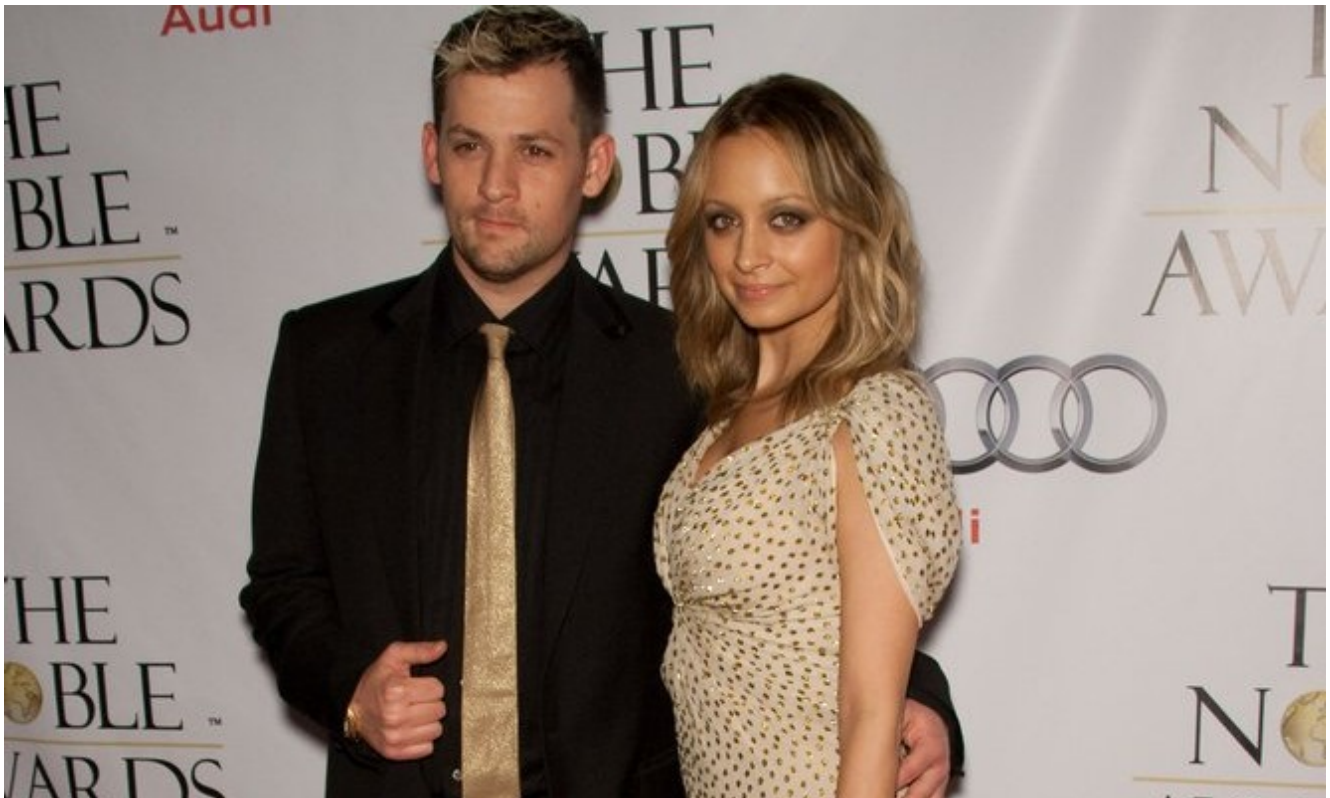


Nicole Richie and Joel Madden Wed with Elephant



In traditional Hollywood style, Nicole Richie and Joel Madden finally tied the knot at the home of Richie's singing sensation father, Lionel Richie, surrounded by 130 family members and friends. But according to [People](#), one big detail stuck out as being unique: a trained elephant was in attendance.

How do you incorporate animals into a wedding ceremony?

Cupid's Advice:

Everyone's wedding ceremony should be unique, and incorporating animals into the festivities is always an

excellent way to show who you are as a couple:

1. Wed at the zoo: The zoo can be the perfect wedding venue for a couple with a soft spot for animals. By having your wedding surrounded by animals, you're not only giving your guests a unique experience, but you're also raising awareness for endangered species.

2. Make your dog part of the wedding party: People who love their dog consider him a member of the family, and family should always be included in the wedding. Make your dogs both your ring bearer and flower "girl."

3. Let birds fly: Angelic birds such as swans and doves have long been associated with wedded bliss. With the right wedding planner, you can have these symbols of innocent love as guests at your wedding.