



### RECUMBENT FENNEC

Egypt  
Middle Kingdom, 2040-1782 BC  
Blue faience with black details  
Height 3.5 cm Length 6.8 cm

The Fennec is lying on a rectangular base with its head turned sideways, its tail curled around his back and ears laid backwards. The eyes, ears and snout are detailed in black and the body of the animal is covered in small spots.

The animal has been crafted in an informal and naturalistic style. This type of figure was probably intended as representation of the actual animal living in the household, most likely a treasured reminder of a person's pet during their life, and thus included in the tomb as a keepsake.

### PROVENANCE

Former private collection France 1987, then private collection Dr. P. Hamburg, Germany

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