

Basic Detail Report



Bottle

Date

ca. 300 BCE-300 CE

Primary Maker

Colima

Medium

pottery and slip paint

Description

Dogs were fattened and eaten or offered as ceremonial sacrifice in Mesoamerica. But the more likely explanation for the presence of so many dog images placed in tombs in West Mexico is their association with shamans as guides for the soul and companions in the underworld. They also figure in myths of creation and were regarded as companions of lightning. Bones of dogs have been found in burials.

Dimensions

Overall: 4 3/8 x 8 7/8 x 6 3/4 in. (11.1 x 22.5 x 17.1 cm)