

Celebrity Couples Who Function As Families After Divorce



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In the world of Hollywood, it's easy for celebrities to move on after they've been through a breakup. After all, there are always new and exciting people for them to meet, and everyone already admires them. However, some celebrities don't choose to completely separate from their exes. Although they didn't start dating each other again, these celebrity couples had their reasons to remain a family even after their divorces:

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1. Bruce Willis and Demi Moore: For thirteen years, Bruce Willis and Demi Moore were among Hollywood's strongest power couples. The two actors were at the heights of their careers when they married in 1987, making their wedding one of the most talked-about events of the year. However, by 2000, their marriage had fallen apart and the two divorced. Unlike many other settlements, both in and out of Hollywood, Willis and Moore's split was uncontested and ended peacefully. They both agreed on the reasons for the divorce, blaming the increasingly small amount of time the two could spend together. Willis always said that Moore and their children's happiness was the most important thing to him, and he gave around \$90 million to her in spousal support. When Moore was

still married to Ashton Kutcher, they would their spend holidays with Willis as one large family. As Bruce said to *People*, "Life is too short to spend what little precious time you have alive being unhappy."

2. Courteney Cox and David Arquette: It's rare to see any relationship end as amicably as that of Courteney Cox and David Arquette. After meeting on the set of *Scream* in 1999, the two actors were married. Eleven years later, they began a separation that ultimately ended this June with a legal divorce. This separation was very simple and surprisingly friendly. Neither used a lawyer, assets were split 50/50 and Arquette didn't ask for any support. In a statement they both released, they said that "the reason for this separation is to better understand ourselves and the qualities we need in a partner and for our marriage." Even while separated, the two remained committed to raising their daughter Coco as a team. Cox told [People](#) in 2012 that Arquette is still her "favorite person in the world." It's easy to believe that: Cox came to cheer Arquette on when he appeared on *Dancing With The Stars*, Arquette had a guest role on Cox's sitcom *Cougar Town*, and their joint production company Coquette Productions still makes television shows.

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3. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Maria Shriver: Although this divorce was one of the messiest splits in recent years, Arnold Scwarzenegger and Maria Shriver have managed to remain respectful and friendly. We've all heard the story: after being married for 25 years, Schwarzenegger revealed that he had fathered a child with their housekeeper over a decade earlier. He remained apologetic and said he deserved all the criticism he was sure to get, making him very accepting of his marriage's inevitable end. In part because of the love they still shared and in part because of Schwarzenegger's political position, the two tried to fix their marriage in couples therapy, but a divorce still seemed likely. Though the two are

now separated, Schwarzenegger still has a great deal of respect for Shriver and the two raise their children as a team. As he said to the [Huffington Post](#) earlier this year, “The most important thing is that the kids are doing well, and Maria always has been an extraordinary mother and always has worked with the kids very closely.”

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