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## Reward Offered for Deer Killing at Adams State College

(April 28, 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 person or persons responsible for poaching five deer on the Adams State College campus in Alamosa, Colo.

### The Case:

According to the Colorado Division of Wildlife, the carcasses of three adult mule deer and two fawns were found dead by an Alamosa police officer at around 3 a.m. on April 22. An Adams State College police officer had observed the deer still alive 10 minutes before this time. It is believed that the deer were all killed in that 10-minute time window. The deer were shot in the head and subsequently stabbed.

“The individual responsible for this disturbing poaching incident callously slaughtered five deer and put the public’s safety at risk,” said Holly Tarry, Colorado state director for The HSUS. “The Humane Society of the United States applauds the Colorado Division of Wildlife and the Adams State College Police Department for their efforts to find those responsible for this serious crime.”

The individual or individuals responsible are facing numerous poaching charges, including felony charges of willful destruction of wildlife.

### 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. Wildlife officials report that poachers often commit other crimes as well.
- The HSUS works with state and federal wildlife agencies to offer rewards of \$2,500 for information leading to arrest and conviction of suspected poachers.

### The Investigators:

Anyone who has information about this incident should contact the DOW's Monte Vista office at (719) 587-6900; Operation Game Thief at 1-877-265-6648; or the Adams State police at (719) 587-7901.

Reports can be made anonymously to Operation Game Thief.

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