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OIL PAINTING OF TERRIERS RATTING IN A BARN, SIGNED GEORGE ARMFIELD, CIRCA 1850



$10,800

An animated and richly detailed 19th-century oil on canvas depicting three terriers in the midst of a hunt, this genre scene is attributed to British painter George Armfield (c.1850), best known for his spirited portrayals of dogs. Titled Terriers Ratting in a Barn, the composition captures a vivid moment of action: one dog lunges forward with focused energy, another crouches low in anticipation, while a third pauses mid-alert, ears perked and gaze fixed.

The rustic setting—a straw-littered barn floor, with a faintly visible brick wall and iron ring above—adds texture and atmosphere, grounding the action in a tangible, working-farm environment. Armfield's painterly technique is visible in the lively brushwork of the terriers' fur and the nuanced rendering of light across their coats. Signed lower left and set in a period giltwood frame with an identifying plaque.

With its storytelling charm and subject matter beloved by collectors, this painting makes a striking statement in traditional interiors, particularly those inspired by English country house aesthetics or sporting art.

Height: 23.5 in (59.69 cm)

Width: 19.75 in (50.17 cm)

Depth: 2 in (5.08 cm)

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