

SA918237

Magnificent Art Deco Portuguese Sterling Silver Letter Opener - Dachshund

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA918237****Date of manufacture: 1930**

Dimensions

Height = 9.5 cm (3.7")

Width = 24.8 cm (9.8")

Depth = 2.5 cm (1.0")

Description

A magnificent top quality novelty letter opener complete in it's original presentation case. Made from Portuguese sterling silver fully marked on the underside of the tail; bearing the "First Standard" mark alongside the Lisbon hallmark for 916 grade silver, Leitao and Irmão mark of a spinkx over a letter "L" together with their name. This is one of Europe's creme de la creme of silversmith's having once made a chalice for the Pope. On December 1st 1887, king Luís grants to Leitão & Irmão the title of "Crown Jewellers". Leitão & Irmão continued to be chosen by the Royal family to create gifts for family, friends and personalities. Queen Maria Pia was also an enthusiastic and loyal customer. She played a decisive role in the acquisition of numerous utilities and decorative objects in silver and gold, mostly of great refinement and sobriety, revealing a preference for the neo-rocaille taste. This exquisite and rare piece is a heavy piece of solid silver weighing 85 Grams / 2.73 Troy Ounces; beautifully crafted in the form of a Dachshund dog with a long blue tassel as a leash, the box interior is even shaped to accommodate this original blue, corded tassel. Charming and ...

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