

CERTIFICATE OF PROVENANCE

Blossom & Snowdrop
A Matched Pair of Vintage Kamar Poodles



Blossom — Pink, Jointed



Snowdrop — Cream

CURRENT MARKET VALUE	COLLECTOR REPLACEMENT VALUE
\$60 – \$150 for the pair	\$120 – \$225 for the pair

Current Market Value reflects typical resale/auction range for comparable pieces. Collector Replacement Value reflects the cost of sourcing an equivalent piece through a respected antique dealer. Figures are conservative estimates based on standard Kamar poodle sales; confirmed comps for this exact jointed/pink combination were not available.

AT A GLANCE

Maker:	Kamar, made in Japan
Origin:	Mid-to-late 1960s through early 1970s
Height:	Approximately 7 inches, each

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Materials:	Curled mohair-style faux fur over a wired armature body, with felt or hand-painted facial features and toes
Construction:	Blossom (pink) is fully jointed at the head and limbs; Snowdrop (cream) is a fixed-pose figure, the more commonly encountered construction
Provenance Status:	Documented single certificate covering matched pair

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THE MAKER: KAMAR

Kamar International was a mid-20th-century American import company known for distributing charming novelty and collectible items manufactured in Japan, including a well-loved line of curly-coated plush poodle figures produced from the mid-1960s into the early 1970s. These poodles were made in a range of colors — black, gray, white, red, and the softer pastel pink seen in Blossom — and were prized even in their own era for the realism of their curled coats and the charm of their expressive, hand-finished faces.

Kamar poodles typically stood between 7 and 9 inches tall and were constructed with a wired internal frame beneath the mohair-style fur, allowing many examples to be posed. The tails, in particular, were often wire-supported and bendable. Facial details — eyes, nose, and painted toes — were finished by hand, giving each piece subtle individual character despite mass production.

BLOSSOM — THE PINK POODLE

Blossom stands approximately 7 inches tall and is dressed in a soft pink curled faux-fur coat, with a rounded pom-pom styled topknot, floppy ears, and hand-painted facial features. Unlike many surviving Kamar poodles, Blossom is fully jointed at the head and all four limbs, allowing her to be posed in a variety of seated and reclining positions. This jointed construction is less frequently seen in the line and is generally considered more desirable to collectors than the fixed-pose examples that make up the bulk of the surviving population.

The pink colorway itself is one of the less common Kamar poodle shades — most surviving examples in this size are found in gray, black, or white. Combined with the jointed body, these features are generally regarded by collectors as desirable, though confirmed sale prices specifically for jointed pink examples remain scarce. The valuation on this certificate is therefore kept conservative, grounded primarily in prices realized for standard Kamar poodles of comparable size and condition.

SNOWDROP — THE CREAM POODLE

Snowdrop stands approximately 7 inches tall in a creamy white curled faux-fur coat, with the same signature pom-pom topknot and floppy ears characteristic of the line, along with dark hand-painted eyes and nose. Snowdrop is a fixed-pose figure, seated in the classic Kamar poodle posture — the construction most commonly encountered among surviving examples of this maker.

Presented together, Blossom and Snowdrop form a complementary pair — one posable, one fixed; one blush pink, one soft cream — reflecting the range of colorways and construction methods Kamar offered within a single poodle design.

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CONDITION NOTES

Both figures present in keeping with their age, with fur that remains soft, full, and well-adhered. As with most surviving examples of this line, close inspection for fur matting, tail-wire integrity, and any prior restoration is recommended as part of ongoing collection care. No purchase or acquisition price is recorded on this certificate, in keeping with Mom's Joy Room documentation standards.

COLLECTOR CONTEXT

Kamar poodles occupy a beloved niche among mid-century plush and novelty collectors, prized less for rarity of the basic design and more for variations in color, size, and construction — jointed versus fixed, the less common pastel colorways, and condition of the original mohair-style coat. A documented, matched pair such as Blossom and Snowdrop, kept together with consistent provenance, holds particular appeal for collectors seeking to display complementary pieces rather than single examples.

"Two small poodles, curled in pink and cream, keep watch together on the shelf — not rivals for attention, but companions who have learned, across the decades, to be found as one."

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