

METRICAL ANALYSIS OF METACARPALS AND METATARSALS OF HORSES IN MARVELĖ CEMETERY

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Abstract. The Marvelė cemetery (Kaunas), dates back to X-XII centuries. 111 graves were excavated in 1992-1993. 134 skeletons of horses were found there [3, 4,5].

The Veršvų cemetery (Kaunas region, Raudondvaris area), dates back to XI-XII centuries [8].

After measuring metacarpals/metatarsals it was determined that the cemeteries contained bones of four types of horses. The average length of metacarpals in Marvelė cemetery is $193,1 \pm 0,99$ mm; metatarsals - $233,9 \pm 0,73$ mm. While in Veršvų cemetery - $191,8 \pm 0,79$ mm and $235,5 \pm 0,72$ mm.

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