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Reward Offered in Deer Poaching Case in Nevada

(April 6, 2010) — The Humane Society of the United States and The Humane Society Wildlife Land Trust are offering a reward of up to \$2,500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for the illegal killing of three deer west of Carson City, Nev. in February.

The Case:

According to the Nevada Division of Wildlife, on Feb. 25, two does and a buck were found fatally wounded in Voltaire Canyon. Evidence suggests that all three animals were shot by the same group. One of the does was pregnant with twins.

“This callous poaching demonstrates the disregard some individuals have for wildlife,” said Beverlee McGrath, Nevada state director for The HSUS. “The Humane Society of the United States commends the Nevada Division of Wildlife for their tireless work to find those responsible for this serious crime.”

The perpetrators are facing felony charges of illegal killing of big game and gross misdemeanor charges of wanton waste. The potential penalties for these crimes include thousands of dollars in fines, jail time, and hunting license revocation.

Poaching:

- Wildlife officials estimate that for every wild animal killed legally — tens of millions of animals per year — another is killed illegally.
- Every year, thousands of poachers are arrested nationwide; however, it is estimated that only 1 percent to 5 percent of poachers are caught.
- Poachers kill wildlife anytime, anywhere and sometimes do so in particularly cruel ways.
- The HSUS works with state wildlife agencies to offer rewards of \$2,500 for information leading to arrest and conviction of suspected poachers.

The Investigators:

Anyone with information about this case is asked to call Operation Game Thief at (800) 992-3030. Callers may remain anonymous.

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