

SA1159969

19th Century Roullet Decamp Growling Dog

Price

GBP 1,100

| USD \$1,489 | EUR 1,287

Item Reference: SA1159969

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 27.9 cm (11.0")

Width = 45.7 cm (18.0")

Depth = 17.8 cm (7.0")

Description

19th Century Roullet Decamp Growling Dog An authentic and well aged 19th century example of what has come to be a rare collectors item. In the form of a Roullet Decamp growling dog toy. With full working pull chain growling mechanism still in fine working order. The head is still and does not nod. Stood on wooden wheels (rear right one missing) with aged damage as you can see in the photos provided. Original glass eyes still in place with its neck collar and furry collar. The first "Growlers" appeared in 1880s France. Following the ban on bloodsports such as bull baiting in the UK in 1835, a great number of Bulldogs who were then 'unemployed' were exported from England to France and after some selective breeding which decreased their size and improved their temperament, the French Bulldog emerged as a breed and was extremely popular both in France and in the UK with well to do and 'society' families. The popularity of the breed led to these almost life sized and very life like toys being made in great numbers. After all, if one couldn't obtain a French Bulldog, the next best thing was a French Bulldog toy. Various different designs were created but they were all inst...

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