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Reward Offered in Red Wolf Poachings in North Carolina

(May 19, 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 identification, arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for illegally killing two endangered red wolves in North Carolina.

The Case:

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, on April 23, the first wolf was found dead near Engelhard in eastern Hyde County. The second wolf was discovered on April 27 near Scranton in western Hyde County. Both wolves were fitted with radio collars to track their movements.

“The illegal killing of these two endangered wolves is truly disgraceful and an affront to the recovery of the species,” said Kimberly Alboum, North Carolina state director for The HSUS. “We are extremely grateful to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission for their tireless work to solve this heinous crime.”

The red wolf is protected under the federal Endangered Species Act.

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 injure or 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 with information about this case is asked to call U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Special Agent Sandra Allred at (919) 856-4786, Refuge Officer Chris Smith at (252) 926-4021, or North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Officer Robert Wayne at (252) 216-8225.

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