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"three Donkeys On The Beach" By Piet Van Engelen



25 000 EUR

Signature : Piet van Engelen

Period : 19th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Oil painting

Width : 129

Height : 100

Description

"Three Donkeys on the Beach" is a painting by the Belgian artist Piet van Engelen (1863-1924), known for his scenes of rural and coastal life in which animals often play a central role. True to his penchant for everyday subjects, he presents here an intimate composition that is both simple and expressive. The viewer's gaze is immediately drawn to the three donkeys, lined up behind a wooden fence, whose heads fill nearly the entire canvas. Each animal has a distinct appearance and expression, rendered with remarkable precision. In the background, the beach, the sea, and the sky remain deliberately understated, providing a luminous setting that highlights the nuances of the animals' coats and the play of light on their muzzles and ears. The color palette, dominated by shades of sand, brown, and pale

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blue, reinforces the sense of calm and freshness characteristic of the coastline. Through its close-up framing and attentive observation of the animals, "Three Donkeys on the Beach" transcends the simple animal portrait. In it, Piet van Engelen sensitively celebrates the nobility of these working animals, while capturing a moment of tranquility imbued with humanity and tenderness. Provenance: private collection, Antwerp Painting dimensions: 100 x 129 cm