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Pair Of Chinese Chow Chow Dog Terracotta Statuettes Signed Dated Monogrammed

380 EUR



Signature : Monogramme BR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Terracotta

Description

Lot of 2 terracotta statuettes representing two dogs of the chow-chow* breed, possibly a male and a female. Dated 1994 and monogrammed BR, to be identified.

from the same estate we have a beautiful pair also in terracotta after Georges Lucien Guyot.

The largest measures 19cm long x 15cm high x 9cm deep

The smallest measures 17cm long x 14.5cm high x 8cm deep.

Good condition, the dust is with, a small defect in an angle as visible on the last photo.

*The chow-chow, of Mongolian origin, was brought to England by British merchant ships along with exotic goods. One individual was even offered to the Prince of Wales. The origin of the name "chow-chow" comes from the mandarin

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inscription meaning "miscellaneous goods" which was marked on the boxes containing the first dogs of this breed imported from China to England. To derive the word from a doubling of the term "chow" which means "food", from the fact that this breed of dog was cooked in China, is inaccurate since the term to describe this dog in Mandarin is "songshi quan" which means "puffy lion-dog". The chow-chow would have been used as a hunting dog by the emperors of China [ref. necessary]. The origins of the chow-chow are attributed to China where it was used as a guard dog and also for hunting. Arrived in England at the beginning of the 19th century, the breed only became known from the 1920s and in particular during the dog show of Crufts in 1925. In France, the first traces of the presence of the chow-chow date from the 19th century. However, this dog remained relatively rare until the 1920s when the Chow-Chow Club of France was created, under the leadership of Renée Maréchal. Following this, the chow-chow became very popular in all of Paris, then it became more popular during the war. The Chow-Chow Club of France was dissolved in 1952 and replaced by the Chow-Chow Club Français, which still today is the official club of the breed.