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Pair Large Victorian Staffordshire Greyhounds with Hares, England c.1850

Price

GBP 800

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Item Reference: SA1232082

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Description

An impressive and unusually large pair of Victorian Staffordshire pottery figures, made in England circa 1850. Modelled as a true opposing pair of greyhounds or whippets, each dog stands with a hare held in its mouth. Each elegantly elongated dog is shown beside a substantial white tree-trunk support, with one hind leg raised against the rocky ground. The dogs are decorated in warm reddish-orange and pale fawn tones, with carefully painted facial details, black whiskers and noses, and narrow gilt collars. The hares are painted in softly mottled grey-brown tones. This model is documented in A. & N. Harding, *Victorian Staffordshire Dogs*, p. 78, figs. 2621 and 2622, where closely corresponding examples are described as a pair of large standing whippets. Comparable examples are also frequently catalogued as greyhounds, reflecting the closely related appearance of the two breeds in Victorian Staffordshire production. The documented model, large scale and true opposing format make this pair particularly appealing to collectors of Victorian Staffordshire animal figures. Both figures are unmarked, as is typical of much Staffordshire figure production of this period. Dimensions...

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