

	Object:	Hare, offering or love gift
	Museum:	Museum August Kestner Trammplatz 3 30159 Hannover (0511) 168-42730 museen- kulturgeschichte@hannover- stadt.de
	Collection:	Ancient Cultures
	Inventory number:	1937.226

Description

Animal figurines were very common in the 5th century BC. They represent votive gifts to the gods or funerary offerings. Like the tortoise, the hare is associated with Aphrodite. It is one of the sacred animals of Aphrodite, to whom it is also sacrificed.

In addition, the hare is also known as a 'love offering', which mature men (erastes) give as a gift to their youthful, male lovers (eromenos). (AVS)

Basic data

Material/Technique:	Clay / from the mould
Measurements:	Length: 9.7 cm, Height: 5.5 cm

Events

Created	When	500-450 BC
	Who	
	Where	Milos
Found	When	
	Who	
	Where	Milos
[Relation to person or institution]	When	
	Who	Aphrodite
	Where	

Keywords

- Animal
- Gift
- Grave good
- Hase
- Tierfigur
- Votive offering

Literature

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