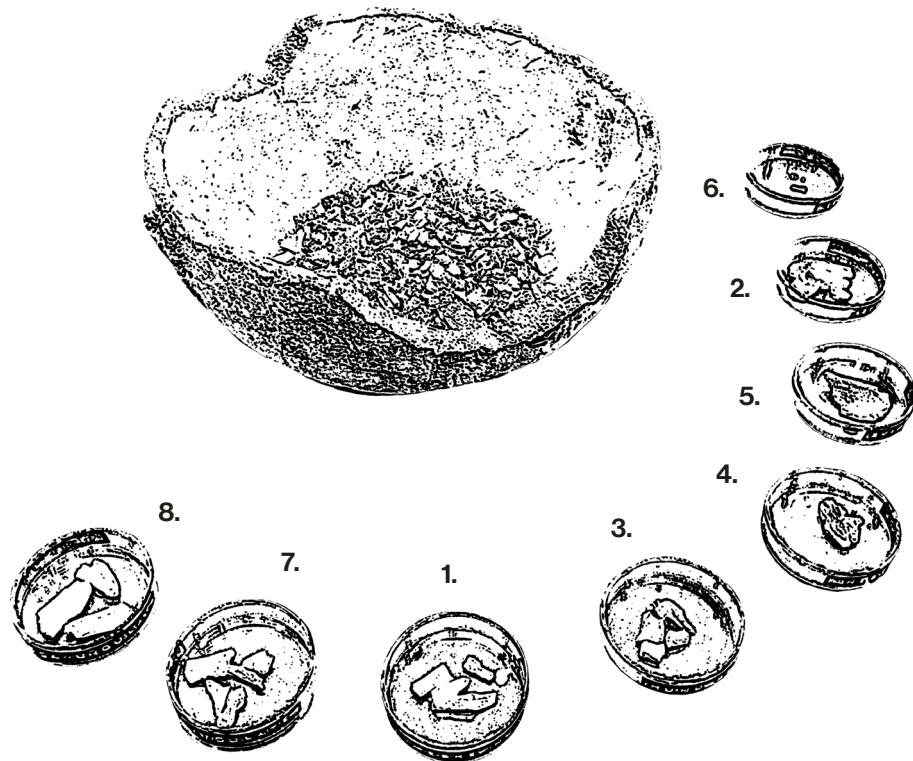




10. In the same pot

From a Viking Age burial. Burned human, cattle, pig, dog, horse and squirrel bones were found mixed together in this soapstone bowl. Both animals and humans were cremated on the funeral pyre. Perhaps it was thought they would all come to life again in the Afterlife?

Soapstone, which is plentiful in Norway, was used for making bowls and cooking vessels in Viking and Medieval times. Soapstone bowls were sometimes reused as burial urns, as in this grave from the 800s.

In the case

Soapstone bowl from Bringsjord, Lyngdal, Agder (Vest-Agder). C32010

Burned bones from Drognes, Årnes, Viken (Akershus). C60102/22-29

1. Human (*Homo sapiens*)
2. Cattle (*Bos taurus*)
3. Dog (*Canis familiaris*)
4. Horse (*Equus caballus*)
5. Pig (*Sus domestica*)
6. Squirrel (*Sciurus vulgaris*)
7. Big hoofed animal (*Megaungulat*)
8. Small hoofed animal (*Mesoungulat*)