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## **The Humane Society of the United States Offers Reward in Deer Killing Case**

(July 20, 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 illegally killing three buck deer in the Trask Unit near Tillamook, Ore. This offer adds to an existing reward of \$500 from the Oregon Hunter’s Association.

### ***The Case:***

According to the Oregon State Police, on June 20, troopers received a report of three deer killed near milepost 1 on Fox Creek Road. Upon investigation, they discovered three recently killed buck deer.

“Whoever is responsible for this crime has a callous disregard for wildlife laws and the species they are intended to protect,” said Scott Beckstead, Oregon senior state director for The HSUS. “The Humane Society of the United States applauds the Oregon State Police for their investigation.”

### ***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 or injure 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 OSP Senior Trooper Guerra at (503) 815-3315 or the Turn in Poacher (TIP) line at 1-800-452-7888.

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The HSUS works to curb poaching across the country. Visit [humanesociety.org/poaching](http://humanesociety.org/poaching) for more information.

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