



Reward Offered in Dog Poisoning Case in Idaho

(July 8, 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 leaving poisoned meat on a U.S. Forest Service property in Bonner County, Idaho.

The Case:

According to Idaho Fish and Game, links of poisoned homemade sausage were discovered on a walking trail in the east fork of the Lightning Creek drainage near Clark Fork, Idaho.

On April 23, a German shepherd ate one of the sausages while hiking with his owner and then died as a result of the poison. Two other dogs have been sickened by poisoned meat in the same area.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service forensics lab has determined that the meat contains carbaryl, an insecticide. Wildlife officials suspect that the poison was intended to target wildlife such as wolves.

“Leaving out poison with the intention of illegally killing wildlife is a serious crime. It’s tragic that a family dog lost his life due to the callous actions of the perpetrator,” said Lisa Kauffman, Idaho state director for The HSUS. “The Humane Society of the United States applauds the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and U.S. Fish and Wildlife for their tireless work to solve this case.”

Poaching:

- Poaching is a broad term that includes any illegal killing or harming of wildlife, including attempted poisoning.
- 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 the Citizens Against Poaching hotline at 800-632-5999. Callers may remain anonymous.

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