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Scottish Ram's Horn Snuff Mull, Historical Trophy With Engravings, Scotland, Dated 1868.



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A Scottish rams horn snuff mull with distinguished provenance; engraved atop of the hinged lid is a finely executed prancing horse and

inscription: NORTH BERWICK STAKES DIVIDED BY RED TD.; DOG, "VICTIM"

DIRLETON, 1868; although the cap features an engraved horse, this snuff mull was

bestowed as

a trophy to the owner of a dog, possibly puppies, competing in hare coursing competitions. Scottish circa 1868 [1. Background: **"The Coursing Calendar" The Dirleton**

and North Berwick Club Meeting of Oct. 6th and 8th 1868, Mr. J.C.

Trotter's dog "Victim" having a divided victory with another dog.

Coursing is the pursuit of game animals by hounds--greyhounds,

whippets, afghans--which hunt by sight rather than smell. The sport was

popular in England and Scotland from the late 18th to the late 19th centuries.

Traditionally, [hare coursing](#) was limited to the wealthy and dates back to as far back as 180 A.D. Dogs were judged as to how well they pursued their quarry in competition with another dog. Meetings took place on a large

area of open unfenced grounds so spectators could watch the dogs work; the judge being on horseback. The hare would escape more than two-thirds of the

time.

North Berwick is a seaside town 20 miles east - northeast of

Edinburg Scotland. Dirleton is a village in this area.]

height: 5 in. 13 cm., width: 9.5 in. 24 cm., depth: 8 in. 20 cm.

- Item Number: JG-304
- Country: Scotland
- Period: Mid 19th Century
- Creation Date: Circa 1868
- Materials: Rams Horn, Sterling Silver
- Height: 13 cm., 5 in.
- Length: 24 cm., 9.5 in.
- Depth: 20 cm., 8 in.
- Condition: Very good