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## **\$1,000 reward offered in Maple Ridge raccoon investigation**

*Non-profit wants justice for cruelly treated animal shot with crossbow*

**MAPLE RIDGE** – A raccoon suffered for as long as 24 hours with a crossbow bolt in his side in a Maple Ridge neighbourhood, and an area non-profit is putting up a reward for justice.

The Fur-Bearers, a wildlife protection group founded in 1953 and based in Vancouver, is offering \$1,000 for information leading to the identification and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the heinous case reported in media Sunday night, and currently being investigated by the RCMP and Conservation Officers.

“There is absolutely no reason for an animal to be treated in such a horrendous manner,” says Adrian Nelson, Director of Communications, and Wildlife Conflict Manager for The Fur-Bearers. “Whether this incident was in response to local conflict, or a disturbing attempt at something else, it needs to be addressed through the justice system. At no time should this sort of treatment of wildlife ever take place in our society.”

Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact the Ridge Meadows RCMP at 604-463-6251, or the Conservation Officer Service’s RAPP line at 1-877-952-7277.

The Fur-Bearers regularly work with communities experiencing wildlife conflict, and are pleased to provide educational information about non-lethal, humane solutions for homeowners. Humane wildlife removal companies such as AAA Wildlife Control are also available, so that residents do not injure themselves or the animals in conflict.

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