

Porcelain figurine Marble Great Dane, by I Riznich, LFZ (Lomonosov Porcelain Factory), 1950s.

Rather large for an animalistic figurine: approx. 9 1/2" in length, a little over 5" tall to the tip of the ears. Glazed porcelain, paints. The model was crafted by I. Riznich, one of the leading sculptors at LFZ of that period. Maker marked on the bottom. This iteration of the logo was in use in the 1950s (#486 in Volume One of Marks on Soviet Porcelain, Faience, and Majolica, 1917-1991 by Nasonova et al.). The figurine presents a majestic animal in repose but with its head held high, on guard.

In very good to excellent condition. We found 2 tiny chips: one 1-mm wide near the left thigh and another, just a little dot, behind the left shoulder blade. A few truly microscopic scratches can be seen, only at a certain angle and against a bright light, on the left thigh. None of this is easily noticeable and, by that factor, is not really detractive.

As a breed, Great Danes come from Germany, descendants from hunting dogs of the Middle Ages used to hunt wild boar and deer. Their role among humans gradually migrated to being guardians of German nobility. It is one of the largest dog breeds in the world, the Irish Wolfhound being the other. Modern breeders have been working on the decorative side of Great Danes, "Marble" being one of the results of this work.

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