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SAMPLE RELATIONSHIPS RESUMÉ
(based on real submissions, all names & identifying details changed)

Objective: Committed, monogamous, romantic relationship with possibility of marriage; children optional, pets essential. Work important but relationship comes before career. In five years, I hope to share a small house with one partner, 2+ pets, a short commute, and weekends open for movies and hiking.

Salary and benefits sought: Household chores must be shared. Alternate holiday visits with our respective families. Tolerate my friends and I'll be nice to yours. No substance dependencies, religious fundamentalism, or gun collecting, please! Separate vacations plus shared vacations at least twice annually.

Personal statement: I'm a caring, smart, funny, mature, educated adult in search of a partner with similar qualities. I am willing to risk rejection, but seek a willingness to commit. I offer intelligence, help, and passion; I ask for patience, humor, and companionship. I like my work, and am a great cook. Will do laundry and dusting in exchange for dishes and vacuuming.

PERSONAL

Born: September 25, 1966, Akron OH; 2nd of four children. Proud to be a middle child.
Sign: Libra, but I don't believe in astrology; Aries rising.
Religion: Raised Catholic; lapsed 1984.
Politics: Raised moderate Democrat; committed tree-hugging liberal.
Music: Stuck in the '80s, plus classical (the Romantics) and ballad singers (Sinatra, Fitzgerald). No rap!
Marital status: Never married
Family: Two old lady cats (Myrtle, Edna) + one affectionate shepherd mix (Einar); 3 good friends who visit frequently; 1 best friend (calls every weekend). Mother deceased, father living, two married sibling.
Pastimes: Reading (fiction), cooking & baking, hiking with dog & playing with cats.

EDUCATION: Curriculum, "Awards," and Lessons Learned

Grade school:

1. Huge crush on Carrol Marquette; unreciprocated.
Lesson: Some people are very superficial; that doesn't mean you don't want them.
2. Steady with Pat Blankenship, 18 months: weekly hanging out, 6 dances, summer lake trip.
Lesson: Friendship and romance can mix.

High school:

1. Nerd love with Music Club friends: good laughs, bad music.
Lesson: One-partner romance is not necessary for intimacy.
2. "**Best Friend Ever**" with Danny Kennedy; fun, talk, weekly phone conversations even now.
Lesson: Having/being a good friend provides real meaning in life.
3. True love with Jamie Fresnel, sincere passion, mediocre sex, broken promises.
Lesson: The worst pain of any breakup is not knowing what went wrong.

College:

1. Superficial fling with Ren Oliver, insincere flattery, great sex, no promises.
Lesson: Sex is not the same as intimacy. Intimacy is not the same as sex.
2. No dates, 24 months: double major, part-time job. "**Least Sex of All My Friends**"
Lesson: Intimacy is important but it's not the only thing in my life.
3. Brief romance with Denny Butler, till graduation; summer letter-writing. Then lost touch.
Lesson: Passion and closeness don't go anywhere without commitment.

POST-GRADUATE EXPERIENCE

June 1988- August 1993: At least 4 *dating partners*, all connected with my job. Most very friendly, two passionate. One with hard feelings.

Sept 1993-January 1998: *Dated/lived with* Devon Marsh. Initial passion, excitement of shared households and friends. My cats plus Devon's dog = my first bipetual living experience, very gratifying. Slow demise over unfair division of household labor, unsatisfying sex, Devon's commitment to pastimes that did not interest me. Eventually I began romance with Marty, mainly to make the split clearer. I was not proud of the way I handled some things, but we both made mistakes.

February 1998-June 2000: *In love, engaged* to Marty Harkness. Planned big wedding. I chickened out, fear of high-pressure life, too many possessions, not enough passion. Fortunately the invitations had not gone out yet! Tried to stay on good terms, but Marty wanted that life, found someone else, had wedding.

July 2000 to present: 3 *dating partners*, approx. 4 dates each. All on good terms. I'm happy: hopeful but not desperate!

REFERENCES: Provided on request: Marty Harkness; Danny Kennedy; my older brother Evan; my dog & possibly cats.