

Date: 5.17.17

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## CONTACT: JULIA ORR - 818.471.7573/MONICA STEVENS- 707.815.8153

## Napa Based Animal Rescue Increases Reward Money to 10K to Catch the Vallejo Dog Killer

Napa, CA - Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch (JARR), a 501c3 non-profit based in the Napa Valley has increased the reward money offered for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for the gruesome multiple slayings of 10 – 12 dogs found near Columbus Parkway, Vallejo. The reward offered by three animal rescue organizations - JARR, the Center of Animal Rescue and Education in Solano County (CARES) and NorCal Bully Breed Rescue now totals \$10,000.

Yesterday, the body of a mutilated goat was found near the Discovery Kingdom in what seems to be a similar case of animal abuse. JARR was recently contacted about the gruesome murders and had been conducting its own investigation when contacted about the most recent discovery.

"We are very serious about ensuring there is justice for these poor animals and we feel that offering a reward is the best way of helping the authorities obtain valuable information," said Monica Stevens, co-founder of JARR "These are not just random or accidental acts. The brutal killing of such loyal and vulnerable creatures is obviously the work of a person(s) who are a danger not only to animals but to society."

Vallejo resident, Carine Peters made the first horrifying discovery while she was walking her German Shepherd dog on Feb 17th on a trail near Blue Rock Springs Park. Unable to obtain any help from the local animal control or authorities Peters took to social media. Responding to the following public outcry, Animal Control and the Vallejo Police Department visited the gruesome site, but heavy rains and local wildlife had destroyed a lot of the evidence. Makeshift implements thought to have been used to kill the animals were found near the scene including a box cutter taped to a pole, a tree trimming tool, and a shovel. The Solano County Sheriff's Office is now in control of the case but has not yet made an arrest or responded to further inquiries about the case. Local media had reported that the Vallejo Police Department stated there was no evidence of felony animal abuse.

"We believe it is our civic duty to help track down this dangerous individual(s). It is not unreasonable to assume that the person(s) responsible will go on to kill again. " Stevens said, "The dismembered goat discovered yesterday might well have been killed by the same person or persons. We will continue to do our own investigation to see if we can help shed light on this horrific case."

In 2016, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) announced it was counting cases of animal cruelty alongside felony crimes. The bureau's national incident reporting system collects data from participating law enforcement agencies on acts of animal cruelty. There has for years been data that associates cruelty to animals as a precursor to cruelty to humans. Even well known serial killers abused animals before they moved on to killing humans. "We have to take this horrible crime seriously and do everything in our power to catch this animal serial killer, "Said Stevens, "Animal cruelty is not only a crime against animals but a crime against society."

If you have information regarding this crime, please contact Monica Stevens, Cofounder, JARR at 707.815.8153. All calls will be taken in the strictest confidentiality. If the public would like to donate to help increase the reward money offered, please donate through the JARR website.

www.jamesonanimalrescueranch.org http://norcalbullybreedrescue.com http://www.caresforanimals.org/

-30-