

《猫咪标本手袋拍卖》

导读:标本制作者把马路上遇难的猫咪制作成了手袋，网络上褒贬不一。你会买吗？



The "glamour puss" bag was put on New Zealand auction site TradeMe with a starting price of NZ\$1 (?0.56) and ended up selling for 500 times that.

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Christchurch-based taxidermist Claire Third said she'd picked up the roadkill cat and kept it in her freezer for three months before she decided to turn the stuffed cat into a piece of art.

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Reaction to the bag has been mixed, with some calling it "disgusting".

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"Not the slightest bit creative or artistic," said one of 200 comments left on the website.

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A natural predator

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Ms Third, who has been a professional taxidermist for 15 years, has said no animals were killed in the making of the bag, as she found the cat already dead on the side of the road.

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She decided to turn it into a bag because "he had a particularly nice face, and the rest of him was squashed".

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The auction description says "Tom" is "a very stylish handbag for the girl that has everything".

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"A one off purse that will grab attention wherever you go."

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Tom, which took Ms Third approximately 300 hours to complete, sat in her freezer for around seven years before she decided to list it online.

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She has taxidermied many other animals - including a "Unicorn" made up of various animals such as llamas and pheasants - but works primarily with cats.

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"I get a lot of cats because they kill them because of the bird population," she explained.

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Feral cats are a problem in New Zealand, especially because the country takes pride in its rare birds, many of whom are under attack from other species.

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The country has adopted the "ambitious goal" of eradicating all of the bird's main predators by 2050, with an environmental activist suggesting in 2013 to kill every feral cat in the country.

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The ginger handbag, which was originally listed for NZ\$1,400, was later decreased to a minimum bid of NZ\$1.

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"People said I'm profiting off a cat so I reduced the price to a dollar to tell them to stuff it," said Ms Third.

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The auction closed on Wednesday, reaching a bid of NZ\$545 (306 pounds).

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But her artwork has had a mixed response online.

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"How about someone shot you and stuffed you, would you like it? Bet not," said one user.

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"Leave the cats alone let them rest in peace!" one user exclaimed.

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Others have been more receptive to the idea.

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"I'd love it in another colour. Not keen on ginger cats, but grey ones are lovely," a contributor added.

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And some were just waiting to make their share of animal puns.

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"Ha, you gotta be kitten me," one said.

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"Is it a purrrrse or a handbag?" another asked.

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"Who let the cat out the bag, or is it inside out?" was another question.

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Ms Third said she was "absolutely not expecting" the backlash.

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"I've put things on TradeMe before but things like this have never happened," she told the BBC.

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She said she'd been "quite upset" by some of the comments, and had had to take the day off work.

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"There are some really weird people out there, and I don't know what leather couches they've been sitting on."

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