



Mexico, 2024



Germany, 2023



London, 2023



Chicago, 2022



Australia, 2019

# Why We're Adopting

As we settled into our careers and lives in Austin, we began to envision all the memories that we could make with children in our home. Since Sabina was in her 30's by the time she completed her schooling, we sought the expertise of a fertility specialist to learn about our chances of having biological children. It was during this process that Sabina found she has a uterine defect that makes natural pregnancy challenging.

Knowing that we are best friends with a strong marriage, we still felt that parenting children would enrich our lives. We also feel passionate about contributing to a loving relationship with a child, with the goal of supporting the child through the ups and downs of life. We also feel very strongly about open adoption, as we want our child to know as much as possible about their history and heritage, and would love to maintain a connection with their birth family.

It is with the most sincere gratitude that we embark on this adoption journey.



# Our Medge to You

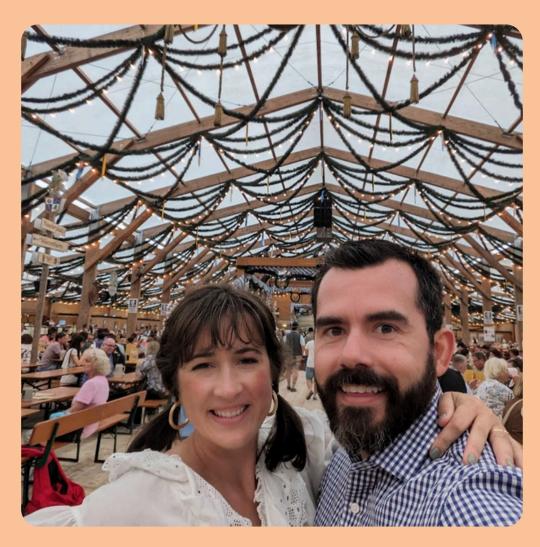
We can't thank you enough for taking the time to read through our profile and consider our family in your decision. We hope this helps you envision what your child's future could look like in our care.

We'd like to add some specific promises we will make to any child that joins our family. We pledge to:

- Love your child unconditionally
- Provide a safe and nurturing environment full of laughter
- Raise your child in a multicultural household
- Value and honor your child's culture and background
- Teach them good values and raise them to be good people
- Build a connection with you, and ensure that your child knows where they came from

We do not take your decision lightly, and we will we take the responsibility you entrust us with very seriously. We wish you and your child nothing but the best moving forward, and can't wait to hopefully join our families together.

Sabina & Pablo



Goodbye, Adios, Auf Wiedersehen! Hope to meet you soon!