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**Form:** Circular

**By:** James Fenton & Co., Birmingham

**Date:** 1909

**Ref:** Laidlaw: 0618;

**Variations:**

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
31.9 mm	Silver	13.6 gm	\$25

**Edge:** Plain. Reeded rim.

**Obverse:** Farm animals, horse, cows, pig, sheep and ducks in a field, trees, farm house and mountains behind.

**Reverse:** Legend: "ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NATAL" Across within: "AWARDED TO / FOR" with spaces for engraving. Stamped at the foot with the maker's mark: "J.F." and the Birmingham silver hallmarks for 1909-10 (k).

Engraved on this medal: "1909 / W. VICKERS / BULL TERRIER / DOG".

**Notes:** The Royal Agricultural Society of Natal originated in the Pietermaritzburg Agricultural Society which was formed in 1851. After the Boer War it became the Agricultural Society of Natal and in 1904 the Society was granted Royal status by King Edward VII. The show grounds are 1.5 km north of the center of Pietermaritzburg. Apart from 1906, the year of the Natal Rebellion, the Royal Show has been held annually. At present the Royal Show is held over 10 days from late May to early June with a total of 220 000 visitors.