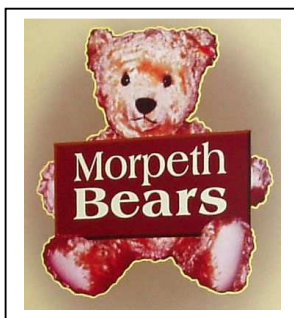


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'MORPETH BEARS' REPORT

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Steiff 'Antique' & Vintage Bears For Sale!

Secondary market Antique and vintage Steiff Teddy bears are highly sought after the world over. The better the condition for their age, the more valuable they are. At auctions in Europe and the UK, old Steiff Bears command prices up to AU\$400,000. Teddy's with provenance, which is a history or photographs of previous owners, are worth even more.

Barbara O'Sullivan is a collector of old bears. She was on our recent Claire Bears Tour to Europe. She has taught me a lot about old bears. Most of all she has been a great influence in me appreciating old bears. There is mystery and intrigue about them. You begin to wonder where and with whom they have lived. Wear marks on the sides of Teddy's face say that he has slept with someone. Wear on his arms and legs say that he has been carried around. A well-loved nose means he has been cuddled or sucked or maybe fell on his nose many times! Scratched eyes mean that poor Teddy may have been mistreated. He'll usually have loose joints.

Some vintage Teddy Bears have been through two World Wars, depressions, air raids, floods, fires, dog attacks! Of those who survived, most will have been loved by a child and lived with more than one family. With most bears, the history is just not known. They simply have no provenance.

Next time you buy a bear, whether it be old or new, have someone take his photo with you and write down where you bought him and when. This is the start of your bear's 'provenance' in case he is sold again some day.

Vintage bears and animals have a special charm that will add character to your collection, displayed amongst your new bears or with other poor souls... They also make great companions for dolls.

We hit the Antique shops and famous markets through Eastern Europe during our tour and had a fantastic time. We gave a lot of old bears lots of cuddles. It is hard to find Antique bears in Australia, so I chose a hug to bring back for you. They are now at Morpeth Bears or may be purchased by phone or email.

Teddybaer–Teddy Bear, 102 yrs old.

(Antique Bear) Circa 1906. Size 34cm standing, 25cm sitting. Excellent condition. Teddy has original black shoe button eyes, nose, paw pads and a squeaker that no longer works. Teddy's blond mohair is in excellent condition. Teddy has a blank Steiff button in his ear. Blank buttons were only used up to 1906. Acquired at Teddy Total, Rheda-Weisbaden, Germany. Price \$7,500.



Group of Antique & Vintage Steiff Bears, with one poor soul (front right) I just couldn't resist. He's got the cutest face you ever saw and his hand is bandaged up with sticky tape! He is not a Steiff. I have become quite attached to them all and I know I am going to regret selling them!



Antique Steiff Bear, blond.



Antique Steiff Bear, cinnamon

Teddybaer–Teddy Bear 100 yrs old.

(Antique Bear) Circa 1908. Size 34cm standing, 25cm sitting. Excellent condition. Teddy has a new nose and restored paw pads. He has original black shoe button eyes and a squeaker that no longer works. Teddy has excellent mohair all over. Cinnamon mohair plush is rare in vintage bears, as the dye is known to have deteriorated the mohair. The only cinnamon brown bears to survive were those whose owners took very good care of them, as is the case with this one. Still has Steiff button in ear. Acquired at Teddy Total, Rheda-Weisbaden, Germany. Rare Bear. Price \$8,500.



I'm an 88 year old Steiff Teddy with a photo of my original owner.

Teddy Bear is 88 years old.

1909 – 1926 (This bear made in 1920).

30cm sitting (42cm standing)

Excellent condition. Still has thick full colour blond mohair and Steiff button in ear. Woodwool stuffed. Paw pads, nose and eyes original and in excellent condition. Has a squeaker, which just works. He has been dressed up by his previous owner, with a bowtie. Comes with a photograph of his original owner, with her bear, at age seven and also a waistcoat which the original owner had him dressed in. Acquired in Berlin, Germany from a private collection. Price \$9,000

Of course, a child would often have clothes to dress Teddy in for different occasions. Collectors often dress their vintage bears to protect their fur. A vintage baby dress or woollen hand knitted cardigan is ideal.

Because these bears are highly priced, remember that we can put them on a payment plan for you. We normally take three equal payments from credit card over three months. However, I am happy to extend this to four or even six months on the Antique and Vintage Steiff.

Teddy Bear is 78 years old.

1910 – 1933 (This bear made in 1930).

15cm sitting (23cm standing)

This bear has loads of character. Good condition. Still has sparse colour mohair and Steiff button in ear. Woodwool stuffed. Paw pads have been patched. Nose and eyes in excellent condition. Has a squeaker which no longer works. He has been dressed by his previous owner in a striped Steiff shirt. Acquired in Berlin, Germany from a private collection. Price \$3,000.

Technically an Antique must be over 100 years of age. That is why the term 'Vintage' is used for items under 100 years. It has been and still is a tradition in Germany to give a newborn baby a Steiff Teddy. This means that vintage Steiff are more obtainable in Germany and Europe as a whole. In Australia, keep your eye out in communities that have a strong German/European ancestry.....or come to Morpeth Bears!



I'm a 78 Years Old Steiff Teddy.



Play Elephant – extremely rare.
I'm 70 years old.

Steiff Vintage 'Play Elephants'.

70 years old and **extremely rare**. Circa 1937 – 1941

Whilst this 17cm elephant no longer has his blanket, it is probably what kept him in such an excellent condition. Woodwool stuffed. Steiff button in ear. Squeaker no longer works. This curled wool plush is rare and was only used during the time of the Great Depression when mohair was too expensive for Steiff to use for its children's toys. Acquired in Berlin, Germany from a private collection. Price \$2,495.

Steiff Vintage Animals

You'll find a nice selection of small Vintage Steiff Animals at Morpeth Bears too. Most still have their button and ear tag. Many have their chest tags as well. If you would like photos or more details on these, just email or phone. Every item comes with an information tag.

Steiff Bambi Deer \$140.

Steiff Elephant with printed saddle \$140.

Steiff Elephant with red saddlecloth \$195.

Steiff Lama \$150 /\$240.

Steiff Wolf Hand Puppet \$195.

*Steiff Tiger Cub (larger size) great value \$295.

We have already sold quite a few pieces. Above is what remains. Be quick!

Steiff Camel \$140.

Steiff Fawn \$95.

Steiff Lamby \$99.

Steiff Okapi \$125./\$250.

Little Rod Jointed Teddy \$75.



Steiff Tiger \$295.

Steiff Cat Hand Puppet \$195.

Steiff Hedgehog \$99.

Steiff Leo Lion \$350.

Steiff Tiger Hand Puppet \$195.

German Bear on all fours \$185.

Eric Bat (mint condition) \$1,800.

Hungarian Vintage Bears

There are 3 large bears I purchased at different towns in Hungary. They're all made at the same workshop. I don't know the name of the workshop/factory, but they all have the same teardrop shape paw pads, and their feet are all flat, with discs behind the fabric so they stand tall. It's the same manufacturer, and it will likely be unique to that manufacturer. *With each of these vintage bears I will gift you a postcard which depicts the times in which Teddy would have live, such as life in the city or wartime.....you can chose which one you'd like.*

The first vocational schools for toy manufacturers were established in Hungary in the 1800's, but bears would not have been made until the early to mid 1900's. Remember Steiff made the first jointed teddy bear in 1904. The rest of the world took a while to catch on... These four bears were likely made in Slovenia (upper Hungary) or in Transylvania, currently belonging to Romania, but formerly part of Hungary. They may also have been made close to Budapest, the capital of Hungary.



Hungarian Light Brown.
Growler still works.
35cm. \$350.



Hungarian Light Brown
40cm. \$350.



Hungarian Light Brown
37cm. \$275.

Steiff Porsche Set 2008

In 1983 Porsche set a further milestone in the history of the successful 911 model, with the Porsche 911 Carrera 3.2. For its time it had an unbelievable 231 horsepower. It had the typical characteristics for Porsche: unmistakable lines, elegance and sportiness. The Steiff convertible model is in the scale of 1:12. It is handmade from more than 200 pieces. It has a detailed replica of the motor, engine bonnet and doors that can be opened as well as a steering mechanism that really works. Even after 25 years the Porsche 911 Carrera 3.2 is still a very popular model both in display cabinets - and on the road. The convertible top can be positioned up or down.



Steiff Porsche Set



With the exclusive Porsche jubilee set comes two cuddly Teddy bears who are dressed in the style of the wild 80's. The driver is wearing a very soft black leather jacket trimmed with fur. The passenger has a neck scarf to protect her from the wind. Both are wearing the pilot sun glasses that were typical for the time. Price \$850. at Morpeth Bears – **Your Specialist Steiff Store.**



Mohair Panda on Wheels

Steiff Mohair Panda on Wheels 1938 – MADE FOR KIDS TO RIDE ON!

The love story between man and panda started in 1938 when the first pandas fascinated visitors to English and American zoos. It is very seldom that China will allow pandas to be exported now-days. They are an endangered species. Panda is popular at Steiff too and has been produced in many different styles and sizes. Panda on wheels was produced in 1938 as a sample animal. Now he is making his come-back.

He's impressive! He's a beautifully crafted classic pull-toy replica on cast iron wheels. Incredibly strong. He has a pull-string voice, activated by pulling the ring at the back of his head. Made of cuddly soft black & white fur, stuffed with wood shavings and with glass eyes, he's a limited edition of 1,000 pieces worldwide. 50cm. If you have a special child in your family or you are a collector of bears on wheels – this is the one for you!
Price \$1,500. at Morpeth Bears now.

Steiff Alpaca Polar Ted

The 2008 edition to the classic 'real bear series' is this large 65cm , beautiful polar bear called 'Polar Ted'. The series is in the style of a Teddy but in the form of the real bear. The first in the series was Grizzly Ted in 2007. Polar Ted is made of high quality long, white and thick alpaca to protect him from the Arctic cold.

He's big, he's soft and he's the closest you'll get to cuddling a polar bear. Although Polar Ted's airbrushed, realistic and distinctive facial features are modelled on his bearish archetypes from the cold North, his friendly eyes and cute hand sewn nose speak a gentle and loving language. He is a Limited Edition of 1,500 pieces worldwide and has a gold plated button in his ear. Price \$925. at Morpeth Bears now.



2008 Steiff Polar Ted - \$925.

Bears of Haworth Cottage by Lexie Haworth – Australian Bear Artist

Lexie is one of Australia's leading bear artists, specialising in Big Traditional Bears. In 1990 Lexie fell in love with and bought a big old bear. Not long after, she sold the bear to buy herself a new dishwasher. The bear turned out to be a Steiff in excellent condition! In 1990 Bear Collecting and Artist Bears were just coming into vogue and old Steiff Bears were bringing high prices at auction. Lexie's great regret at selling her bear, then finding out what he was worth, lead her to make a bear just like the one she had sold.

Her first bear show in 1992 nearly sold out. The chain of 'The Teddy Shop' started selling Lexie's bears and promoting her work. Well-known bear collector and bear historian David Worland noticed her work and encouraged her to keep going with the quest for the 'old Steiff look'. Bears of Haworth Cottage became Lexie's full time occupation and Lexie hopes to make bears for many years to come.

Lexie still has her childhood bear, an Alpha Farnell circa 1948.

Lexie has again been commissioned by David Jones Ltd to produce a very special bear to celebrate their 170th Anniversary in 2008. David Jones is the oldest department store chain in the world still trading under its original name. David Jones helps to keep the Teddy bear dream alive, by producing editions of bears as charity fund raising and has raised over one million dollars for the Breast Cancer Foundation.



Lexie Haworth at Sydney Teddy Bear Fair with her 'Bears From Haworth Cottage'.



FOR SALE – ONE ONLY
FROM SHIRLEY'S COLLECTION
Lewis produced by Camson. \$195.

This is the fifth special edition Lexie has made for David Jones. The 170th anniversary bear is called DAVID JRN. He is a limited of edition of 100 bears, all handmade by Lexie. His design reflects the character of bears from yesteryear, the traditional style that Lexie is known for. He is 50cm tall and made of the finest Schulte mohair. (Just by the way – there is a large Lexie Haworth bear in the display cabinet at Schulte Mohair factory in Germany where she is held in high regard). David Jrn is specially boxed and his accessories are in keeping with the traditional David Jones Houndstooth Design Logo. He will sell for \$800. from selected David Jones Stores.

Lewis is a Limited Edition Lexie Haworth design produced by Camson Trading some years ago. He is number 22 of 1000. He is 25" (60cm) tall. He is made from plush fabric and his foot is signed by Lexie Haworth, because I bought him at one of Lexie's exhibitions. *He is the next big bear to be sold from my own private collection.* If you are a lover of the Russ Berrie signature collection – you will love this big bear with boyish charm.

Price \$195. He is an excellent buy, but there is only ONE, so be quick!

With best wishes

Shirley