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CERTIFICATE

STANDING DOG IN TERRACOTTA CHINA – HAN DYNASTY (206 BC - AD 220)

MATERIAL AND METHOD: dog figurine in an orangey terracotta. Moulded representation of a dog standing on all fours with a spiral tail. The head is expressive and it wears a harnessed collar indicating its domestication. Traces of earth from excavation.

Good state of preservation, some ancient restorations probable.

ORIGIN: ancient China, Han dynasty (208 B.C. – A.D. 220)

This dog is of the Chinese Sharpei breed, commonly large and used as guard dogs. The Chinese have always revered the dogs they used for hunting. The dog is also an astrological sign which embodies the virtues of loyalty, friendship and longevity. For the Chinese, the dog should be brave and sometimes a thief. Contrary to the western belief, the Chinese do not eat their dogs, however a breed commonly called the « yellow dog » is exclusively raised for its meat.

THERMOLUMINESCENCE TEST performed by the QED Laboratory, which confirms the dating of this piece. Test n° QED 1336/FC-0111.

MEASUREMENTS: Height: 28,5 cm (11.22") - Length: 25 cm (9.8")

CULTURAL PASSPORT issued by the French Ministry of Culture. Passport n°161421.

MUSEOGRAPHY: a similar piece was found in Majiashanyai, in the Xindu district dating between 1st and 3rd century A.D.

Police book registration N°: 435