

SA408267

C19th Italian 'Grand Tour' souvenir bronze sculpture , after the antique , "Jennings' Dog".

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA408267

Date of manufacture: 1860

Dimensions

Height = 15 cm (5.9")

Width = 15 cm (5.9")

Depth = 9 cm (3.5")

Description

C19th Italian 'Grand Tour' souvenir bronze sculpture , after the antique , "Jennings' Dog". Modelled after the ancient Hellenistic original , this copy of the Roman C2nd AD version , is named after its first 'modern' owner Henry Constantine Jennings. The metre-high marble is now on exhibition in The British Museum .Thought to represent the legendary Molossian guard dog or hound , of the Grecian statesman , Alcibiades, it was acquired by Jennings in Rome c.1756. It subsequently was sold in 1778 by Jennings to Hon .Charles Duncombe , in order to settle his gambling debts. Acquired for the nation from Duncombe Hall in 2001. A similar pair of marble mastiffs are in the Belvedere Court , Vatican Museums , Rome , Italy. Well-cast reduction model of good rich patination and consistent colour . H 6" W 6" D 3.5" Italy c.1870

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