

## #48 Jim Beam Bulldog Decanter



### Jim Beam Decanter Marines Devil Dog Bulldog HTF Vintage

#### Description:

Jim Beam Decanter is vintage. Says "DEVIL DOGS" on his hat. This one is hard to find. It is in excellent condition but needs cleaning. 10" by 5".

Winning  
Bid:

**\$80.00**

Ended: 11/17/05

History: 10 bids

Starting Bid: \$9.99

Winners: Grovetown, GA

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### The Story

Don't you see whiskey decanters everywhere? I do. And more often than not they are priced way too high. It is like the Avon bottle curse—now we have the Jim Beam curse. People who inherit or have collected whiskey decanters seem to believe that these items are worth a small fortune.

I am not sure why I bought this Jim Beam decanter on a Saturday morning in November. I think the reason was that it featured a bulldog, and bulldog collectors are crazy. I have since learned that some Jim Beam decanters will bring big bucks on eBay.

The Jim Beam company was established in 1795, and not only produces fine whiskey but also designs artistic containers for whiskey. I am not a whiskey drinker, but I found it really interesting that there have been seven generations of Beam family members dating back to 1795 who have distilled for the company. They have kept it a real family business, just like Cheryl Leaf Antiques.

I made a big commitment to my grandmother and her business when I moved home in 1993 to take over. I not only ran the shop, but I also took care of her. Her health was failing and I became her main caregiver. I learned all about transfer boards, wheelchairs, walkers, and the trapeze. I also learned what home healthcare and taking care of our elderly really requires. It is not for the weak-spirited. I feel compassion for anyone that has ever gone through what we went through. My grandmother deserved every second of my time, and luckily, she appreciated each and every moment I spent with her. She was a wonderful woman.

I have tried to infuse her spirit into my eBay business and the books I

write to keep the tradition going that was started back in 1950 in that little house at the corner of Northwest and Illinois in Bellingham, Washington.

It was in 1952, just two years after my grandmother opened her store, that Beam introduced their specialty bottles, making a distinct change from their conventional whiskey bottles.

The first specialty bottle introduced was a glass cocktail shaker. In 1957, the first of the famous trophy bottles were issued. During the following years, in answer to the growing demand for these bottles, Beam issued both china and glass decanters, each unique in conception and design. There were sports (horse racing, football), wheels, trophies, ducks and many other series produced. Most collectors focus on specific series.

The Jim Beam bottles that sell for the most are the ones given as awards to their salespeople. There are several other whiskey companies (such as Ezra Brooks) that have entered the decanter market, but the Jim Beam decanters are the best—just like Cheryl Leaf and Cheryl Leaf Antiques.

