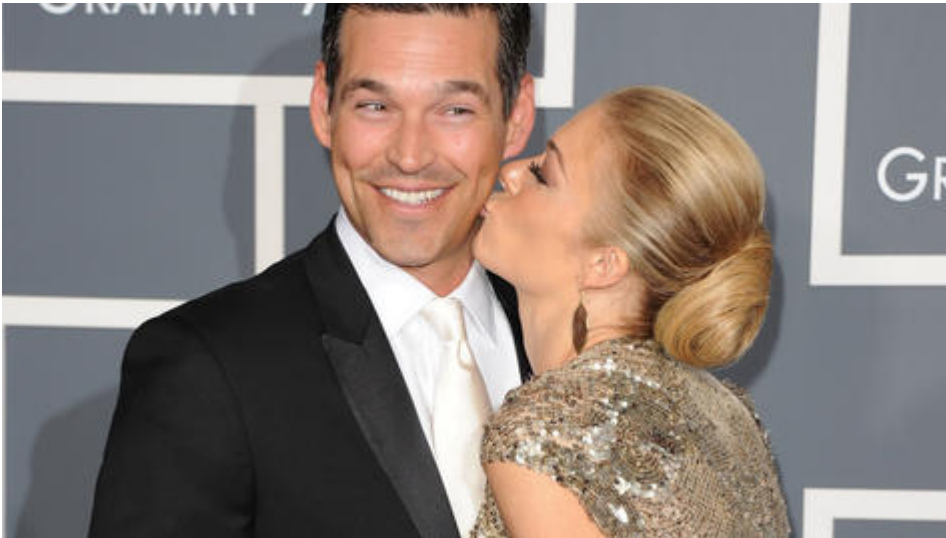


LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian Ready for Children



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There are two things Hollywood is full of: reality shows and celebrity children. LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian, who have their own upcoming reality show on VH1, told UsMagazine.com that they are wanting to bring some children into the mix. "He's the best Dad already," said Rimes. "I have a little bit of experience with the kids now so, I feel like I wouldn't be too crazed. It doesn't feel like a real first, first!" Cibrian has two children with ex-wife Brandi Glanville, sons Mason and Jake. After Rimes' comment on kids, Cibrian joked, "Look, maybe we should just get another dog and then see how that goes." Rimes said, "Other than the reason of us wanting to work together and be home with the kids, why not have fun and poke fun at everything that's gone on for the last five years."

How can you tell if your relationship is strong enough to take

on children?

Cupid's Advice:

Once a couple has been together for a certain amount of time, many might start thinking about whether their partner is family material, and questions of whether or not they want kids and how many they want can start popping up in conversations. This might be one of the most important conversations you can have in life. After all, it's not just deciding to have a baby and bask in the newborn happiness. This decision will affect you for the rest of your life, and these kids are going to become adults. If you and your partner are talking about having kids, you'd better be sure you can handle them:

1. Want the kids before you have them: Maybe you've never really liked children, or you've had a bad experience with them in the past. No matter how it came about, some people just don't like being around children. This doesn't mean you won't want kids eventually, but you have to know what you're getting yourself into. If one partner wants kids and the other doesn't, a child would only create a gap in the relationship. Maybe the idea of a child seems nice, but you haven't been around kids much. Surround yourself with young relatives or babysit for a friend; get experience with children so you can be 100 percent sure you *want* children:

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2. Give them a sense of permanence: A child is a lifelong responsibility, and you should be willing to show it. An apartment that works for you and your partner might not be big enough for a child, or it might have some big safety risks. Make sure you're ready for a child to be in your life before you even plan on having one. This means buying cribs, creating a nursery, and thinking of good schools in the area. Not only will you be better prepared for a child, but you're showing

your partner that you're dedicated and not going anywhere.

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3. Be ready for a big change in the relationship: A child will completely change the relationship between you and your partner, and you need to be ready for it. If you two have had the same routine for years, try making changes to your schedule and seeing how it affects your mood. Time that you spend with each other might now be spent with the baby, or trying to catch up on sleep. Not only will you be a couple, but you will be parents, completely changing the nature of your relationship. New tasks, schedules, and feelings are going to put your relationship to the test, so make sure you're ready for it.

How has having children affected your relationship? Let us know in the comments!