

Magical(?) gem: Cynocephalus

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| CBd-Number | CBd-552 |
| ID-Number | GB-BM-MMEu_G 73, EA 56073 |
| Collection | GB_London, The British Museum |
| Inventory | G 73 (EA 56073) |
| References | Michel, BM, no. 153; Michel, DMG, no. 42.1.a_9 |
| Former Collections | Hamilton Collection |
| Material | jasper, green to black |
| Dimensions | 11 x 8 x 2 mm |
| Dating | 3rd c. AD (Michel) animal: cynocephalus; gesture, greeting; gesture, ithyphallic; moon, crescent; moon, full? |
| Iconography | |



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A: Ithyphallic baboon in profile, standing on tiptoes, to left. Tail hanging down straight, both arms raised in greeting, head crowned with disk (full moon with crescent or sun disk?).

B: Plain.

Bibliography

[Michel, BM on CBd-552](#)

[The British Museum Collection database on CBd-552](#)

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