

Ceramics



1
Rare Delft tin glazed earthenware cat, 17thC, 5in high. Halls Fine Art, Shrewsbury. Mar 03. HP: £45,000. ABP: £52,931.



2
Wemyss cat, early 20thC, seated with smiling expression and painted with scattered sprays of purple thistles and green foliage, yellow/green glass eyes (re-stuck), imp'd and black printed 'T. Goode & Co' retailer's stamp, 31cm high. Halls Fine Art, Shrewsbury. May 07. HP: £8,500. ABP: £9,998.



3
Wemyss pottery model of a seated cat, sponged black and tinged grey marks, ivory ground, painted green inscription to base, 12.75in high. Amersham Auction Rooms, Bucks. Oct 02. HP: £4,000. ABP: £4,705.



4
Rare Minton majolica jug, cat with a mouse below his right paw, painted in marmalade and black, head extensively restored, 9.75in. Goringes, Bexhill. Mar 02. HP: £3,800. ABP: £4,469.



5
Wemyss cat painted with pink dog roses, green glass eyes, a foot restored, 12.25in high. Goringes, Lewes. Apr 00. HP: £2,800. ABP: £3,293.



6
Royal Crown Derby Cheshire Cat paperweight. Eastbourne Auction Rooms, Sussex. Mar 02. HP: £1,950. ABP: £2,293.



7
Pair of Gallé style, seated cats painted with yellow hearts, blue ground, initialled and monogrammed, 12.5in. Goringes, Lewes. Mar 02. HP: £1,600. ABP: £1,882.



8
Whieldon type model of a cat, c1750, 11.5cm, small chip to one ear. Woolley & Wallis, Salisbury. Nov 03. HP: £1,400. ABP: £1,646.



9
Late 19thC Galle style earthenware seated cat with removable head, monogrammed GR on a back foot, 13in. Goringes, Lewes. Jul 01. HP: £1,300. ABP: £1,529.



10
Two Meissen models of Manx type seated cats, c1740, each with a bell mounted collar, one with raised front left paw, other in same pose with two playful suckling kittens, bearing workers mark of Schieffer, 27.5cm high. (AF) Rosebery's, London. Sep 04. HP: £1,150. ABP: £1,352.



11
Louis Wain Lucky Sphinx cat. Goringes, Bexhill. Oct 05. HP: £850. ABP: £999.



12
Wilkinson Louis Wain 'The Laughing Cat' seated and painted in black with yellow ribbon collar and eyes, 7in. Goringes, Lewes. Dec 00. HP: £700. ABP: £823.



13
Pair of early 20thC creamware cats, pink lustre splashed animals, green glass eyes matching the plinths, 26.5cm high. (D) Cheffins, Cambridge. Apr 05. HP: £700. ABP: £823.



14
C.H. Brannam pottery 'comical cat', seated with curled tail and quizzical expression, inset glass eyes, decorated with applied chocolate, rust/green slips on mustard ground, 34cm high, incised C.H. Brannam, Barum, 1911. Bearne's, Exeter. Jun 05. HP: £650. ABP: £764.

Collecting Ceramic Cats

The popularity of cats is enduring. If the subject interests you there is no better investment area. No. 1 is not only rare, it is doubtful if there is another and at £53,000 it tops the cat charts! Don't look for anymore English delft here but there are several faience cats. Wemyss cats have gone up to £20,000 for a tabby but prices are usually up to £5,000 as at 3. 2 reached nearly £10,000 because of the thistle decoration. The Wemyss cat at 5 is typical. Damaged or restored legs are common but in this case didn't dent the price too much. I didn't know that a Minton majolica cat existed, see 4. This was a good investment. When Royal Crown Derby porcelain paperweights were introduced in September 1981, no one could have thought they would transform the prospects of the company into the 1990s and beyond. Using the traditional Imari palette, mazarine blue, iron red and gold they were an instant success, and continued the Derby Imari tradition introduced in the late eighteenth century. There are examples of Royal Crown Derby cats at 6, 19, 53, 56, 57, 58 and 65. Most are valued at about £50 to £100 but the Cheshire cat (6), introduced in 1986 in a limited edition of 500 and priced at £85, is considered to have a market value today of £1,400. The price of nearly £2,300, reached at auction in 2002 is amazing and I would be interested to know if this is a record. Note and remember the wide grin. It is unmistakable.

We cannot discuss cats without mentioning Gallé and there are examples of his style at 7, 9, 15, 16, 21, 25, 31, 42 and 43. The eighteenth century is represented by Whieldon types at 8 and 22 and two Meissen models at 10. The Whieldon type at 22 was seriously undersold in October 2000 at £300 hammer and I would expect this rare model to reach at least £2,000 if it were to appear in the market today. There is a Samuel Alcock porcelain group at 20 and a pair of Staffordshire porcelain cats at 35, which if identified, should fetch an awful lot more. Most English porcelain factories made models. There are further Staffordshire examples at 18, 29, 38 and 46. Note Louis Wain cats are highly priced at 11 and 12. See also 33, but who made the pair of 'Creamware' cats at 12? Still at the expensive end is the C. H. Brannam cat at 14 and another at 36 and the Carlton china 'Felix' at 17. Clearly the Torquay pottery cat at 26, was valued highly when it sold in the region in 2003 for £317. Royal Doulton doesn't have much of a name but there are examples at 27 and at 39 which didn't go cheaply. There are further examples at 44 and 66. A surprise for me is the Poole stoneware sleeping cat at 41. This must be rare and if so a good investment. How many people could boast Poole in their collection of cats? There are also examples here from the Continent, Royal Worcester, Wade and Beswick, as well as Winstanley. Jenny Winstanley is still modelling after forty years.

I have left the Plichta cats at 34 and 40 until last as they do confuse collectors. Plichta is not Wemyss. Wemyss was a Scottish pottery which sold exclusively through Thomas Goode of Mayfair and failed in the 1920s depression. In 1930 the Bovey Pottery bought the rights to produce Wemyss. Distinguishing between the Fife and the Bovey Wemyss is very difficult. Jan Plichta was a china wholesaler in London between 1930 and c1959. He never made pottery but bought Wemyss from Bovey and marked them Plichta. Not all Plichta was made at Bovey Tracey as he also bought from the Elton Pottery, This info from www.piggybankpage.co.uk



15
Gallé faience cat, c1900, yellow glazed with green glass eyes, signed to the right front paw, 32.5cm, badly damaged. *Sworders, Stansted Mountfitchet. Jul 04. HP: £500. ABP: £588.*



16
Gallé style cat, glass eyes, dog medallion and floral printed yellow ground body, 13.5in. (some damage) *Gorringes, Lewes. Oct 00. HP: £440. ABP: £517.*



17
Carlton china 'Felix' the cat figure, walking with hands clasped behind his back, base inscribed 'Felix kept on walking', printed with Wembley British Empire Exhibition 1924 crest, 3.25in wide. *Andrew Hartley, Ilkley. Oct 05. HP: £440. ABP: £517.*



18
19thC Staffordshire seated cat with sponged decoration, 5.5in and a similar smaller cat, 2in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Jan 02. HP: £380. ABP: £446.*



19
Four Royal Crown Derby seated 'Royal Cat' ornaments. *Henry Adams, Chichester. Oct 06. HP: £360. ABP: £423.*



20
Small Samuel Alcock cat and kitten group, '2' impressed, c1830-45, 6.5cm. *Woolley & Wallis, Salisbury. Mar 00. HP: £340. ABP: £399.*



21
Gallé-style cat, painted with heart motifs in iron-red against a green ground, 13in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Jun 06. HP: £340. ABP: £399.*



22
18thC Whieldon type cat seated on a cushion, 3.75in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Oct 00. HP: £300. ABP: £352.*

Prices quoted are actual hammer prices (HP) and the Approximate Buyer's Price (ABP) includes an average premium of 15% + VAT.



23
Two Foley Intarsio green seated cats, painted with brown mice, open mouths, green glass eyes, 9.5in high, faults. *Dee, Atkinson & Harrison, Driffield. Nov 04. HP: £300. ABP: £352.*



24
Set of 3 early 20thC painted porcelain cats, fully jointed and clothed, one with mouse on lead, 2.25in. (mouse chipped) *Gorringes, Lewes. Oct 02. HP: £280. ABP: £329.*



25
Mosaic Gallé style seated cat, painted with spots and hearts in blue, yellow ground, green glass eyes, 9.5in high. *Andrew Hartley, Ilkley. Apr 06. HP: £280. ABP: £329.*



26
Torquay pottery cat, 7in high. *Kivell & Sons, Bude. Mar 03. HP: £270. ABP: £317.*



27
Royal Doulton flambe seated cat, 11in high. *Dee, Atkinson & Harrison, Driffield. Nov 04. HP: £260. ABP: £305.*



28
Pair of Staffordshire cats. (one def) *Great Western Auctions, Glasgow. Jun 05. HP: £260. ABP: £305.*



29
Pair of late 19thC Staffordshire pottery figures of black/white cats seated on cushions, gilt ribbon pattern collars, 7in high. *Canterbury Auction Galleries, Kent. Apr 06. HP: £260. ABP: £305.*



30
19thC Austrian terracotta group of two cats and a kitten, oval base, 9.75in high. *Canterbury Auction Galleries, Kent. Jun 07. HP: £240. ABP: £282.*



31
19thC French faience cat in style of Gallé, printed with flowers, white coat, yellow ground, green glass eyes, 13.75in, one leg re-attached. *Gorringes, Lewes. Apr 05. HP: £220. ABP: £258.*



32
Mosaic faience figure of a green cat, green glass eyes decorated in orange with heart and circular motifs, 12.75in high, repair to front leg. *Canterbury Auction Galleries, Kent. Apr 05. HP: £220. ABP: £258.*



33
Continental porcelain 'Lucky Sphinx' cat in the style of Louis Wain, 11.5cm high. *Gorringes, Bexhill. Feb 06. HP: £220. ABP: £258.*



34
Plichta cat, seated pose, blue glass eyes, body sparsely painted with thistles in green and lilac, printed mark, Plichta London, 10.75in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Jul 04. HP: £190. ABP: £223.*



35
Pair of Staffordshire porcelain cats modelled seated on pink and green cushions, gilded bows & black patches, late 19thC, 4in high. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Dec 06. HP: £190. ABP: £223.*



36
C.H. Brannum model of a cat, comical form seated smiling and wearing ribbon bow, glazed in blue and green, incised mark, 12in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Oct 06. HP: £185. ABP: £217.*



37
French faience model of a seated cat, painted in under-glaze blue with flowerheads, glass inset eyes, 16cm high, with another lemon glazed example painted in blue with hearts. (2) *Rosebery's, London. Sep 04. HP: £180. ABP: £211.*



38
Pair of late 19thC Staffordshire pottery models of seated cats, black markings, gilt collar bows, painted eyes and muzzles, 7.25 in high. *Diamond Mills & Co, Felixstowe. Dec 04. HP: £180. ABP: £211.*



39
Royal Doulton figure of a cat, the base marked Royal Doulton, 5in. (crack to base) *Denhams, Warnham. Oct 04. HP: £170. ABP: £199.*



40
Plichta cat, painted with clover leaves and with green glass eyes, printed mark, 26cm. *Sworders, Stansted Mountfitchet. Nov 05. HP: £170. ABP: £199.*

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Pooler stoneware model of a sleeping cat, probably designed by Barbara Linley Adams and modelled by Nicola Massarella, impressed marks, 22cm long. *Cheffins, Cambridge. Feb 05. HP: £160. ABP: £188.*



42

Faience pottery cat in the style of Gallé, decorated with hearts and tendrils, 24cm high. *Gorringes, Bexhill. Feb 06. HP: £160. ABP: £188.*



43

Staffordshire model of a seated cat, Gallé-type seated on hind legs, printed with flowers against a black ground, 12.75in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Jun 05. HP: £130. ABP: £152.*



44

Royal Doulton flambé model of a cat, signed Noke, recumbent cat with sang-de-boeuf glaze, 5.25in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Apr 03. HP: £120. ABP: £141.*



45

Wedgwood black basalt model of a cat, green glass eyes, impressed mark, 3.5in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Apr 06. HP: £120. ABP: £141.*



46

19thC Staffordshire model of a cat with sponged decoration, 3.5in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Sep 00. HP: £100. ABP: £117.*



47

Three Royal Crown Derby Paperweights: Clover Cat 2002 Mother Paperweight, designed by Sue Rowe, Ltd. Edn. 990/1500, certificate, 4in long, Lavender Kitten, 2002 Young Paperweight, designed by Sue Rowe Ltd. Edn. 990/1500, 3.25in long and Catnip Kitten with gilt button 3in long, all boxed. *Halls Fine Art, Shrewsbury. Jul 05. HP: £100. ABP: £117.*



48

Beswick model of a Siamese cat. *Gorringes, Bexhill. Jul 05. HP: £90. ABP: £105.*



49

Modern R. Worcester figure of a cat, Ginger, 4in, and a short haired cat, 3616, 3in. *Gorringes, Bexhill. Mar 02. HP: £85. ABP: £99.*



50

Wade, Walt Disney sitting smiling Siamese cat, 6in high. *Dee, Atkinson & Harrison, Drifffield. Jul 04. HP: £75. ABP: £88.*



51

Rosenthal miniature figure of a seated cat in shades of white and brown and with green glazed eyes, 3.25in high. *Tring Market Auctions, Herts. Mar 05. HP: £70. ABP: £82.*



52

Royal Copenhagen figure of a yawning cat, 1025/667 (ear chipped) 7in. *Gorringes, East Sussex. Mar 02. HP: £65. ABP: £76.*



53

Royal Crown Derby Imari cat paperweight. *Gorringes, Bexhill. Jun 05. HP: £65. ABP: £76.*



54

1960s/70s Winstanley pottery model of a seated grey and white tabby cat, glass eyes, painted mark, 13in high. *Amersham Auction Rooms, Bucks. May 04. HP: £65. ABP: £76.*



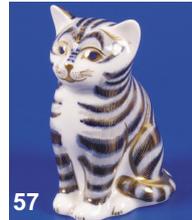
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1960s/70s Winstanley pottery model of a crouching grey and black tabby cat, glass eyes, painted mark, 15in long. *Amersham Auction Rooms, Bucks. May 04. HP: £65. ABP: £76.*



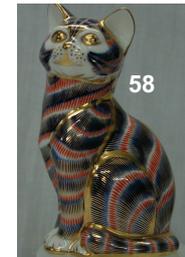
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Two Royal Crown Derby paperweights: Siamese Cat 5.25in high with gilt stopper and Siamese Kitten, 3.5in high, with gilt stopper, boxed. *Halls Fine Art, Shrewsbury. Jul 05. HP: £60. ABP: £70.*



57

Royal Crown Derby paperweight modelled as a seated cat, glue and gilt Imari style pattern, printed and painted marks, gold stopper, 3.25in high. *Fellows & Sons, Hockley, Birmingham. Oct 03. HP: £60. ABP: £70.*



58

R. Crown Derby Gold Seal cat paperweight in Imari colours, gold button to base, original box. *Kent Auction Galleries, Folkestone. Dec 06. HP: £60. ABP: £70.*



59

Continental pottery figure, modelled as a cat and her kitten playing, both coloured white, green shaped base, 7.5in high. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Feb 07. HP: £60. ABP: £70.*



60

Continental porcelain inkwell, in the form of a cat's head, front paws outstretched, head incorporates pen holder, 3.5in high. *Dee, Atkinson & Harrison, Drifffield. Feb 05. HP: £55. ABP: £64.*



61

Beswick four-piece band of cat musicians. (violin a.f) *Gorringes, Bexhill. Feb 06. HP: £55. ABP: £64.*



62

Beswick piggy bank modelled as a caricature of Winston Churchill. *Great Western Auctions, Glasgow. Feb 07. HP: £50. ABP: £58.*



63

Lorna Bailey orange & black sitting cat, black & yellow cat & yellow & purple cat, signature to vase. *Kent Auction Galleries, Folkestone. Mar 06. HP: £45. ABP: £52.*



64

Wade Disney Blow Up of Am the Siamese Cat from Walt Disney's Lady and the Tramp film, 5.5 high. *Halls Fine Art, Shrewsbury. Jul 05. HP: £40. ABP: £47.*



65

Modern Royal Crown Derby seated cat painted in typical colours, 13.5cm. *Boldon Auction Galleries, Tynne & Wear. Sep 05. HP: £40. ABP: £47.*



66

Royal Doulton cat, HN2583. *Black Country Auctions, Dudley. Sep 05. HP: £28. ABP: £32.*