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Villanovan Bronze Horse Bit



An ancient Villanovan bronze horse bit attachment in the form of a stylized pair of horses conjoined back-to-back along a central horizontal bar with loops at the bottom for attachment to the bit.

Northern Italy.
Ca. 8th - 7th century BC.
Length: 3 1/4 in. by 2 1/2 in.

cf.: Metropolitan Museum of Art, inv. no. 1972.118.50.

Published: B. Hannegan, Classical Antiquities from the Collection of Miss Iris Love, (Exhibition Catalogue), Durham, North Carolina, 1965, nos. 12-15. [part]

Exhibited: North Carolina, Durham, Duke University, The Art Department Gallery, Classical Antiquities from the Collection of Miss Iris Love, 25 January-24 February 1965. [part] New York, Brooklyn, The Brooklyn Museum of Art, 1968-2000s. [part, L68.11.5, L68.11.6, L68.11.7, TL68.495.91].

Formerly in the Iris Cornelia Love collection (1933-2020).

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