

**CONGRATULATION** on your new unique piece of jewelry!

**Every bone ring is handmade individually and cannot be mass produced.** The material has to be hand carved, every ring, every time.

Here are a few tips how to care for your bone jewelry.

- ◆ **Your item is made of polished high quality natural bone.** It is 100% organic and has therefore special properties.
- ◆ This is a porous material and over time absorbs oils from your skin turning to a soft golden colour. This is normal and one of the great beauties of bone crafted objects.
- ◆ A bone carving not only looks good but it also feels nice to touch. Handling the carving will not only keep it nicely polished but will also allow your body oils to enter the carving making it a part of you. Māori believe it takes on the spirit of all those who wear it so the more colour it develops the more highly it is treasured.
- ◆ It will **contract and expand when exposed to extreme conditions.** Taking a hot shower, a hot bath or swimming in a cold ocean will have implications on the rings features and stability.
- ◆ **Chemicals will be absorbed** and might stain or even damage your item.
- ◆ Also the ring will become a part of you and even more so you will become a part of your ring. Sweat, salt and bodily scents will find their way into the object every time you wear it. Over the years the item will have similar features and reflect your life style, hobbies and other physical (and spiritual) activities.
- ◆ Everywhere you take the item **it will store particles of the environment** you expose it to. This might change the general appearance of your item.
- ◆ **To bring back the shine to your carving simply buff it with a soft cloth.** In ancient times the high gloss polished finish of bone carvings was achieved by the wearer rubbing it, often in prayer, over many years. **Don't use chemicals and never use bleach to treat your item!** Also never use household cleaning or polishing compounds on your carving.
- ◆ Be careful **not to spill coloured liquids** onto the carving such as red wine as these will also be absorbed into the material.
- ◆ Though bone is a very hard material it can also be brittle and **will break if dropped onto a hard surface!**
- ◆ If you own a necklace or a pendant check the condition of the cord often.

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- ◆ Rain and the occasional swim will not harm the carving but avoid sudden or extreme temperature changes such as wearing it in a hot shower or spa. Swimming with it then allowing it to dry rapidly in the sun is also not good for the carving, particularly when it is new. Over time your body oils moisturize and 'cure' the carving making it less prone to drying out, but protect it from extreme and rapid temperature changes.
- ◆ Handle the carving often as the oils from your skin will keep the carving in good condition and protect it from the elements.

If you need any assistance and / or advice please contact us on our company IG profile. We will try and assist as much as we can.

We really hope you enjoy your item and see it as what it was always intended to be:

**Jewelry, art and a little bit of magic.**

