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Large Porcelain Cat Figurine

Jiang Xi Province

AED 3800

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ABOUT

A large Chinese porcelain figure of a cat, modeled in the round and shown turning to lick its back. The surface is covered in a translucent white glaze with incised lines suggesting fur, and the facial details are painted in iron red and black. The base bears a red seal mark reading (Da Qing Qianlong Nian Zhi) - "Made during the Qianlong reign of the Great Qing Dynasty" - mark is commonly found on 19th-century and later reproductions paying homage to the Qianlong Emperor's celebrated porcelain era (1736-1795). The workmanship and paste indicate it was produced in the late Qing period, likely mid- to late-19th century.

During that time, figural porcelains of animals such as cats, dogs, and bats were popular domestic ornaments and often carried symbolic meaning. The cat (mao) was associated with longevity and peaceful retirement, as its name is a homonym for the word "octogenarian" (mao). Representations of cats grooming or curling were considered auspicious and were sometimes presented as gifts to elders. This particular model blends humor with craftsmanship, the influence of Jingdezhen (Jiangxi Province) workshops.

ITEM DETAILS

Reference: #S063

CREATOR	PERIOD / DATE	PLACE OF ORIGIN
Jiang Xi Province	Late 19th Century	China
DIMENSIONS	MATERIALS & TECHNIQUES	CONDITION
H 18 cm x Dia 20 cm (approx)	Porcelain - Hand-Painted	Excellent