



**19th & 20th Century Paintings and Works  
on Paper, including Portrait Miniatures (30  
Mar 2021 B)**

Tue, 30th Mar 2021

**Lot 335 §**

**Estimate:** £1500 - £2500 + Fees

**MARIE-LOUISE VON MOTESICZKY (AUSTRIAN 1906-  
1996)**

Property from the Marie-Louise von Motesiczky Charitable  
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MARIE-LOUISE VON MOTESICZKY (AUSTRIAN 1906-1996)

*Dog coiffure*

oil on canvas

45.8 x 55.8 cm (16 1/8 x 22 in)

LITERATURE:

I. Schlenker, *Marie-Louise von Motesiczky 1906-1996, A  
Catalogue Raisonné of the Paintings*, New York, 2009, p.  
392, no. 229, illustrated

Painted in the 1960s, Ines Schlenker notes that the artist and her mother were both great dog lovers, and owned a succession of different breeds throughout their lives. As Schlenker describes, the focus is the grooming of a patient fawn-coloured Afghan. Behind the Afghan a large grey dog, possibly a poodle with its head held high, seeks attention. Lower right a third dog looks on, its tail forming a graceful Arabesque with the back legs of the standing Afghan. The coiffeuse crouches behind the Afghan, her work surveyed by two women wearing hats, presumably the dog-owners, squashed into the top right quadrant of the composition to complete this intentionally humorous scene.