

**Basket of Fruit**

Alfred Arthur Bruno De Neuville

\$5,000



REF: 1552

Height: 54 cm (21.3")

Width: 61 cm (24")

## Description

De Neuville was a late 19th century French Animal painter.

He also painted exquisite studies of fruit of which this is a fine example.

Having received a somewhat basic training from his father, he became famous in his twenties and thirties as a leading animal artist of the Paris school focussing on domestic cats and then later on still life subjects, such as fruit and flowers. He exhibited work at the Societe des Artistes Francais from 1879 and was elected a member in 1907. Throughout his life Brunel de Neuville worked hard to improve his skills and later paintings are both more complex and intricate than earlier works. Both dogs and cats became popular as the subjects of a sentimental/realist genre at which de Neuville excelled. His trademark painting is a group of mischievous kittens playing with a ball of wool or other domestic object. Although the style is broadly realist, some of the cat paintings are just a touch impressionistic in tone. Certainly the cats are not depicted as a natural subject in a strict realist way. Many of his still lifes have a charming French bucolic feel.