

MOM'S JOY ROOM

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CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY



24" carved wood horse tricycle, French velocipede style,
spoked metal wheels, leather saddle

CURRENT MARKET VALUE

\$175 – \$400

Vintage/antique-style horse
velocipede tricycle

Carved Wood Horse Tricycle

French Velocipede Style

HISTORY

Horse-form tricycles, or "velocipedes," were among the most beloved children's ride-on toys of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, particularly in France, where makers such as Jean Louis Gourdoux for Jugnet produced ornately carved and painted examples with sculpted heads, articulated legs, and spoked wheels driven by pedal or chain mechanisms. This 24" example features a hand-carved and painted wooden horse body with a molded mane and forward-cantered legs, mounted on a metal frame with three large spoked wheels (red-painted rims), a leather saddle, and a curved steering handlebar with a turned wooden grip.

NOTABLE INFORMATION

- ♦ 24" carved and painted wood horse body, forward-galloping pose
- ♦ Metal frame with three large red-rimmed spoked wheels
- ♦ Leather saddle and pedal mechanism, curved steering handlebar
- ♦ Style closely follows the classic French velocipede horse tricycle form popularized in the late 1800s

COLLECTOR NOTES

Collector note: genuine 1880s-1900s French horse velocipedes in this style are well-documented and can bring \$300-1,000+ at auction depending on condition and originality of paint and hardware. Because reproductions and later decorator-quality pieces in this same carved-horse-and-spoke-wheel form are also common, and no maker's mark is visible in the submitted photo, this piece is valued here as a quality vintage/antique-style example rather than a confirmed period antique. An in-person expert inspection of the wood, joinery, and hardware would be needed to confirm a specific date of manufacture.

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