

GERMAN SHEPHERD COLLECTIBLES

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The German Shepherd, renowned for intelligence and loyalty has captured the hearts of dog lovers since the first GSD was exhibited in the US in 1907. German Shepherd collectibles have become a beloved niche for collectors and breed enthusiasts. Collectible items include everything from figurines to advertisements; paintings, drawings, prints and posters; as well as stuffed toys and wearable art.

The earliest collectibles are figurines from ceramic and porcelain producers like Bing & Grondahl (now part of Royal Copenhagen), Rosenthal, Goebel, and Hutschenreuther. Bronze and Metal sculptures are highly prized for their craftsmanship and durability, but many contemporary collectibles are produced in resin or composite materials, which allows for greater affordability.

Vintage Stuffed Animals, especially from makers like Steiff, are highly sought after. Their craftsmanship, mohair fur, and distinctive designs make them prized additions to any collection. The picture (right) is of a vintage Steiff German Shepherd stuffed toy.



promotional piece from the 1933 Mascot Serial "The Wolf Dog" starring Rin Tin Tin Jr. in his first serial.

The German Shepherd's appearance has been used in advertisements for pet food, household products, and more. Old signage, packaging, and promotional materials are very collectible. The picture (left) is a framed *Nature Magazine* cover from January 1934.

Products related to early German Shepherd movie stars like Rin Tin Tin are popular and highly collectible. The picture (right) is a



German Shepherd collectibles remain popular, and the diversity of available items means every collector can find something meaningful.