

**THE MOST
AMAZING CREATURE
ON THE PLANET!**

Lil Bub

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An exclusive interview with the international celebrity cat who calls Bloomington home.

With more than 70,000 Facebook fans, 2.5 million YouTube views, and an appearance on *Good Morning America*, Bloomington's Lil Bub is taking the world by storm. This "perma-kitten," who will maintain kitten-like features for the rest of her life, was born with several abnormalities: She has extra toes, unusually small limbs, and no teeth. While some would see these oddities as a hardship, Lil Bub uses her uniqueness to charm her many fans. *Bloom's* canine correspondent, Sophie Abrams, sat down with Bloomington's most fabulous feline to talk about world fame.

Q SOPHIE: Well, Bub, I've seen your videos and your website (lilbub.com), and you seem like quite the popular cat. How does it feel to have so many fans?

A LIL BUB: Well, to be perfectly honest, it feels incredible. I don't know where all these fans came from, but they are pretty amazing. They send me drawings that they've made of me, heartwarming letters of encouragement and endearment, and some have even tattooed my likeness on their bodies.

Q SOPHIE: Wow, tattoos! Why do you think so many people love you?

A LIL BUB: Probably because I am the most amazing creature on the planet. From what my fans tell me, I bring them great joy, hope, and happiness on a daily basis. I am more than just a cute animal; I am a symbol of freedom, a beacon of hope, a hero who has so effortlessly triumphed over her disabilities that they seem more like superpowers. I have no fear, only love. And I look fabulous all the time.

Q SOPHIE: Indeed you do. Where do you get your charm?

A LIL BUB: It comes naturally. Or from space. I can't decide which answer I like better.

Q SOPHIE: Fair enough. Do you ever get tired of the constant attention?

A LIL BUB: Yeah, sure, I might be exceptionally special, but that doesn't make me perfect. Even a Bub needs some alone time. Sometimes I just want to curl up in a little ball and hide underneath the couch. Or stare at the wall for hours on end. But for the most part I'm pretty stoked about every moment of my waking existence.

Q SOPHIE: What kind of kibble do you eat?

A LIL BUB: I moved away from kibble when I realized I needed more fluids in my system. I now eat a specially formulated wet food that helps with some bladder issues. I also get water added to my food, making it into what I like to refer to as "Bub Soup."

Q SOPHIE: Bub Soup? Yuk. I personally prefer the roast beef at Bloomington foods. Do you get along with dogs?

A LIL BUB: Oh, yeah, I'm cool with dogs. I've got a couple of really good dog buddies. Do you know Sammy or Danny? Yeah, they're my bros.

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Q SOPHIE: Do you ever wish you were a dog?

A LIL BUB: Um, well, I am THE MOST AMAZING CREATURE ON THE PLANET! Why would I want to be anything else besides the one and only Bubcat?

Q SOPHIE: Well, being a dog is pretty great, too. What do you like to do in your free time?

A LIL BUB: Ha, free time! What's that?

Q SOPHIE: I wish I had more free time, too, but they work my tail off here at *Bloom*. Do you have any special toys you like to play with?

A LIL BUB: Ah, I prefer philosophical questions, like, what is "a toy"? Is it the brief flash of sunlight reflecting off the top of the record player, or an ant running for its life across the kitchen floor? Is it the random thought that just slipped through my mind or an old wilted piece of parsley stuck to the bristles of a broom? Life itself is a toy, and the universe is a toy store, and right at this moment I feel like I'm the only one in it. Okay, now that moment has passed and I feel like I'm just sitting around. Ugh.

Q SOPHIE: What's your favorite thing about Bloomington?

A LIL BUB: The construction. I love construction. ✨

—Interview "transcribed" by Rachel Osman



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