

SA874718

Antique Figural Inkwell - Greyfriars Bobby - Dog - c.1880

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA874718****Date of manufacture: 1880**

Dimensions

Height = 11.4 cm (4.5")

Width = 16.5 cm (6.5")

Depth = 16.5 cm (6.5")

Description

An absolutely stunning Victorian heavy cast brass inkwell in the form of "Greyfriars Bobby". I will be leaving the story of this wonderful Skye Terrier at the end of this description. The dish base is created from polished brass and the dog's head is absolutely stunning, beautifully executed with wonderful detailing, including his original two glass eyes. The head opens with the hinge in good working order, revealing the removable brass ink chamber within. The piece was black when it came to us so has been professionally polished, restoring it to its former glory. You can either keep polished or allow to oxidise over time. Excellent all round condition, with a base diameter 6 1/2" and standing 4 1/2" tall. Now for the story ... In 1858, a man named John Gray was buried in old Greyfriars Churchyard. His grave levelled by the hand of time, and unmarked by any stone, became scarcely discernible; but, although no human interest seemed to attach to it. The sacred spot was not wholly disregarded or forgotten. For fourteen years the dead man's faithful dog kept constant watch and guard over the grave until his own death in 1872. The famous Skye Terrier, Greyfriars Bobb...

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