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An Antique Noahs Ark -80 animals & birds & 6 figures

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1163146****Date of manufacture: 1900**

Description

A late 1800s/early 1900s German Noah Ark with approx 80 animals and birds and six figures. The ark opens via a sliding panel along the side of the ark. There are lots of animals, including elephants, camels, horses, cows, deer, moles etc and a range of birds approx 32 birds. Some of the animals and birds have repairs, a few have broken legs. Overall a great range of hand painted animals and birds still remain. The ark measures 37cm w max x depth 7cm x 21cm h. Noah's Arks were very popular children's toys in the 19th century and most wealthy families would own one, which would be permitted to be played with on a Sunday only! The majority of Noah's Arks were made in Germany and there were basically three different types. A flat bottom one, pictured here, a round bottom one and a bottom in the shape of a boat. The animals went in and out of the ark via either the roof or a sliding side panel, and were decorated by either painting, lithographics or the finest ones were straw work, illustrated here. These antique wood and straw arks were made with individual pieces of straw and would be stained to give a multi coloured effect. Noah's Arks were not made by big toy companies...

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