

# Five Reasons Why Being Needy Will Push Him Away



By Kerri Sheehan

Having a partner who always wants to be around you is a great feeling – to a certain extent. Everyone has needs when they're in a relationship, but being overbearing about what you want will push your significant other towards the door. A relationship is an equal union, so if you're busy only thinking about yourself, then your guy will begin to resent you. Here are the five reasons why being needy will push him away:

**1. You'll become completely dependent:** Being too clingy causes you to revert to childhood. It stops being a peer relationship

and becomes more of a caretaking relationship. Namaste Moore, life and relationship coach, says that, often times, this sort of dependency can put both parties in a bad position. "The significant other who is expected to meet that need is in the position of not being a partner but of being either a savior or villain, depending on their ability to satisfy their sweetheart. A healthy, mutual relationship based on the exchange of love quickly becomes a codependent dynamic where one partner feels they must choose either the loss of their sense of self or feel like the enemy."

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**2. You'll put too much pressure on him:** Your mate will spend so much of his extra time trying to meet your excessive desires that he will struggle to find the time to meet his own personal needs. The partnership will become less loving and romantic for him and more of an obligation. He will begin to resent you, and it's likely that his friends will too, seeing as he's spending all or most of his extra time trying to please you.

**3. You'll make him want to escape:** Often times, the more a needy person holds on, the more their partner begins to pull away. Nobody likes to feel trapped, and being dependant on your guy will make him feel just that. He will start searching for the nearest exit simply because he feels ensnared by you. Try lessening the demand you put on your partner, and you will find that you're both happier together.

**4. You'll cause an unhealthy imbalance:** No matter what the healthy person does in a relationship, the clingy partner will almost never feel loved enough. Due to this inequality, they will instead feel neglected, and their behavior will surely reflect that. In the same way that a child acts out to get their mother's attention, the needy party will act out to get the healthy party's attention. No one wants to be in a relationship where they either don't feel loved enough or feel

like they can never do enough to show the other person that they love them. The relationship will not be mutually fulfilling for either party.

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**5. You'll be seen as selfish:** Courtship consultant Brandon Aki explains that neediness goes hand in hand with selfishness: "Neediness is a buzzword. It simply means you're inherently selfish, and selfish is never sexy." When you're needy, you can only think of what is done to you or for you, but it's important to remember that it's not all about you. Instead, "focus on maintaining your individuality and becoming the best person for your partner."

**Have you dealt with a needy partner before? Share your story in the comments below.**

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## Do Your Friends Influence Your Relationship?





By Kerri Sheehan

There is nothing stronger than the bond between a girl and her closest group of BFFs. Best friends break their plans and bring over a trio of aloe-infused tissue boxes and a pound of your favorite jelly beans when the man you've been dating for five years tells you he's in love with the girl he just met at Starbucks. Friends are also the ones who support you when you have a Tom Cruise-like outburst after going on a date with a man who you claim is your life-long partner.

It's true that your pals can have a big impact on you, and often times, without even realizing it, this influence includes the type of men you end up dating or whether or not you settle down with someone permanently. If you don't think that these scenarios describe your situation, ask yourself the following five questions:

**1. Do your friend's judge the men you date?** When dating someone new, almost everyone looks for approval from those around them. The expression on your friend's face or the body

language they display when you introduce them to your new boyfriend could actually have a bigger effect than you realize. What if your friends don't like that it takes your new guy 48 hours to return your text message? Or maybe they know his last girlfriend and heard some bad things about him.

Life coach Stacia Pierce affirms this thought and says, "Men and women generally present their dates to their friends for approval, especially if they intend to deepen the relationship. The opinion of your circle is often taken into consideration and can affect a decision to either move forward or cut the relationship short."

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**2. Do your friends get along with your new man?** Hearing your loved ones making negative remarks about the new guy you've fallen for can be a little disheartening. After all, we want the ones we love to also love one another, and that means having everyone in the same room on New Year's Eve, for your thirtieth birthday, or even for a Saturday evening of karaoke. In fact, when your friends and boyfriend don't get along, it can really put a strain on your life and influence whether your romance will fail or succeed.

**3. Do they like and comment on your social media accounts?** When we post a new photo or status update on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter, the objective is that our network of friends see it and give it a retweet, like, or positive comment. Posting a picture of you and your partner going ice skating in Rockefeller Center can give you a glimpse into the underlying emotions that your friends have about your current relationship. If your closest friends ignore the photo and don't respond, it can definitely bruise your ego. If you're feeling sad or hurt by their non-reactions, then they may have a stronger influence on your relationship than you thought.

**4. Do you usually meet guys through your friends?** In the past, you may have heard one of your friends squeal in excitement, “I know the perfect guy for you!” Many romantic relationships can begin via introductions from acquaintances. However, before you jump into meeting someone blindly, make sure that the person your friend wants to introduce you to has some of the same common interests or values as you do.

Amanda Wozadlo, founder and co-owner of The Dating Stylist, agrees and adds, “If your social circle doesn’t have the same goals as you, that may be why your dating game is lacking. It is important to have a variety of friends who share common life goals because they can introduce you to new potential dates.”

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**5. Do your friends want to settle down or stay single?** Some people tend to follow the dating styles of their friends. For instance, if your friend is in a passionate relationship and always talks about the romantic candlelit dinners that their partner prepares for them every Friday night, then you may yearn for a lover who does the same. Consequently, if your friend is single and loves that they never have to worry about falling into the toilet bowl when their new guy forgets to put the seat down, then you may see the benefits of this lifestyle.

After asking yourself these questions, there’s only one thing left to figure out: What do *you* want for your love life? If your friends truly love you, they’ll support whatever decisions you make when it comes to dating and relationships, even if they don’t agree with them.

**Cupid wants to know: How do your pals influence your romantic life?**

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# Rumor Alert: Are Miley Cyrus & Kellan Lutz An Item?



By Kerri Sheehan

Rumored fling Miley Cyrus and Kellan Lutz were spotted together on Friday night at the grand opening of Beacher's Madhouse in Las Vegas. Although they arrived to the event separately, they were seen partying together later on in the night. Is it possible that the two are secretly an item? Could be. According to one onlooker who reported to [People](#), "They talked a very close range for a long time while Cyrus was laughing and rubbing his back. At one point she kissed Lutz's ear."

**How do you keep your new relationship on the down-low?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Navigating a new romance can be tough. Let Cupid help you out:

**1. Don't go wild:** A new fling may not turn out to be your next boyfriend, so don't be too over the top in the beginning. Take things slow and feel out if he's really the right guy for you.

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**2. Social Media:** Everyone knows that the best sign of a healthy and mature relationship is very little sign of it on Facebook. Keep things low key at the beginning, if you're really happy about it the whole world doesn't need to know.

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**3. Have date night at home:** For a famous couple like Cyrus and Lutz, it's obvious why they wouldn't want to go out to a restaurant on a date. Staying in for date night can be just as fun as long as you have movies and popcorn to keep you both company.

**How would you keep your new relationship on the down-low?  
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# Vanessa Carlton Ties the Knot

# with Stevie Nicks Officiating



By Kerri Sheehan

Vanessa Carlton is hitched! The “A Thousand Miles” singer wed singer John McCauley is past Friday. Carlton wore a fitted, long-sleeved white wedding gown, with a purple headpiece and flowers. According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), the 33-year-old tweeted, “Married this gentleman two hours ago xo.”

**What are some ways to keep your wedding low-key?**

## **Cupid’s Advice:**

Cupid has some advice for how to keep your wedding low-key:

**1. Invites:** Keeping the invite list small will ensure that your wedding doesn’t get too over the top. Invite only

immediate family and close friends for a more personal affair.

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**2. Simplicity:** There are a lot of weddings that go crazy with decorations, food, and clothing, however a less elaborate wedding can celebrate two people who are in love just the same. Having simple decorations and menu will keep everything low-key.

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**3. The important parts:** Have a talk with your partner about the elements of the wedding that they can't go without. Once you figure out each other's priorities you can see what things you can't forget.

How would you keep your weddings low-key? Share below.

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## Gabrielle Union and Dwayne Wade Get Engaged





By Kerri Sheehan

Gabrielle Union and Dwyane Wade are getting hitched! The 31-year-old NBA player got down on one knee for the 41-year-old actress this past weekend in Miami, Fl. Wade slipped an 8.5 carat diamond ring by Jason of Beverly Hills onto Union's finger. According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com) Union tweeted a picture of the diamond stunner followed by, "Maaaaaannnn... I'm floatin! Thank you SO much for all the love, well wishes & support!"

**How do you make sure your marriage proposal is a surprise?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Every woman dreams of the perfect proposal. Let Cupid help you act out her dream.

**1. Surprise yourself:** Try keeping the ring on you at all times for a couple of weeks and then popping the question when you're truly feeling inspired and in love. By surprising yourself you'll guarantee that the bride to be will be surprised too!

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**2. Enlist help:** Asking your family and friends to keep the secret will help you plan a proposal to remember. A scavenger hunt with you waiting at the end is a common, yet special wedding proposal.

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**3. Don't leave a trail:** If you really want to pull off a surprise wedding proposal then don't leave a trail for your girl to follow! If she suspects anything out of the ordinary then she will likely snoop around a little and uncover your secret.

**How did you propose? Share below.**

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## Eric Smith Helps Nerds Sail Through the Waters of Love in 'The Geek's Guide to Dating'





By Kerri Sheehan

In the *Mario 64* video game, the title character wins over Princess Peach's heart by saving her from Bowser, a villainous kidnapper. *Spiderman* characters Peter Parker and Mary Jane Watson fell in love despite Parker's nerdy demeanor and web-slinging abilities. In *Star Wars*, Han Solo wowed Princess Leia by showing her that he was more than just your average galactic player. So how did all of these "nerds" manage to navigate the dating world and find their special someone? Chances are they got their hands on a copy of *The Geek's Guide to Dating* by Eric Smith!

Smith is the cofounder of Geekadelphia, a popular blog covering all-that-is-geek in the City of Brotherly Love. In his newest book, the blogger hopes to help his fellow nerds and give them a step-by-step guide to put their heart on the line and fall in love. Throughout the book, he makes references to *Star Trek*, *Firefly*, *Pokémon*, and many other fandoms. A self-proclaimed geek himself, Smith was able to connect these ideas to the dating world so nerds can really grasp the concepts he discusses. The author also encourages

his readers to switch off the “pick-up artist” technique in favor of showing understanding and respect for women. Featuring eight-bit pixel art by Juan Carlos Solon, *The Geek’s Guide to Dating* will make any gamer feel like they’re right at home.

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**In Chapter One, you outline the different types of geeks and talk about their strengths and weaknesses when it comes to dating. Which kind of geek do you identify with the most? How has this description helped and hindered you in the dating world?**

I would probably identify most with the gamer and the book geek. Sometimes, I play a crippling amount of video games, and I’ve been known to take days off of work just to play a new release. My co-workers can tell because I won’t show up on a Wednesday if the video game comes out on a Tuesday. The only reason this hobby has hindered me when it comes to dating is when people aren’t really open to joining in and trying something new like video games. As for the book geek, I spend a lot of time scouring flea markets or used bookstores, trying to get rare titles and exciting finds.

In terms of how these qualities have helped me, I think I have the ability of recall, which is a really nice thing. I love remembering random dates and unique moments of my fiancé’s relationship with me. I still remember what my fiancé wore on our second date when we went to this really small restaurant in Philadelphia – it was a pink dress that she got from this place called Smak Parlor in Old City. And on our first date a year and a half ago, she wore this green eye shadow that I’m never going to forget. It’s fun to know little things like that because mentioning those things can really make someone’s day.

**You refer to readers as Player One and their potential love interests as Player Two. You pointed out that players must look inside of themselves before finding a Player Two. Can you delve deeper into this advice?**

We're talking about the whole "Manic Pixie Dream Girl" concept. Many people tend to think that there is someone out there with a quirky, Zooey Deschanel nature who is going to make you a whole person again. It's like her character in *The 500 Days of Summer* when Tom (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) thinks she's going to fix him. I think it's really important to love and take care of yourself because you probably won't be good for someone else otherwise.

**What do you say to a girl to change her mind about dating a geek?**

There are always new things to learn in life, and you never know what someone will show you. My fiancé was super weirded out by the fact that my OkCupid online dating profile talked about the fact that I have a bunny. His name is Rorschach (after a character on *The Watchmen*), and I laid it all out right there on my profile. She told her friends about it, and they were like, "Really, he has a rabbit? Are you sure you want to meet this guy?" And, happily, she did because we're getting married!

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**Do you have any advice for gamer guys who are currently attached to a non-gamer girlfriend?**

Introduce your significant other to a game that has an interesting storyline. *Bioshock Infinite*, *Vengeance*, and *Assassin's Creed* were great when I was showing my fiancé the video games that I was really into. It got to the point where she wouldn't let me play *Bioshock Infinite* unless she was sitting right there with me, so we spent two days playing

together, and it was really romantic. She'll play games, but she really likes to watch the ones that have a riveting and intense plot.

If you're dating someone who does want to play and try them out, then you can pick out games that have two-player opportunities. You don't want to make your significant other watch you slag through a football game when they can't jump in at all. It reminds me of when I was a kid and went over someone's house to play video games; you would really just be watching them because they wouldn't let you play!

**Lastly, you give a lot of advice to male geeks looking to get a lady. Do you have any advice for female geeks who want to find love?**

It's really a lot of the same stuff that I say to the guys. Share your ideas and pursuits, and don't close someone out because they're not into the same things as you are. Remember that we're long past the days when it was strange for a girl to ask out a guy. Just go for it!

*For more information about Smith, you can check out his web series, [The Geek's Guide to Dating](http://www.quirkbooks.com/post/geeks-guide-dating-webseries-chris-shannon) at [www.quirkbooks.com/post/geeks-guide-dating-webseries-chris-shannon](http://www.quirkbooks.com/post/geeks-guide-dating-webseries-chris-shannon) or connect with him on Twitter @ericsmithrocks. To purchase *The Geek's Guide to Dating*, visit [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com).*

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# Rachel Zoe Welcomes Her Second Son



By Kerri Sheehan

Rachel Zoe and her husband Rodger Berman welcomed a second son into their family this weekend! The celebrity stylist turned fashion designer added another baby on board with son Kaius Jagger Berman. According to [People](#), 42-year-old Zoe announced via Twitter, "So excited to welcome our baby boy into the world ... he's 7 lbs., 12 oz., beautiful, healthy and we couldn't be happier,"

**How do you prepare for your second child versus your first?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Preparing for your second child can be confusing. Let Cupid help you out:

**1. Siblings:** Make sure the older siblings are mentally prepared for the new addition to the family. They are the ones

who will notice the change in the family dynamic so prepare them for the change.

**2. Work together:** You and your partner should keep the division of labor very egalitarian. If one feels like they are taking over most of the work then communicate that to the other.

**3. Prepare the house:** Adding another child likely means turning a room into a bedroom. Put together the nursery ahead of time so you'll be ready when baby comes along.

**How would you prepare for your second child? Share below.**

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## **'The Bachelorette' Stars Trista and Ryan Sutter Renew Vows in Vail**





By Kerri Sheehan

Trista Rehn and Ryan Sutter met during the *Bachelorette*, and ever since the two have been happily married. This weekend, ten years after 26 million viewers tuned in to see the two get hitched, the couple renewed their vows. They said, “I do,” once again in Vali, Colorado. Trista dished to [People](#), “It’s an understatement to say I hit the jackpot. He is such a good person. He gets better with age.”

**What are some compelling reasons to renew your wedding vows?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

After a few years of marriage you and your significant other may want to declare your love for one another all over again.

**1. To recreate the dream:** Every little girl has an idea of what her dream wedding should be, however some couples may not get to fulfill this dream. Whether money, time, or faith kept them from having the perfect ceremony, a vow renewal will give them a second chance to have the perfect wedding.

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**2. New you:** Over the years people change so the person that you married may not be the same person in 15 years. After a big personality change it's nice to let your partner know that you still love the person that they are.

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**3. To celebrate:** Many couples choose to renew their wedding vows on their anniversary to celebrate another chapter in their marriage. This is the perfect way to show your partner, your friends, and your family how much you two care about each other.

**Why would you renew your vows? Share below.**

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## Pregnant ‘Teen Mom 2’ Star Jenelle Evans Is Behind Bars Post-Fight with Boyfriend





By Kerri Sheehan

Jenelle Evans is at odds with the law again! The pregnant 'Teen Mom 2' star ended up behind bars after a dispute with baby daddy and boyfriend Nathan Griffith. Evans and Griffith were allegedly arguing when the police were called and they brought Evans out in handcuffs. The 21-year-old adds her tenth arrest in three years to her record. According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), Evans claims that her neighbors called the police on them just so they can sell a story to the tabloids.

**What are some ways to keep conflicts with your partner from escalating?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Every couple has their arguments, but it's important to keep these fights in check. Let Cupid help you keep the fights from escalating:

**1. Stay calm:** It's easy to get overly angry and yell during a fight, but staying calm and discussing things like the adults that you are will guarantee that the spat won't turn too sour.

If you start screaming then your partner will follow suit, so don't let your temper get the best of you.

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**2. Pick your battles:** Not everything that you and your significant other disagree over is worth arguing about. Save your fights for things that really matter to you.

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**3. Admit when you're wrong:** There is not always a right or wrong when it comes to many fights, but sometimes there is. If whatever started the argument happens to be your fault then admit it to your partner and apologize. Sometimes all it takes is an, "I'm sorry," and a kiss on the forehead to let a fight be forgotten.

**How do you keep conflicts with your partner from escalating? Share below.**

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## **Giveaway: Wine and Dine Your Man With Jam Jar Wines**





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By Kerri Sheehan

No dinner date is complete without the perfect bottle of wine. A dry white wine naturally complements a piece of grilled salmon and some summer vegetables, while a robust red wine pairs perfectly with a medium-rare filet and baked potato. If you're wondering what type of wine to buy for your next dinner date, why not reach for a bottle of Jam Jar Wine?

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The company was born in 2009 out of the realization that there aren't a lot of options available to consumers seeking quality sweet wines. Many store-bought wines advertise a clean sugary taste, but in reality, they don't taste so good. That's not the case with Jam Jar Wines! These semi-sweet wines are made from grapes grown in the Western Cape of South Africa, which has a climate ideal for producing wines that offer a balance of sweetness and acidity.

Jam Jar Wines come in two varieties, and both are sure to make

any date an all-night affair. The Sweet Shiraz is crafted in a lighter style than the typical Shiraz. With a fruity taste mixed with dark chocolate undertones, it's sure to leave you and your date wanting more. It's a versatile wine, so it goes great with anything from cheeseburgers to banana pudding.

The Sweet White is a 100 percent Moscato wine. This charming, easy-to-drink wine offers juicy flavors of peach, apricot, lychee, and orange blossom. A lively jolt of acidity keeps it fresh and fun. Fancy enough for a special occasion toast yet sweet-natured enough to enjoy every day, this beverage will certainly make your date night memorable.

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Jam Jar Wine's evocative packaging has a nostalgic, "retro" feel, topped with a screw cap and inspired by classic jam jar lids. With the holidays coming up, it's the perfect time to get your hands on a bottle (or two) of Jam Jar Wine. They're available nationwide with a suggested retail price of \$11.99.

To make drinking your wine even more enjoyable, one lucky CupidsPulse.com reader will win a Jam Jar Wines gift bag (sorry no wine can be included legally in this giveaway). However, the gift bag does include an insulated picnic wine tote (perfect for those romantic dates at the park!), a set of coasters, an apron, and some holiday chocolates.



**GIVEAWAY ALERT:** To enter for a chance to win the Jam Jar Wines gift bag, go to our [Facebook](#) page and click "like." Leave a comment under our giveaway post letting us know you want to win the contest. We will contact the winner via [Facebook](#) when the contest is over, and they will have three days to respond back with their contact information. The deadline to enter is 5pm EST on Monday, December 30th. Good luck!

**Congratulations Lisa Knight!**

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## Cupid's Weekly Round-Up: Make Your Holiday the Best One Yet





By Kerri Sheehan

Snow falls in thick, icy blankets; winter attire adorns every shop window; and a sip of steaming hot chocolate instantly warms you up. All of this can only mean one thing: The holiday season is upon us! CupidsPulse.com has gathered some of our favorite articles from our partners this week to make your winter the best it can be.

**1. Laugh a little:** Nothing is better than popping in a nice comedy with your significant other on a cold winter's night and having a good laugh. These comedians will tell you just how funny love can be. (YourTango.com)

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**2. Cuddle up:** One of the best parts about the chilly weather is that you and your guy have all the more reason to stay indoors and snuggle with each other. Here are 47 of the cutest love quotes for that person you just want to 'mush.' (YourTango.com)

**3. Get the girls together:** Staying in isn't just for you and your man; your girlfriends want in on the fun too! See how Melissa Joan Hart and her closest gal pals celebrated the holiday season with a cute "girls only" get together. (CelebrityBabyScoop.com)

**4. Winterize your skin:** Don't stop at a girls' night when it comes to pampering yourself. The icy temperatures are sure to leave your skin screaming for thirst, so here are some ways to get your skin ready for winter. (GalTime.com)

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**5. Be the best gift giver:** Now that you've given yourself a gift (or two), it's time to spread that holiday cheer! Even if you aren't a parent, there are bound to be a child or two on your shopping list. These gender-neutral gifts will have any kid wishing that Santa asked you for gifting advice. (GalTime.com)

**What's your best tip for surviving the holiday season? Share below.**

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## Lee Brice Welcomes a Second Son





By Kerri Sheehan

Lee Brice has a baby on board! The country singer and his wife Sara welcomed their second son, Ryker Mobley Brice this past Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup>. According to [People](#), Brice said, “A week ago I didn’t think I could be any happier. I was wrong. Our brand new baby boy was born healthy. My heart is full.”

**How do you prepare for a second child versus the first?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

Here are a few things to think about before the stalk drops off another baby:

**1. Prepare the siblings:** The one who will most notice the change around the house will be your oldest child. Make sure that they know what is coming when the new baby arrives so they aren’t in for too big of a shock.

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**2. Work together:** This child will even out the teams of kids

vs. parents. Before it was you and your partner taking care of one child, but now it is two on two. You and your significant other will have to step up your game to keep both your bundle of joy and your older children happy and healthy.

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**3. See what you can reuse:** You have likely saved a lot of items from your first child that you can reuse for your second. These include a baby changing table, crib, and certain outfits. Make a list of what you can reuse and what will need to be repurchased.

**How did you prepare for your second child versus the first? Share below.**

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## Adele and Boyfriend Flaunt PDA at Lady Gaga Concert





By Kerri Sheehan

Crooning sensation Adele looks like she's happy in love! The British songbird was recently photographed looking completely smitten with boyfriend and baby daddy Simon Konecki. The two are rarely seen together, but they made a public appearance at a secret Lady Gaga concert in London. An insider recently dished to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), "Adele loves being a mom. Simon helps her in every way and is a great dad. They are just incredibly happy."

**Where are some appropriate places to indulge in PDA?**

### **Cupids Advice:**

PDA is a tricky subject. Cupid has some advice:

**1. Depends on the couple:** Some people are far more open to PDA than others are. If PDA makes your significant other uncomfortable than don't force them into it.

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**2. At a wedding:** Weddings are all about showing love, so some reception PDA is all right. Keep it classy though, this is a public affair.

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**3. Just keep it PG:** PDA can be acceptable anywhere as long as it isn't too intense. Hand holding and a kiss on the cheek is fine at any occasion, but anything past that is far too much.

**Where do you engage in PDA? Share below.**

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## Cupid's Weekly Round-Up: Make Your Long-Term Relationship A Success





By Kerri Sheehan

Longtime relationships aren't for everyone, but for those who have a committed significant other, keeping the spark alive is of the utmost importance. After a few years together, it can be hard to look at your partner like the lovestruck school girl you once resembled. CupidsPulse.com has gathered some of the best tips and advice from our partners – read on to keep your relationship fresh, strong, and loving.

**1. DIY Therapy:** Any couple will agree that the seas of love aren't always easy to navigate. The best way to revamp your union is to partake in some do-it-yourself relationship therapy. This approach isn't for everyone, but give it a try; it may just work for you! (GalTime.com)

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**2. Weekly Meetings:** When you and your significant other have been together for so long, you tend to let the things that bother you simmer rather than addressing them and moving on. You can only begrudgingly wash the dishes so many times before

you feel resentment that your guy never takes his turn. Holding weekly meetings where you clear the air and talk about any issues you may have will keep you both happy. (GalTime.com)

**3. Express Yourself:** Being in love is like winning the lottery; it's exciting and wonderful, and it adds so many new opportunities to your future. However, it can be hard to put these feelings into words. Here are 50 love quotes that say what you can't. (YourTango.com)

**4. The Duggar Family:** If you're familiar with the reality show *19 Kids and Counting*, then you know that Michelle and Jim Bob Duggar celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary this past October. The mother of 19 shared her top three tips for a successful marriage. (CelebrityBabyScoop.com)

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**5. Expert Advice:** Every relationship is different, so it can be hard to give distinct advice without knowing the whole story. Here are the best tips and expert advice around for couples in any situation. (YourTango.com)

**What is your best advice for couples in a long-term relationship? Share your thoughts in the comments below.**

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## **Kim      Kardashian      Defends Parenting    Decisions    in    Face**

# of 'Ignorant' Tweeter



By Kerri Sheehan

Kim Kardashian revealed that her five-month-old daughter, North West tried out swimming for the first time this weekend. Both Kim and fiancé, Kanye West were present for the occasion. Kim posted about the family swimming day on her Twitter page and one commenter said that it was nice that Kimye's baby girl "got to see her parents for a change!" According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), Kim fired back calling the commenter ignorant and saying that she did not know how much time Kim and Kanye spent with their daughter.

**What are ways to compromise on parenting techniques with your partner?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Parenting is tough work. Make sure you're working with your partner and not against them by compromising on parenting techniques.

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**1. Figure out your styles:** It will be easier to mesh your two parenting techniques together once you both identify which technique you prefer. The three types of parents are generally authoritative, passive, and democratic. Once you and your partner pinpoint your styles you can figure out how to make them work effectively together.

**2. Take turns:** No one parent should be in full control of the children. Both should take turns dealing with any problems that arise so that both parties are involved in the children's upbringing.

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**3. Compromise, not compete:** If your children see you and your partner disagree when it comes to raising them then the kids will start to think that they have some of the control. Sure Daddy may say no to buying me a new tricycle, but Mommy is sure to say yes. Parents should work together, not against one another.

**How do you and your partner compromise? Share below.**

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## Maria Bello Reveals She Has a

# Long-Term Girlfriend



By Kerri Sheehan

Actress Maria Bello revealed that she has been dating her best female friend. When the *Grown-ups* actress decided to read through her old journals she learned that she often pinned people as her soul mate and when they broke her heart that made the fall all the worse. That's when she decided to give a relationship with her best friend, Clare a try. According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), Bello said, "It didn't occur to me, until that soul-searching moment in my garden, that we could perhaps choose to love each other romantically." Her family and friends have been supportive of the relationship so far.

**How do you come clean about a long relationship to family and friends?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

It can be hard to share a long-term relationship with those who you don't think will approve. Let Cupid help you come clean.

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**1. Explain yourself:** If you've been hiding the relationship for some time then there is bound to be a specific reason. Explain fully to friends and family why you didn't want to tell them at first and they are likely to be more understanding.

**2. Remember that it's your life:** In the end those close to you may not approve of your lifestyle choice, but it's important to remember that it's your life, not theirs. Ultimately the relationships that you choose to be in affect you the most so if you're happy then that's all that matters.

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**3. Listen to their perspective:** Sometimes friends and family will disapprove of whom you are dating. Although this is no reason to call off the relationship, it is okay to hear out your loved ones' concerns.

**How would you tell your family and friends about a long-term relationship? Share below.**

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# Cupid's Weekly Round-Up: Navigate Thanksgiving Weekend



By Kerri Sheehan

The holidays are a time for family and friends to get together and celebrate the best parts of life – so how come no one ever mentions the stress that comes with that? The instructions that came with the turkey say it needs to be basted every hour, but proper dinner conversation topics are rarely outlined. And, of course, there are tons of Black Friday promotions, but there are none that say specifically, “Grandma Margaret will love this!” CupidsPulse.com has gathered some of the best tips and advice from our partners to help you navigate your Thanksgiving weekend:

**1. Give Thanks:** Thanksgiving is about just that: giving

thanks! Whether it's your husband who helps you enjoy the simple things in life, your beautiful baby girl who will be celebrating her first Thanksgiving this year, or your employer who ensures that you have the funds to stay afloat, don't forget to show your gratitude for everyone who enriches your life. (CelebrityBabyScoop.com)

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**2. Easy Conversation:** You can bet that almost everyone has suffered through one or two awkward Thanksgiving dinners. This holiday is a family affair, so there will likely be those of all ages at the table. Some of your relatives may have also invited new love interests. Here are five go-to dinner conversation topics to keep talk appropriate and fun. (GalTime.com)

**3. Good Deals:** Now that you've made it through Thanksgiving Day, it's on to Black Friday! This is the ideal time to get some holiday shopping done, as many people have the day off from work and there will be some great discounts. Learning to weed through all of the promos will help you find the best deals. (GalTime.com)

**4. Family Presents:** After years of buying gifts for your entire family, you may be short on ideas of what will make their eyes widen. Really, how many times can you buy Aunt Mary a bathroom set, and how many cardigans does your mother need? Here are some unique gifts that your relatives will be sure to love. (YourTango.com)

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**5. Gift Guide:** Nothing shows how much you care like picking out the perfect gift for your boyfriend. If you do, he'll know that you not only pay attention to what he likes but also that you listen when he talks about his love for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers over the Green Bay Packers. With all of the Black Friday deals out there, let this gifting guide help you decide

which presents will make your man the happiest.  
(YourTango.com)

What is your best Thanksgiving weekend advice? Share below.

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## Jessica Biel Tells Internet to 'Calm Down' After Justin Timberlake's AMA Win



By Kerri Sheehan

There is no trouble in paradise for Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel! This Sunday night at the American Music Awards

Timberlake brought down the house with his performance of "Drink You Away," and managed to snag awards for favorite pop/rock male artist, soul/R&B album, and soul/R&B artists. The question on a lot of people's minds was, "Where is his wife, Jessica Biel?!" According to [People](#), Biel took to Twitter to answer this question, saying, "I'm watching from home tonight. Calm down, Internet," she wrote.

**What are some ways to support your partner's career from afar?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

You don't have to be right next to your partner to show your support! Admire them from afar. Cupid has some advice:

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**1. Behind the scenes:** Just because Biel wasn't up on stage with Timberlake doesn't mean that she's not super proud of her hubby! The support that your partner gets on the home front is just as important as the support they get from everywhere else.

**2. Be there for them:** With great success can also come great failure. Be sure that you're there for your partner whether they're getting a promotion or being replaced by their younger, more energetic counterpart.

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**3. Help them out:** Every career has some aspects that are more stressful than others. When your significant other has a hard time keep their career in tact and focusing on other things then take over what you can.

**How are you supportive of your partner's career? Share below.**

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# Kendall Jenner Says She and Harry Styles Are 'Cool'



By Kerri Sheehan

Kendall Jenner and Harry Styles are keeping their lips sealed! After being spotted grabbing a bite to eat together in West Hollywood rumors of the potential young couple have been flying. When asked, both parties were very vague about their possible romance. According to [People](#), Kendall told E's Guiliana Rancic, "We're friends. He's cool, yeah, he's cool." One Direction member, Styles also refused to give any unnecessary details. When asked by Piers Morgan if they were dating, Styles replied, "I mean, we went out for dinner, but

no, I guess.”

**How do you keep things platonic at the beginning of a relationship?**

### **Cupids Advice:**

There’s also an awkward gray area when it comes to a budding relationship. Let Cupid help you navigate your way to love.

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**1. Don’t stress:** Worrying about what others think will only put more pressure on you and on the relationship. Then, if the romance falls flat it will be an even bigger let down. Just take a deep breathe and realize that what’s meant to be, will be.

**2. Everyone is different:** Keep in mind that not all relationship can fit into the cookie cutter. It may take some a long time to develop into anything more than friends, whereas others may take that turn quickly.

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**3. Be chill:** The more that you worry about keeping things platonic, the more scripted it will feel. Both Styles and Jenner played it cool by saying that they aren’t involved now without dispelling the chance of a future relationship. You should do the same.

**How do you keep things platonic at the beginning of a relationship? Share below.**

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# Enter to Win Justin Bieber's 'The Key' to Unlock Your Beau's Heart



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By Kerri Sheehan

You've finally plucked up the courage to ask that guy you met last weekend out to dinner. After spending the afternoon picking out the perfect outfit and doing your hair and makeup to resemble a Victoria's Secret Angel, it's time to decide which fragrance will help you turn your crush into your man. If you're looking to unlock your new guy's heart, try a few sprays of Justin Bieber's *The Key*.

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Teen heartthrob Bieber teamed up with beauty guru company Elizabeth Arden to bring fans the third installment of his fragrance line. This fruity floral musk will leave you smelling like a beautiful flower coated in a liquid lollipop. The scent will be sure to awaken your date's senses, and he'll want to get closer to you so he can take in the bursts of juicy fruit and blooming bouquets. At the end of the night, he'll be dreaming of another night out with you.

The scent's packaging is modern and fresh – a true ode to the pop star's appreciation of cutting edge fashion and technology. The bottle features a modern, high-gloss white finish with bright gold reflective accents and a weighted key charm. The key represents an authentic symbol from the singer to his fans, reminding them to always believe. As an added bonus, the embellished and sparkling charm can be removed and worn as the perfect finishing touch to any outfit.

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Further showing his love for his fans, beginning on October 7th and ending on December 9th, Bieber will release one song every Monday as part of his Music Mondays series. As if checking out his new music wasn't enough, two lucky CupidPulse.com readers will have the chance to each win a bottle of *The Key*. It sounds too good to be true, but you better 'Beliebe' it!

**GIVEAWAY ALERT:** ~~To enter for a chance to win a bottle of Justin Bieber's *The Key*, go to our [Facebook](#) page and click "like." Leave a comment under our giveaway post letting us know you want to win the contest and what your ideal first date is. We will contact the winners via [Facebook](#) when the contest is over, and they will have three days to respond back with their contact information. The deadline to enter is 5pm~~

~~EST on Monday, December 9th. Good Luck!~~

Congratulations to Maricela Anderson and Carleen King!

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## Cupid's Weekly Round-Up: Parenting and Marriage After a Second Baby



By Kerri Sheehan

Being a new parent can be difficult, but adding a second or even third child to the family adds a new dynamic to the already-established way of doing things. Most couples don't realize that expanding a household can lead to sibling rivalry, loss of patience, and, for many, marital turbulence. CupidsPulse.com has gathered some of the best tips and advice from our partners to help you out when it comes to that cute little addition:

**1. Siblings:** If your son or daughter is accustomed to being an only child, there could be a slight shift in personality when baby number two comes along. Make sure to prepare your other children for their new brother or sister so that they will feel just as happy and eager as you do when the baby comes home. (GalTime.com)

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**2. Parenting Style:** It's important to remember that every child is different. What worked for your oldest son Johnny may not work for little Ava. Be flexible. *Rules of Engagement* star Megyn Price recently dished that her daughter Grace is so unique that she has to be spontaneous when parenting. (CelebrityBabyScoop.com)

**3. Work Together:** Nobody said it was easy raising children, but when two parents share or take turns getting up in the middle of the night, driving the kids to school, making dinner, and cleaning the house, it can be much easier to handle. Find out if the division of labor in your house is equal. (GalTime.com)

**4. Just Because:** It can be easy to forget about your partner once you add children into the mix. What better way to make your man feel important than getting him an unexpected present? Here are ten gift ideas for even the pickiest of guys. (YourTango.com)

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**5. Say How You Feel:** In the midst of providing your children with the care and protection that they need, it's easy to forget to say those three little words that brought you together in the first place. Here are 20 inspirational ways to say "I love you." (YourTango.com)

**What are your best parenting tips? Share below.**

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## **Savannah Guthrie and Mike Feldman Are Finally Planning Their Wedding**





By Kerri Sheehan

After announcing their engagement in May, *Today* show anchor Savannah Guthrie and Mike Feldman are finally looking into planning their wedding. They plan to both take part in the big decisions that come with wedding planning, making it a team effort. According to [People](#), Guthrie said, “Both of us want to be involved, but at the same time we’re overwhelmed by the prospect of having to plan a whole wedding, so we’re in it together.” The most important thing to the couple is to create the right atmosphere for the event. They would prefer for the event to be more meaningful and personal than the classic wedding situation.

**What are some ways to make your wedding “meaningful and personal”?**

#### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Your wedding should be one of the most memorable days of your life. Let Cupid help you make it meaningful and memorable.

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**1. Write your own vows:** Traditional wedding vows are super special, but aren't catered towards your loved one. Writing your own vows will show them just how much you care. You can also have a copy of the vows printed up and framed to remind each other of your special day.

**2. Add some personal touches:** There are many little things you can add to your wedding to make it your own. From the invites to the centerpieces at dinner let the whole wedding scream yours and your significant other's names.

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**3. Pick a theme:** One of the easiest ways to personalize your wedding is to give it a theme that fits both you and your partner. For example if you and your partner love the ocean then a beach themed wedding would be perfect for you. Another example would be if you and your significant other are avid travelers then an around the world theme would be fun!

**How would you personalize your wedding? Share below.**

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# Eva Longoria Goes Public with New Boyfriend Jose Antonio Baston





By Kerri Sheehan

Love is in the air for Eva Longoria and Jose Antonio Baston! On Friday night the former *Desperate Housewives* star and president of Televisa, the largest media company in Latin America walked the red carpet for the Museo Jumex Opening dinner at Casa De La Bola in Mexico City Mexico together. This is their first red carpet appearance together since they began their romance several weeks ago. A source dished to [People](#), “He’s been sweeping her off her feet and courting her like a proper gentleman.”

**How do you know when to reveal your partner to family and friends?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

How soon is too soon to tell your friends and family about the new lover in your life? Let Cupid help you decide.

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**1. Once you're exclusive:** Bringing home a guy before you two are exclusive can be uncomfortable for all parties involved. Your family and friends won't really know what kind of boundaries you two have so things can get pretty weird pretty fast. It's best to keep your new guy private until you migrate out of that awkward gray area.

**2. Check with your partner:** Meeting friends and family is super nerve racking, so make sure your new beau is okay with taking that step. Some people may want to be together longer than others before making that move which is perfectly normal.

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**3. Let it happen naturally:** Don't try to force anything with an overly planned dinner or an elaborate show. You'll likely be with your new partner a lot of the time so them meeting your friends and family will come organically with time.

**How did you reveal your new partner to your family and friends? Share below.**

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## Jenny McCarthy Talks Potential Marriage Proposal to Donnie Wahlberg





By Kerri Sheehan

Jenny McCarthy is hearing wedding bells! McCarthy, 41, dished to Bethenny Frankel on a taping of the *Bethenny* show that if her boyfriend Donnie Wahlberg were to propose she would say, "Yes!" She also wouldn't be opposed to getting down on one knee herself. After taking a year off from dating McCarthy decided to give the New Kids on the Block singer a chance when he broke through the wall she put up. According to UsMagazine.com McCarthy said, "I told the universe I'm ready for love. I said bring the one. I'm not doing any more auditions."

**What are some romantic ways a woman can propose to a man?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

The days when it was unheard of for a woman to propose to a man are gone! Some woman would rather be in control of their proposal than leave it up to their guy. Let Cupid help you pop the question:

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**1. Get family involved:** When you get married you're really marrying a whole family, not just one person. Have members from each of your families help you plan a scavenger hunt for him or have them hold up cards boasting the words, "Will you marry me?" Involving both of your families in the proposal is a nice gesture and makes for a great story.

**2. Keep his favorites in mind:** Incorporating your beau's favorites, whether it's a restaurant, drink, or location, will personalize the proposal and make him feel extra special—as he should! This will show him how well you know and will also make him feel like a king.

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**3. Have fun:** Getting engaged should be fun and after all men are just big kids at heart. One cute idea that will catch your guy off guard is to propose on an amusement park ride. He'll be shocked and wowed all at the same time. Bonus points if the ride you chose takes your picture while in motion!

**How would you propose to your significant other? Share below.**