



## Fine Netsuke & Sagemono (NE0421)

Fri, 16th Apr 2021

### Lot 122

**Starting price:** €3000

**Estimate:** €6000

#### **TAMETAKA: A FINE WOOD NETSUKE OF A JAKONEKO**

By Tametaka, signed Tametaka 為隆

Japan, Nagoya, late 18<sup>th</sup> century, Edo period (1615-1868)

The floppy-eared musk cat (jako-neko) sitting on its furcated bushy tail, its head turned backwards, a ball between its paws, protectively snarling. The long whisker-like hairs on the cheeks are flowing in the wind. The fur is very finely incised and neatly parted in the middle. One large himotoshi through the side and the other cleverly 'hidden' within. Signed underneath inside an elliptical reserve TAMETAKA. The wood of an even and very appealing dark chocolate-brown color.

HEIGHT 4.3 cm

Condition: Very good condition, some surface wear.

**Provenance:** Ex-collection Jury Kolodotschko.

#### **Literature comparison:**

Compare to a similar netsuke signed Tametaka and described as a 'Chinese dog' in Joly, Henri L. (1966) *The W. L. Behrens Collection, Part 1, Netsuke*, no. 5263 and illustrated in pl. LXIX. Compare also to a goat by Tametaka in Bandini, Rosemary (2014) *Japanese Netsuke from the Collection of Teddy Hahn*, no. 24.

The jakoneko or musk cat, often called a shaggy dog, is of African origin and entered Japan via India, when it became popular for its musk, used for perfumes.