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IT'S RAINING CATS, DOGS AND BEARS AT CHRISTIE'S SOUTH KENSINGTON THIS SUMMER



Two rare and early Steiff cats
Estimates: £600-800 & £1,000-1,200



A rare Chad Valley Bonzo the dog with original swing label
Estimate: £800-1,200

Teddy Bears

Christie's South Kensington

Tuesday 17 July 2007, 2pm

South Kensington – Christie's summer *Teddy Bears* sale on Tuesday 17 July at Christie's South Kensington will feature a whole menagerie of cuddly animals including cats, dogs, rabbits as well as bears and other furry things. Comprising 120 lots, the sale is expected to realise £100,000 and the view is free and open to the general public from Saturday 14 July. Estimates start from £150 providing the perfect opportunity to treat yourself to a new furry friend or buy a unique gift for a loved-one that will really hold its value.

Highlights this summer include:

- A pair of fine center-seam Steiff honey coloured teddy bears, *circa* 1906 (estimate: £4,000-6,000 each)
- A rare part set of Steiff cat skittles, early 1900s (estimate: £3,000-4,000)
- A velvet Steiff cat with very rare elephant button (estimate: £1,000-1,500)
- *Fourtounton*, a rare Hermès dog hand-bag (estimates: £300-500)
- A rare Chad Valley *Bonzo the dog* with original swing label (estimate: £800-1,200)
- A rare Steiff Dicky bear, *circa* 1930 (estimate: £6,000-8,000) This bear was given as an engagement present in 1930 and he has been treasured ever since, hence his remarkable condition
- An unusual ISA Animated Toy teddy bear with extra long sprung legs, wearing black mohair boots, First World War (estimate: £1,000-1,500)

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Weekends: 10am – 4pm