# Calling All Keyboard Cassanovas

Think online dating is fruitless? Try the new Premium POZ Personals!

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Our readers often ask us if POZ Personals—the Web's fastest-growing online dating community for people living with HIV—actually works. Can you really find the love of your life?

Meet Richard and Dean, two HIV-positive men who found one another on POZ Personals in 2008. Last September, Richard and Dean (his friends call him "Chippy")—from Los Angeles and the United Kingdom, respectively—got engaged on the one-year anniversary of their first date. They now live together in Bristol, a city west of London.

"[POZ Personals] cuts out all of the rubbish," says Dean, 41, who was diagnosed in 1994. "You have an equal platform to start a relationship or a dialogue without the fear of rejection or the whole disclosure thing. And while there is a sex element there, I think a lot of the people on POZ Personals are looking for genuine relationships."

Our new features make searching for and finding that special someone easier than ever. If you're already a member, consider upgrading to Premium POZ Personals, which enables you to send instant messages to other users, save your favorite searches and receive new member alerts.

Richard, 43, who was diagnosed in 2005, shares some simple advice for newcomers. "Write your profile yourself, be open-minded and be willing to take a risk," he says.

Search "Couples That Clicked" on poz.com for more of Dean and Richard's story, and visit personals.poz.com to set up your account.

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