

SA1200533

Mid 20th Century Oil Painting of Three Cocker Spaniels

Price

GBP 4,850

| USD \$6,550 | EUR 5,673

Item Reference: SA1200533

Date of manufacture: 1950

Dimensions

Height = 23 cm (9.1")

Width = 28 cm (11.0")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

Mid 20th Century Oil Painting of Three Cocker Spaniels Attributed to Dorothy Alexandra Johnson (1902–1988)
 A charming mid 20th century British oil painting depicting a trio of Cocker Spaniels in a tiered head study composition. Oil on unstretched canvas laid on board, presented in its period gilt moulded frame. A fine example of traditional British canine portraiture in the sporting art tradition. Description The three spaniels are arranged in a classic pyramidal formation, creating compositional balance and visual harmony. Each head overlaps subtly, lending depth while retaining clarity within this intimate cabinet-scale format. The palette is warm and naturalistic, dominated by deep chestnut and mahogany tones, enhanced with soft honeyed highlights that capture the sheen of well-kept coats. The muzzles are carefully modelled, with gentle gradation from caramel tones into shadow. A restrained cool grey-blue background provides contrast, allowing the rich colouring of the dogs to stand forward. Brushwork is controlled and refined, particularly in the feathered ears and expressive eyes, which are finished with delicate highlights giving a convincing sense of life and cha...

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