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Victorian Cast-Iron Greyhound Doorstop

£75

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Description

A handsome 19th-century cast-iron doorstop in the form of a greyhound, capturing the breed's distinctive elegance and athletic poise. The dog is modelled in a standing position, with its slender form, long limbs, and alert profile lending this practical household object a wonderfully sculptural presence.

Greyhounds were admired throughout the Victorian period as symbols of speed, grace, loyalty, and sporting life. Their image appeared frequently in decorative arts, from ceramics and bronze to architectural ornament and domestic cast iron. This example translates the refined lines of the breed into a robust, functional form, combining Victorian sentiment with the durability of traditional ironwork.

Made to hold open a heavy interior or exterior door, the doorstop has a substantial weight and a stable, low profile. Its dark, aged patina enhances the cast detail and gives the piece an authentic sense of history. Whether displayed in a hallway, library, boot room, or beside a fireplace, it offers both practical use and decorative character.

A charming and increasingly sought-after example of Victorian domestic cast iron, ideal for collectors of canine antiques, country-house furnishings, or unusual 19th-century decorative objects.

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