

Finch & C^o



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SILVER AND STEEL

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SIZE: APPROX: 19.5CM LONG - 7⁵/₁₆ INS LONG

LITERATURE

THE HUASOS ARE GENERALLY FOUND IN CHILE'S CENTRAL VALLEY AND HAVE TODAY BECOME AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE FIESTAS AND PARADES THAT TAKE PLACE IN THE FOLKLORIC CULTURE OF THE COUNTRY. THEY ARE TAUGHT TO RIDE FROM A VERY EARLY AGE AND NOW USE THEIR EXCEPTIONAL HORSEMANSHIP, ESPECIALLY THEIR SIGNATURE

SIDEWAYS GALLOP, IN RODEO EVENTS. MOUNTED ON CORRALERO, OR CAROLLING BREED HORSES, UNUSUAL FOR THEIR ABILITY TO RUN SIDEWAYS, THEY CORRAL A CALF, PIN IT TIGHTLY AGAINST A CUSHIONED WALL AND EARN POINTS FOR DEXTERITY AND THE EXACT PART OF THE CALF THAT IS PINNED, WITH SHOULDERS BEING WORTH CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN THE HINDQUARTERS.