

SA313843

Pair of early C20th Chinese
'sancai'-glazed terracotta
Buddhistic temple dogs.

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Date of manufacture: 1920

Description

Pair of early C20th Chinese 'sancai'-glazed terracotta Buddhistic temple dogs. Highly decorative pair of Kylin or 'Dogs of Fo' temple guardian lions. Traditional 'Egg and spinach' sancai glaze lion-dogs wearing collars, sat upon decorated and draped plinth bases, the male with his paw upon a ball, the female with her paw upon a pup. In Feng Shui, the lions are a manifestation of 'Yin' and 'Yang', the ball under the male paw representing the circle of life. The male providing protection for the structure of the building, whilst the female protects the occupants of the Temple. Well-modelled copies of early Chinese ornamental mythical Temple guardian lion-dogs with fierce expressions. Good scale with subdued colours, some minor losses to the glaze. No breaks or repairs, minor chips to base. H 25" x W 11" x D 14". China c. 1920

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