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Humane Society Wildlife Land Trust Helps Protect Stone Ridge, N.Y. Property for Wildlife

(July 21, 2010) — The Humane Society Wildlife Land Trust has received a donation of a conservation easement on a 21-acre property in Stone Ridge, N.Y., for permanent habitat protection. The donation came through the estate of Miriam Reik, an avid animal protection advocate.

“We are honored to have had the opportunity to work with Miriam to protect her land for wildlife,” says Robert Koons, executive director of the Wildlife Land Trust. “Her generosity and love for all animals live on through the lasting legacy of her permanent wildlife sanctuary.”

From the time she purchased the property, Ms. Reik wanted to keep the forested acreage forever wild, protect the creek banks, and prohibit commercial and recreational hunting and trapping. She wanted to create a true safe haven for the animals who live there. Working with the Wildlife Land Trust, she was able to ensure that these protections would be permanent.

Without adequate habitat, wildlife lack the shelter, food and security necessary to survive. Humane Society Wildlife Land Trust sanctuaries serve as ‘Shelters without Walls[®]’ for free-roaming animals.

A variety of wildlife live on the property, including deer, fox, coyote, rabbits, squirrels, black bear, bobcats, salamanders and a variety of birds including waterfowl. The area also serves as a way station for many migratory species.

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The Humane Society Wildlife Land Trust is an affiliate of The Humane Society of the United States, the nation’s largest animal protection organization.

Since 1993 the Humane Society Wildlife Land Trust, alone or in partnership with other conservation groups, has participated in the protection of more than 1.8 million acres of wildlife habitat in 37 states, including 832 acres in New York, and eight foreign countries. On all properties owned by the Trust or protected by the Trust’s conservation easement, both here and abroad, we prohibit recreational and commercial hunting and trapping and restrict logging and development. The Trust’s commitment to these principles will never change as we continue to assist caring landowners to make their property permanent, safe homes for wildlife. Join our online community at wildlifelandtrust.org.

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