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REWARD

Reward offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those who are blatantly using range cattle for target practice.

Sometime between April 3rd and April 6th, at least 4 pregnant cows and 2 six week old calves were shot. The killings took place on BLM open rangeland, approximately 6-10 miles west of Minersville. There has been some evidence collected in the case. The Beaver County Sheriffs Office, and the Utah State Agricultural Inspector are working together to find answers in the case.

"I just don't understand who would do something so senseless and stupid as

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Beaver County's Canine Unit

Interview with Deputy Travys Stoddard

By Barbara Robinson

Eighteen months ago Beaver County Sheriff's department gained a new member, Kiara, a Belgian Malinois narcotics canine. Kiara's handler and partner is Deputy Travys Stoddard. While talking with Deputy Stoddard I understood the pride that comes with working with such an intelligent and beautiful animal. Stoddard explained that Kiara has the highest Patrol Canine certification in the nation and has received dual certifications in Narcotics and tracking/apprehension. Kiara never misses a beat and if narcotics are present she will find them; having proved her abilities during 3000 deployments where Kiara found narcotics. Deputy Stoddard explained that Kiara has a specific stance that indicates narcotics are present and because of Kiara and Stoddard's extensive training a search is justified based upon Kiara's specific reaction to her surroundings.

Kiara and Deputy Travys Stoddard

Kiara and Deputy Stoddard's training consisted of 600 hours of intense initial training in Salt Lake and is maintained monthly with 40 hours of additional training. Kiara and Stoddard's training has the potential to level the playing field against narcotics traffickers in and around Beaver County. Each of our deputies here in Beaver County has been trained to assess a situation and determine whether the canine unit should be deployed. There are certain criteria that an officer must observe before the canine unit can be brought in for a legal search. Stoddard explained that as more officers are trained across the state and become confident in the use of canine units, the better chances law enforcement will have in catching sophisticated narcotics traffickers.

Kiara's other training in tracking and apprehension will also be valuable to our Sheriff's department. I asked Deputy Stoddard under which circumstances would the Sheriff's department use Kiara. He stated that Kiara will be used to search out subjects who flee or hide during a burglary or to find suspects trying to elude law enforcement. He gave me an example where a burglary was occurring in large facility and the suspect fled, trying to hide in one of many rooms. Kiara was brought in to lead the officers to the suspect; saving them valuable time. Although, a fairly new task for Kiara she has been used twice under such circumstances and was able to pick up her trail. Another circumstance would be a subject hiding out in his/her home. Kiara would be sent in to find the suspect. However, Kiara would never be sent into a situation where a subject might be armed and dangerous. Stoddard explained that the safety of Kiara is always considered before sending her into any situation.

After speaking with Deputy Stoddard, I can see the potential Kiara has for being a valuable tool for our Sheriff's department. I was lucky enough to see Kiara during one of her training sessions last year and was impressed when she found her evidence quickly in an area with multiple distractions and scents. She is a beautiful, intelligent animal, and I can't wait to see what else Kiara can do.

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Anti-Pornography Assembly
*****Parents are invited*****
April 22, 2009
Times: 9:15 & 10:15
Beaver High School Auditorium

Beaver High School PTA is holding an assembly on April 22 on the dangers of pornography. We will hold two assemblies, one for the Junior High and their parents at 9:15 a.m. and the second one for the Senior High and their parents at 10:15 a.m.

Our speaker is from the LDS Family services. We encourage all to try and make one of these assemblies.

Thank you,
Beaver High P.T.S.A.

WEATHER

Thur April 16	Few Showers	45°/28° 30 %
Fri April 17	Partly Cloudy	51°/30° 20 %
Sat April 18	Partly Cloudy	57°/32° 10 %
Sun April 19	Sunny	61°/36° 0 %
Mon April 20	Few Showers	63°/38° 30 %
Tue April 21	Showers	69°/39° 60 %
Wed April 22	Partly Cloudy	65°/38° 10 %

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Samuel Adams,
letter to James Warren, February 12, 1779

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