

The Frick Collection: Detail Report



Otterhounds

Edwin Landseer (British, 1802–1873)

Date 1838–44

Medium Watercolor and gouache on wove paper with graphite framing lines

Dimensions 11 1/2 x 17 7/8 in. (29.2 x 45.5 cm)

Credit Line Bequest of Charles A. Ryskamp, 2010

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Commentary A thorough understanding of anatomy and behavior informed Landseer's animal studies, for which he was highly regarded during his lifetime. His portrayal of otterhounds pursuing their quarry along a riverbank demonstrates his sensitivity to the individual appearance and movement of each creature, as well as to their mutual harmony as a pack, emphasized by their tight groupings and the unifying pattern of fine watercolor and gouache strokes that describe their shaggy coats.