



A 16th century needlework border panel, Italian, circa 1550-1600

£1,950



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Height: 33.3 cm (13.1")

Width: 67.9 cm (26.7")

Description

Worked in brown and blue silk threads on a fine linen ground, depicting a huntsman with hounds and terriers surrounded by a variety of animals, including rabbits, deer, ducks, turkey, squirrels, hawks and elephants, mounted on a 19th century linen, museum glazed, framed, dimensions of panel only: height 14cm, width 46.5cm

It is believed turkeys were first introduced to Europe as early as 1500, whilst elephants were known to have been kept in Northern Europe from Roman times onwards. Typically, it appears the embroiderer of this piece had not physically seen an elephant, or indeed an accurate depiction of one