

# All About Rosie



A Children's Guide to Adoption

This is a story all about Rosie. Rosie used to live with her mammy, daddy and baby brother Jack.



Rosie's mammy and daddy loved Jack and Rosie very much but could not keep them safe.

Rosie and Jack had a social worker called Laura. A Social Worker is someone whose job it is to help people when they have problems.



Laura was very worried about Rosie and Jack and to make sure they were kept safe she took them to live with Helen and Michael who are foster carers.

A foster carer's job is to look after children who can't live with their own family. Foster carers will do all they can to help you feel safe and cared for while you are away from your family.



They will listen to what you say and help you to stay in touch with your family.

Rosie and Jack started to feel happier living with Helen and Michael.

Every Monday and Wednesday Helen took Rosie and Jack to see their Mammy and Daddy at the Children's Centre.



Rosie knew that if she was unhappy about anything Helen and Michael were there to help her.

She could also talk to Laura, her Social Worker.

One day there was a meeting with lots of people. They all thought very hard about Rosie and Jack.



They decided that it was not safe for Rosie and Jack to live with their mammy and daddy.

They decided that Rosie and Jack should have a new family who they could live with forever.

Laura went to court to speak to the judge who also agreed that they should have a new family.



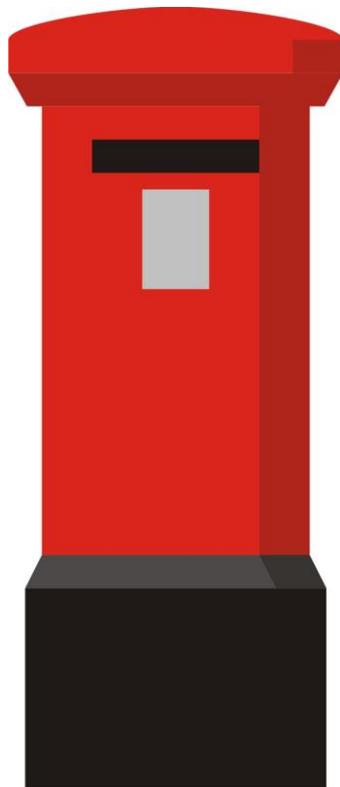
Laura and another social worker looked very hard to find Rosie and Jack a new family who could keep them safe and happy.

When the social workers found a family Rosie and Jack enjoyed spending time getting to know their new family before they went to live with them for ever.



Rosie told Laura it was a bit scary at first moving into a new house, but soon it felt ok and they were all very happy together.

Rosie missed her birth Mammy and Daddy but knew that they could write to her new family and they would write back to them every year.



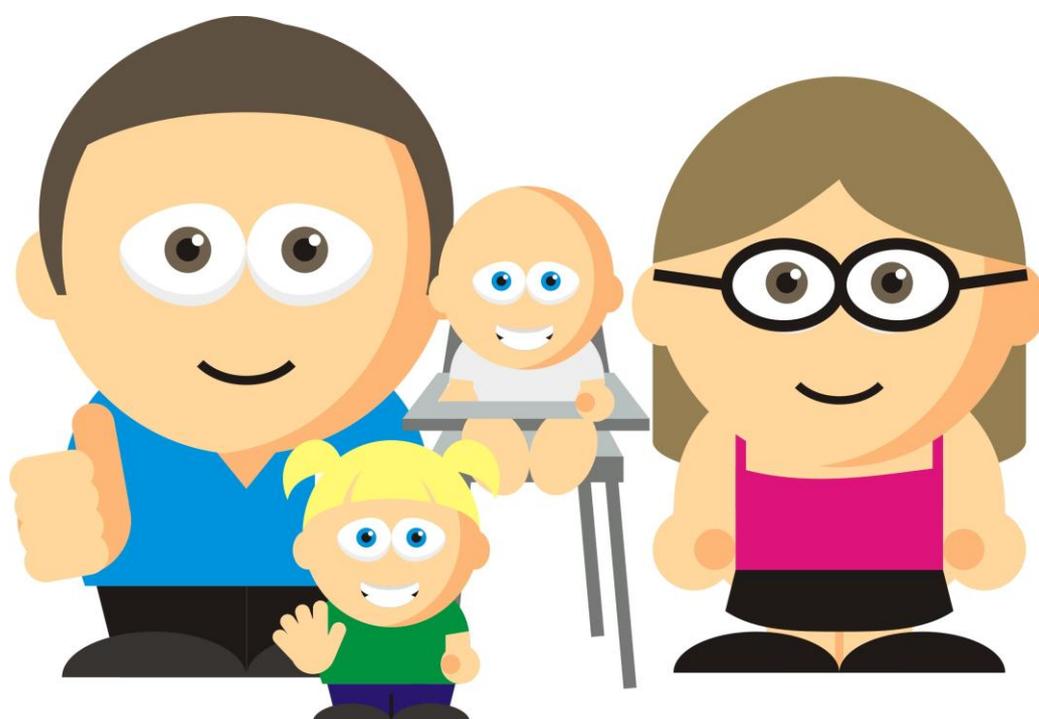
This meant that they could keep in contact and know how each was safe and happy.

After Rosie and Jack had lived with their new family for a while, they all went to court to see the Judge. The Judge said they could be a forever family.



This meant that Rosie and Jack were adopted.

Laura said goodbye to Rosie and Jack as they did not need to have a social worker anymore.



They were safe and happy with their new family.

My social worker is called..... and I  
can get in touch with them by ringing .....

My Independent Reviewing Officer is .....  
and I can get in touch with them by ringing.....

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get help from lots of different people if they need to. You can ask  
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