

Kibori no Kuji (Wood-carved Puppy)

This carving once belonged to Myoe (1173–1232). He loved animals from a young age, and believed his deceased parents would be reborn as animals. He particularly adored puppies and, thanks to his dream journals, we know that he often dreamed about them. Myoe is said to have always kept this life-sized statue by his side. It is attributed to the famous Japanese sculptor Tankei (1173–1256).