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CERTIFICATE

DOG SHAPED AQUAMANILE IN TERRA COTTA PERSIA - POST SASSANID PERIODE (A.D. 700 - 900)

MATERIAL AND METHOD: Aquamanile in orange terra cotta representing a dog sitting upright with its ears at attention. A handle is attached to the back of the animal and the back and body are barrel shaped. Excellent state of preservation.

ORIGIN: The animal-shaped aquamanile is a vessel whose origin lies in the East. Originally used for the ablution of priests during Mass and later used domestically either for washing hands or on a dining table between courses, as it was traditional to eat with one's fingers.

DATING: End of the Sassanid period, beginning of the Muslim period.

The Sassanids reigned over Iran from 224 to 651, the date of the Muslim invasion by the Arabs.

MEASUREMENTS : Length : 11 cm (4.3") Larg: 8cm (3,14")

THERMOLUMINESCENCE TEST: Performed by the Ralf Kotalla Laboratory, test n° 11040606 which confirms the dating of this piece.

CULTURAL PASSEPORT: Issued by the French Ministry of Culture, n° 160683.

MESEOGRAPHY: A similar object was exhibited at the Kabul Museum in 1970 under catalogue n°165 of Kusana origin Huntington n°0010519.

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