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Reward issued in Pemberton Poisoning case

The Fur-Bearers offer \$2,000 for info that leads to conviction of offender(s)

BRITISH COLUMBIA – A \$2,000 reward is on the table for information that leads to conviction(s) for the person or persons responsible for poisoning coyotes and dogs in the Pemberton Meadows area.

According to media reports, the BC Conservation Officer Service (BCCOS) is investigating after learning that two coyotes found dead tested positive for poison and reports that several dogs have grown ill but recovered from suspected poisonings in the last two weeks.

It is suspected meat was tainted and used as bait.

"It is disturbing that someone in a community is intentionally trying to harm domestic animals or wildlife with poison, which can be a slow and painful death," says Lesley Fox, executive director of The Fur-Bearers, the non-profit offering the reward. "This is poaching, but it's also an attack on the entire community; the individual or people behind the poisoning are putting every domestic and wild animal, as well as people at risk."

The Fur-Bearers are hopeful that a reward will help bring attention to this case, and that in conjunction with an investigation that yields evidence for the public to consider, the perpetrators can be caught and convicted.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or the Report All Poachers and Pollutors (RAPP) line at 1-877-952-7277. Reports can also be filed online at https://forms.gov.bc.ca/environment/rapp/.

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The Association for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals (The Fur-Bearers) was founded in British Columbia in 1953. They advocate on behalf of fur-bearing animals in the wild and in confinement and promote coexistence solutions for communities across Canada.

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