

MOM'S JOY ROOM

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Ohio Art Co. "Fido's Musical Dog House" tin litho jack-in-the-box, circa 1950s-60s

CURRENT MARKET VALUE

\$60 – \$150

Based on comparable sales of Ohio Art "Fido's Musical Dog House" toys in working, complete condition with bright original lithography

"Fido's Musical Dog House"

Ohio Art Company — Tin Litho Jack-in-the-Box — circa 1950s-60s

HISTORY

Produced by the Ohio Art Company — the same Ohio-based toy maker famous for the Etch A Sketch — "Fido's Musical Dog House" is a charming mid-century tin litho novelty toy built around a Swiss-made music box mechanism. Styled as a bright, cheerfully lithographed doghouse complete with shingled roof, a "FIDO" sign, painted flower boxes, a tiny mailbox, and a front porch stoop with a painted bone, the toy operates as a jack-in-the-box: a hand crank winds the internal Swiss music movement, and as it plays, the plush-and-composition dog head pops up through the round doorway of the house — a playful surprise mechanism that delighted children of the era in the same tradition as classic jack-in-the-box toys, but with the added novelty of tin lithography and a musical crank mechanism.

NOTABLE INFORMATION

- ◆ Maker: The Ohio Art Company — Bryan, Ohio, U.S.A.
- ◆ Type: tin litho jack-in-the-box with Swiss music box mechanism
- ◆ Design: doghouse form with "FIDO" signage, shingled roof, flower box & mailbox details, painted bone on front stoop
- ◆ Mechanism: hand-crank winds Swiss music movement; dog head pops up through doorway as it plays
- ◆ Era: circa 1950s-60s
- ◆ Please confirm music mechanism and pop-up action are both functioning to finalize condition grade

COLLECTOR NOTES

Ohio Art's tin litho novelty toys are a popular corner of the vintage toy market, and "Fido's Musical Dog House" is a recognizable, well-loved example that turns up regularly in collector circles. Values swing

significantly based on whether the Swiss music mechanism still plays and the pop-up action still functions, along with the condition of the tin lithography — bright, unfaded, unrusted examples with working mechanisms bring the strongest prices, while working-but-worn examples or ones with a non-functioning music box sell toward the lower end of the range. This example presents with strong, bright color and all its decorative details intact.

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