

Reward Offered for Information in Killing of Five Deer in Dalton Gardens, Idaho

(March 5, 2013) – The Humane Society of the United States and The Humane Society Wildlife Land Trust are offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the identification, arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for illegally shooting five deer, three of whom were does carrying fawns. This reward adds to an existing reward provided by Citizens Against Poaching.

According to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, two deer were found shot on Feb. 14 near 6th Street and Hanley Avenue in Dalton Gardens. On Feb. 15, three more were found near 16th Street and Wilbur Avenue and at Snowberry Street near Hanley Avenue. Three deer had been found shot in the same area between Feb. 7 and Feb. 9. The perpetrator used a small caliber weapon was used in each instance and. Authorities believe that the deer were shot late at night or early in the morning.

“Shooting deer in a neighborhood setting is a serious violation of the laws in place to protect wildlife and is a threat to community safety,” 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 Citizens Against Poaching for their work to find those responsible for these senseless killings.”

Anyone with information concerning the killing of these deer is asked to call Idaho Department of Fish and Game at (208) 769-1414 or the Citizens Against Poaching hotline at (800) 632-5999.

Poaching:

- Wildlife officials estimate that nationwide, tens of millions of animals are poached annually.
- It is estimated that only 1 percent to 5 percent of poached animals come to the attention of law enforcement.
- 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 and HSWLT work with state and federal wildlife agencies to offer rewards of \$5,000 for information leading to arrest and conviction of suspected poachers.

The HSUS and HSWLT work to curb poaching across the country. Visit humanesociety.org/poaching for more information. The HSUS recently doubled its standard poaching reward from \$2,500 to \$5,000 thanks to a generous donation from HSUS board member Cathy Kangas and her husband Ed Kangas of New Canaan, Conn.