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OF BURNINGHAM & BLUNDALL

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**JOHN BURNINGHAM (B. 1936)**

'CANNONBALL SIMP': SIMP WAS WHAT MOST PEOPLE  
WOULD CALL AN UGLY LITTLE DOG

Mixed media on paper, with sketch verso of black  
dogs, framed, signed on label verso

24cm x 38cm (9.5in x 15in)

Estimate £ 1,200-1,800 + [fees](#)

*Note: The original illustration for 'Cannonball Simp',  
first published by Jonathan Cape, London, 1966.  
Simp was inspired by Burningham's wife's dog Lulu, a  
black Belgian barge dog who she found abandoned in  
a stairwell in Israel and brought back by boat to  
Marseilles. "She did get very fat and round in old  
age" comments John "which I suppose is where the  
suggestion of a cannonball came".*

**Sold for £5,000** (buyer's premium included)

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