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**A 'BLACK FOREST' DOG GROUP**

**Dimensions: H: 8 in / 20 cm | W: 20 in / 51 cm | D: 9 in / 23 cm**

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The naturalistically carved limewood group shows the bitch couchant and her three playful pups; glass eyes are used in all the figures, in the manner of Walter Mäder.

Black Forest area, Circa 1900

### Literature:

Brienzen, Bernese Oberland, Switzerland

Brienzen, in the Bernese Oberland, Switzerland was remarked upon in Baedeker's Travel Guide, as having a population of 2400, of whom 600 persons were employed as woodcarvers, to supply the tourist trade to Switzerland with mementos of the tour. A museum devoted entirely to the art of wood carving may be visited today.

### References:

Arenski, Jay, Michael Daniels, and Simon Daniels. *Swiss Carvings: The Art of the Black Forest : 1820-1940*. Woodbridge: Antique Collectors' club, 2004; illustrating comparable examples.