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**Form:** Circular

**By:** ?

**Date:** 1973

**Ref:** Laidlaw: 1375;

**Variations:**

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
33.4 mm	Bronze	19.5 gm	\$7

**Edge:** Plain.

**Obverse:** Within a laurel wreath, coat of arms of Natal without supporters, "RAS" above.

**Reverse:** Blank for engraving. This medal across: ".1973. / 2ND. RESERVE / CHAMPION RABBIT / MRS. K.KURSTEN".

**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 approximately 220 000 visitors.