

LIQUID BLUE

EDITION 1 VOLUME 4



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GRATEFUL DEAD® BEAN BEAR COLLECTIBLES™

GRATEFUL DEAD LIL BEAR CUBS

Following up on the appeal in the Japanese market for the first two 5 inch Lil Bear Cubs (Lil Love and Lil Heart) a grouping called "Series A" was developed for world-wide release in Mid-June 2001. These bears again carried the patterns of their larger 7 inch counterparts. Series A consisted of six styles: Lil Love, Lil Heart, Lil Star (Dark Star), Lil Del (Delilah), Lil Sugar (Sugaree), and Lil Daisy. Series A Lil Bear Cubs featured oval eyes and tongues. As such, the eye style and lack of tongue can be used to differentiate the Japanese versions of Lil Love and Lil Heart from the later versions appearing in Series A. Further series of the 5 inch Lil Bear Cubs are in development now.



LIQUID BLUE EMPLOYEE BEAR

As a gesture of appreciation in the Spring of 2000, a new bear named "Liquid Blue" was released in an extremely limited edition of 160 pieces exclusively to the employees of Liquid Blue. Each bear was tagged in the standard manner, but also carried an additional folded tag applied through the bear's left ear. This Certificate of Authenticity was applied, sequentially numbered, and signed by Becky Entensoro of True Blue Beans, Inc. These bears have become prized possessions for employees (and those few collectors who have managed to snare one of these rare bears.)



Japanese Cubs

In February 2001, a new mini style of the popular 7 inch Grateful Dead Bean Bears was developed and test-marketed exclusively in Japan. Seventy thousand pieces of each of two styles were released for the Japanese celebrations of Valentines Day and White Day. Lil Love (same pattern as 7 inch Lovelight) and Lil Heart (same pattern as 7 inch Foolish Heart) featured round eyes, no tongues, and a mini hangtag with holofoil stamping. The success of these first two bears led to the release of Series A, shown below.



Series A Versions

SERIES A CHECKLIST



LIL LOVE



LIL STAR



LIL SUGAR



LIL HEART



LIL DEL



LIL DAISY













GRATEFUL DEAD BEAN BEAR COLLECTIBLES



CHECKLIST

Edition ONE thru FOUR

EDITION ONE













-  **Althea**
Retired: 6/98
Units: 49,920
-  **Bertha**
Retired: 3/99
Units: 84,096
-  **Cassidy**
Retired: 3/99
Units: 85,824
-  **Cosmic Charlie**
Retired: 10/99
Units: 134,592
-  **Delilah**
(with paws)
Retired: 6/98
Units: 44,424
-  **Delilah**
(with no paws)
Retired: 6/98
Units: 11,040
-  **Jack Straw**
Retired: 6/98
Units: 49,920
-  **Samson**
Retired: 3/99
Units: 90,048
-  **St. Stephen**
Retired: 10/99
Units: 108,576
-  **Stagger Lee**
Retired: 3/99
Units: 86,688
-  **Sugaree**
Retired: 6/98
Units: 57,600
-  **Tennessee Jed**
Retired: 6/98
Units: 56,256

EDITION TWO












-  **Crazy Fingers**
Retired: 10/00
Units: 132,672
-  **Dark Star**
Retired: 10/99
Units: 131,040
-  **Daydream**
Retired: 10/99
Units: 101,376
-  **Dupree**
Retired: 10/99
Units: 106,080
-  **Franklin**
Retired: 3/99
Units: 106,464
-  **Irie**
Retired: 3/99
Units: 97,824
-  **Jerry**
Retired: 4/00
Units: 148,224
-  **Peggy-O**
Retired: 10/99
Units: 117,984
-  **Ripple**
Retired: 10/99
Units: 108,864
-  **Sunshine**
Retired: 3/99
Units: 104,064



EDITION THREE

-  **Ashbury**
Retired: 10/00
Units: 67,584
-  **August West**
Retired: 10/00
Units: 67,584
-  **Blues Man**
Retired: 10/00
Units: 67,680
-  **China Cat**
Retired: 10/00
Units: 67,680
-  **Daisy**
Retired: 1/00
Units: 67,584
-  **Doodah Man**
Retired: 1/00
Units: 67,584
-  **Esau**
Retired: 10/00
Units: 67,392
-  **Foolish Heart**
Retired: 1/00
Units: 67,680
-  **Haight**
Retired: 10/00
Units: 67,584
-  **Pearly Baker**
Retired: 10/00
Units: 67,584
-  **Reuben**
Retired: 1/00
Units: 67,584
-  **Uncle Sam**
Retired: 1/00
Units: 67,584

EDITION FOUR

-  **Candyman**
Retired: 5/01
Units: 61,632
-  **Deal**
Retired: 12/00
Units: 53,088
-  **Fall Tour**
Retired: 10/00
Units: 53,088
-  **Father Time**
Retired: 12/00
Units: 48,384
-  **Fire**
Retired: 10/00
Units: 53,088
-  **Jack A Roe**
Retired:
Units:
-  **Lost Sailor**
Retired:
Units:
-  **Scarlet**
Retired: 10/00
Units: 46,368
-  **Snowflake**
Retired:
Units:
-  **Terrapin**
Retired: 12/00
Units: 48,024
-  **Uncle John**
Retired: 5/01
Units: 46,368

Unit numbers for retired bears are FINAL production quantities.










GRATEFUL DEAD BEAN BEAR COLLECTIBLES













CHECKLIST

Edition FIVE thru SPECIAL










EDITION FIVE

-  **Aiko**
Retired: 7/01
Units: 33,312
-  **Alligator**
Retired: 12/00
Units: 28,532
-  **Bird Song**
Retired: 5/01
Units: 28,512
-  **CC Rider**
Retired: 12/00
Units: 28,512
-  **Dark Hollow**
Retired: 12/00
Units: 28,512
-  **Eyes of the World**
Retired:
Units:
-  **Masterpiece**
Retired:
Units:
-  **Picasso Moon**
Retired:
Units:
-  **Shakedown**
Retired:
Units:

EDITION SIX

-  **Beauty**
Retired:
Units:
-  **Big Boss Man**
Retired:
Units:
-  **California**
Retired:
Units:
-  **Iris**
Retired: 5/01
Units: 32,352
-  **King Bee**
(yellow antennae)
Retired: 7/01
Units: 38,832
-  **King Bee**
(black antennae)
Retired: 7/01
Units: 5,040
-  **Lazy Lightning**
Retired:
Units:
-  **Lovelight**
Retired:
Units:
-  **Mexicali**
Retired: 5/01
Units: 27,264
-  **Mr. Fantasy**
Retired: 12/00
Units: 37,440

EDITION SEVEN

-  **Baby Blue**
Retired:
Units:
-  **Baby Pink**
Retired:
Units:
-  **Butterfly**
Retired:
Units:
-  **Cherise**
Retired:
Units:
-  **Peace**
Retired:
Units:
-  **Spinner**
Retired:
Units:
-  **Stealie**
Retired:
Units:
-  **Summer Tour**
Retired:
Units:
-  **Sunflower**
Retired:
Units:

SPECIAL EDITION

-  **All Access**
Retired: 5/01
Units: 52,800
-  **Black Peter**
Retired: 8/98
Units: 30,000
-  **Casey Jones**
Retired: 10/99
Units: 25,000
-  **Devotion**
Retired: 11/00
Units: 20,000
-  **Mardi Gras**
Retired: 07/01
Units: 20,000
-  **Poppa Bear**
Retired: 11/99
Units: 25,000
-  **Touch of Grey**
Retired: 10/99
Units: 25,000
-  **Wharf Rat**
Retired: 11/00
Units: 25,000

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Have you started your Grateful Dead Lil Bear Cubs collection yet?



Liquid Blue's collectible bean bears are designed in the style familiar to the millions of fans of the rock band known as the Grateful Dead. Their album "Bear's Choice" featured a graphic of dancing bears, and over the years these brightly colored bears have symbolized the fun-loving aspect of the Dead and inspired fans of all ages to collect bears.

