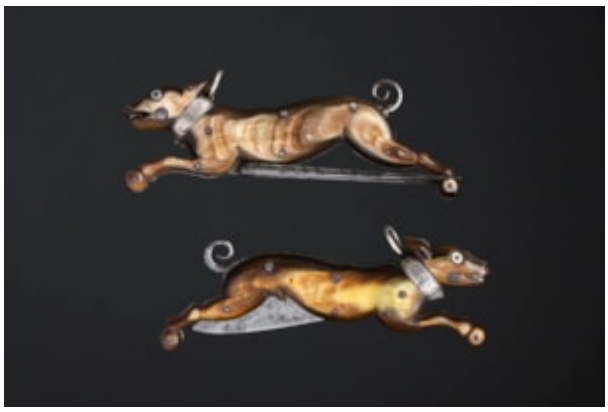
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AN EXCEPTIONAL TRAVELLING FRENCH HORN AND STEEL KNIFE AND FORK

AN EXCEPTIONAL TRAVELLING FRENCH HORN AND STEEL KNIFE AND FORK IN THE FORM OF RUNNING MALE AND FEMALE SPORTING HOUNDS
THE DATE 1769 DISPLAYED ON THEIR COLLARS, WITH INITIALS 'JS'
18TH CENTURY
SIZE: 10.5CM LONG – 4 INS LONG (APPROX: 18CM LONG – 7INS LONG – OPEN)

LITERATURE

THE BLADE AND TINES OF THE FORK FOLD AWAY ON THIS SUPERBLY MADE CUTLERY SO THAT IT CAN BE USED AS A TRAVELLING SET, PERHAPS WHILST OUT HUNTING. EACH ONE IS MADE TO BE ANATOMICALLY CORRECT. THE SHORT CURLED STEEL TAIL ACTS AS AN EYELET FOR SUSPENSION WHEN THEY ARE NOT IN USE.
HUNTING DOGS OF THIS SORT ARE AN ENDURING IMAGE THROUGHOUT 5000 YEARS OF HISTORY. A NATURAL STONE MOSAIC FROM PELLA IN GREECE SHOWS A FALLOW DEER HUNT CIRCA 325 BC WITH VERY SIMILAR DOGS PURSUING THEIR QUARRY. A ROMAN MOSAIC OF 150 AD DEPICTS THESE DOGS HUNTING A FOX.
THE OLDEST SURVIVING HUNTING TREATISE IS XENOPHON'S 'KYNEGETIKOS' OF 430-354 BC WHICH CONTAINS INTERESTING FACTS CONCERNING HUNTING HARES, DEER AND WILD BOAR AS WELL AS DETAILS OF BREEDING AND TRAINING LONG SIGHTED SLEEK RUNNING HOUNDS.