DOGS ARE THROWN TO THE BULL (PREPARATORY DRAWING)

CLASIFICACIÓN: DRAWINGS

SERIE: BULLFIGHTING(PRINTS AND DRAWINGS , 1814-1816) (25B/46)



DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA	Ca. 1814 - 1816
UBICACIÓN	The Prado National Museum. Madrid, Madrid, Spain
DIMENSIONES	181 x 305 mm
TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE	
RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA	Documented work
TITULAR	El Prado National Museum
FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN	02 Oct 2021 / 22 Jun 2023
INVENTARIO	2045 (D4312)

INSCRIPCIONES

1. (in pencil, bottom left-hand corner)

HISTORIA

See *How the ancient Spaniards hunted bulls on horseback in the countryside.*

This preparatory drawing passed by inheritance in 1828 to Javier Goya, the painter's son, and in 1854 to Mariano Goya y Goicoechea, the artist's grandson. It was subsequently owned by Valentín Carderera (ca. 1861) and Mariano Carderera (1880). In 1886 it was acquired from Mariano Carderera, along with many other drawings by Goya, including almost all the preparatory studies for the *Bullfight*, by the Directorate General of Public Instruction, and was assigned to the Prado Museum, where it entered on 12 November 1886.

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See *How the ancient Spaniards hunted bulls on horseback in the countryside.*

Preparatory drawing of the print *Dogs are thrown to the bull.* As in the engraving, we can see a bull being pursued by five dogs and a fifth dog lying on the ground, probably badly wounded. Behind, we see a bailiff on horseback, his back to us, as if the spectacle we are witnessing does not interest him in the least.

The excellent execution of the bailiff and his horse in corvette, and of the bull, shown in full movement, trying to shake off the dogs, is outstanding. The magnificent anatomical study of the dogs is also striking.

The background of the drawing is different from the one that will later be engraved on the plate, as here the barrier of the bullring is not clearly distinguishable, which will later be seen clearly in the engraving. On the other hand, the rest of the elements will be transferred fairly faithfully to the print.

Sánchez Cantón considers this to be one of the most painstaking preparatory drawings in the *Bullfighting* series.

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