

Dog kennel hit by meteorite sells at auction

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A piece of the Moon that Christie's sold at auction.

A Christie's auction of rare meteorites Wednesday sold a rock from space that narrowly missed a German Shepherd when it smashed into his kennel in Costa Rica.

But the offer of the third-largest piece of Mars on Earth failed to make

an impact at the [auction](#) house's annual sale of unusual meteorites.

The buyer paid \$21,420 for the three-by-1.5 inch (eight-by-four centimeter) carbonaceous chondrite stone that landed in the garden of dog Roky's owner's home in Aguas Zarcas in April 2019.

The wood and tin doghouse itself, complete with a seven-inch hole marking where the [meteorite](#) punctured the roof, sold separately for \$44,100, Christie's said.

That was much less than the pre-sale estimate of between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

A bidder paid \$189,000 for a chunk of lunar rock that was discovered in Morocco in 2007, below pre-sale estimates of up to \$300,000.

Another slice of the Moon—found in the Sahara desert in Mauritania—fetched \$69,300 during the two-week online sale that ended Wednesday.

It was a disappointing auction for Mars, though. The 20-pound (9.1 kg) Martian rock had been priced at between \$500,000 and \$800,000 but failed to find a buyer.

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