



Lexa Nutter takes Snoop Drag for a ride through Allston, Massachusetts.



After a walk, Nutter and Snoop Drag unwind by watching an episode of *Friends*. Nutter says Snoop loves watching bright screens and can do so “for days.”

# Human and Reptile: An Unusual Bond

After her stepmom’s iguana ran away, Lexa Nutter dreamed of the day where she could own a reptile of her own. The Columbus, Ohio native was in elementary school when she partnered with a local pet store owner to set up monthly visits for students to meet various reptiles. It was here where she first fell in love with bearded dragons, or “beardies,” as she calls them.

“The beardies were always so good with the kids. They have really great personalities and are pretty easy to care for,” Nutter says.

Soon she became a member of

the bearded dragon forum online to further her knowledge of the reptile. After she got Boston University, she pulled the trigger and bought a bearded dragon that lives with her in Allston, Massachusetts. His name is Snoop Drag and together, he and Lexa Nutter have joined forces to create one of Allston’s most obscure pet-owner duos.

“Snoop is better than other pets or a boyfriend because he can’t talk back and is easier to take care of. He knows when not to push his limits and is easily carried, easily fed and energetic,” she says.

She says his favorite activities are

watching Netflix, where he can binge watch *Friends* for hours. Additionally, he loves hunting for crickets and standing vertically on the wall of his cage, which Nutter says is when he shows the most emotion.

At the many parties that Nutter’s Allston residence holds, Snoop often steals the show, she adds.

“Snoop hits a beat sometimes when he hears music playing,” Nutter says.

It wasn’t until this autumn that Nutter bought a leash for Snoop and began taking him on walks throughout Boston. Some days he walks. Some days he’s difficult. And on those rare

“difficult” days, Nutter puts the leash on him and lets him ride shotgun on her moped. It’s not uncommon to see Lexa Nutter walking through Star Market with a bag of groceries in one hand, and a foot-long bearded dragon attached to a leash in the other.

But as uncommon as the relationship is, Nutter says that it’s not going anywhere. Bearded Dragons have a life expectancy of fifteen years, which she says is a great thing for her.

“He will live to be 15 years old,” she says. “So he will meet my kids and be their first pet.”



Snoop Drag ends his day with a bath in Nutter’s kitchen.



Snoop Drag sports his Halloween-themed leash as he gets ready to take a walk.

“He’s the doorman of 72 Gardner St. He’s always waiting eagerly at the door and brings a smile to every visitor.” -Lexa Nutter



Nutter and Snoop share an intimate moment in her living room.



Snoop Drag sporting his Halloween-themed leash as he gets ready to take a walk.

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