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\$4,500 reward offered in shooting of cat near Tillamook

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Animal advocates are offering a \$4,500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of whoever shot a young Siamese cat near Tillamook in August.

Two people spotted the emaciated female cat on Aug. 13 near the 13-mile marker of Trask River Road, about 17 miles from Tillamook, authorities said.

A volunteer with **United Paws of Tillamook** captured the cat and found that someone had shot her through the eye. The bullet traveled through the roof of the cat's mouth and shattered her jaw, making it impossible for her to eat.

A local veterinarian had to euthanize the cat.

The Humane Society of the United States put up \$2,500 of the reward money and the rest came from United Paws of Tillamook and anonymous donors.

"The suffering this little cat endured is beyond comprehension," Scott Beckstead, senior Oregon state director for the Humane Society of the United States, said in a statement. "Anyone capable of inflicting such vicious cruelty on a defenseless animal may present a danger to the human population, too."

The Tillamook County Sheriff's Office is investigating and asks anyone with information to call Deputy Prock at (503) 842-2561.

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