

# Jug - Dog shaped

## Ceramics and Glass Collection

**Accession Nr.:** 20009 

**Date of production:** ca. 1700

**Place of production:** Transylvania

**Inscription:** jelzetlen

**Materials:** cobalt glass (coloured by cobalt oxide)

**Techniques:** blown; hot sculpted glass; hot-applied glass threads; hot-formed

**Dimensions:** height: 18 cm  
length: 23 cm

This is one of the most interesting examples of seventeenth-century Transylvanian colored glass objects is this cobalt blue dog shaped vessel. Its shape is very similar to certain early seventeenth-century German humorous glass works (*Scherzgefäß* - see [here](#)), and this points to the fact that Transylvanian glassworkers continued to look to German inspiration alongside that of Venice and Murano.

The coloring - a specific dark cobalt blue - on the other hand, is completely different from the German tradition, since they are usually colorless (impurities will often give them a light green color) with colored decorative lines, most frequently red glass. This intense blue color, almost leaning towards violet, is a typical tone for early Transylvanian cobalt glassworks.

Next to the colorless, clear, honey yellow and red-brown colors, by the beginning of the seventeenth century blue glass was the most widespread, particularly in glass blowing workshops of Komána (today Comăna, Romania) and Porumbák (today Porumbacu, Romania).

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