

Celebrities Who Met on Blind Dates



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Blind dating isn't uncommon among people who have a difficult time meeting potential love matches, but it does raise an eyebrow or two when we learn that some of our favorite celebrities endured their fair share of spontaneous dating. You would be surprised to find out that some of our most beloved couples actually met through mutual friends. Cupid has a list of such past and present lovebirds:

1. Tom Brady and Gisele Bündchen: Brady began dating Gisele Bündchen in December 2006. In 2009, he revealed to *Details* magazine that he and the supermodel met during a blind date. A mutual friend set up the two lovebirds. "This friend told me he knew a girl version of me," Brady said, with Gisele chiming in: "And he said to me he'd found a boy version of me." The

couple hit it off immediately and married Feb. 26, 2009 in an intimate Catholic ceremony in Santa Monica. The duo have two children together, son Benjamin Rein Brady and daughter Vivian Lake Brady.

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2. Pete Sampras and Bridgette Wilson: The retired American tennis player met former Miss Teen USA and actress Bridgette Wilson on a blind date arranged by friends in 2000. Just nine months after their first date, the two got married. They have two sons together, Christian Charles and Ryan Nikolaos.

3. Cindy Crawford and Rande Gerber: These two met thanks to Crawford's agent, Michael Gruber. After Gerber escorted the supermodel to her manager's wedding, the two began a friendship. The pair reconnected romantically after Crawford's three-year marriage to Richard Gere ended in 1994. Shortly after, the new couple married in 1998. "When she's lying next to me, she looks incredible. That's the best part: waking up with her," Gerber said of Crawford, 47. The lovebirds have two children together, son Presley Walker and daughter Kaia Jordan.

4. Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston: The former *Friends* actress met her ex-husband through a date that was set up by both of their managers in 1998. The couple married July 29, 2000 in a private ceremony in Malibu. However, wedded bliss didn't last long. Five years later, they pair announced their separation and divorced Oct. 2, 2005. Brad Pitt has since moved on with Angelina Jolie and Aniston is now living with and engaged to Justin Theroux.

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5. Jenny McCarthy and Paul Krepelka: Before dating her current beau Donnie Wahlberg, McCarthy connected with Boston sports agent, Paul Krepelka. "He was my fifth blind date," she told talk show host Ellen DeGeneres in Jan. 2011. However, due to

the stress of a long distance relationship, the couple called it quits a month after McCarthy went public with their romance.

Who are some other celebrities who met on blind dates? Comment below.

Jenny McCarthy is Dating a New Man



Jenny McCarthy is taking a break from the Hollywood dating scene by casually dating entertainment-sports attorney, Paul Krepelka, according to *People*. McCarthy split from boyfriend of five years, Jim Carrey in April. She rang in the new year with Ryan Seacrest in Times Square as part of *Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve*

with Ryan Seacrest, where she received a New Year's kiss from her new man.

How do you keep your new man under wraps?

Cupid's Advice:

If you are in the public eye or simply just a private person, you may want to keep a new relationship to yourself. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Avoid social media:** Information travels fast online. Don't slip up and announce your relationship on Facebook when you aren't ready to announce it in real life.
- 2. Frequent less conspicuous places:** If you don't want everyone to know your business, don't go on dates in the locations you normally do. Branch out.
- 3. Keep it all behind closed doors:** Even better than not visiting the locations that you normally do, don't leave the house! It's perfectly possible to have a romantic dinner and movie within the confines of your home. Plus, there's close to no chance of a peeping tom.