



From the Curious to the Extraordinary (26 Oct 2021)

Tue, 26th Oct 2021

Viewing:

Viewings at our Chiswick Saleroom

Sat 23 Oct, 11am to 4.30pm

Mon 25 Oct, 10am to 4pm

Tue 26 Oct, 10am to 11am

Lot 26

Estimate: £300 - £500 + Fees

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possibly 17th century, mounted in an ebonised rectangular display with hinged glazed lid rising to the velvet lined interior, the case 51cm wide x 30cm high

These naturally mummified specimens can date back to the 16th century, where the animal would have been incorporated in the foundations of a building to ward off evil spirits and bring good luck to the inhabitants. Cats are more commonly found, although dogs have also been discovered.