

SUSSEX AND DINWIDDIE COUNTY

DOG THEFT ALERT!!!

Since early September there has been a rash of dog thefts occurring in Dinwiddie and Sussex counties. In speaking with some local authorities, it is their belief that the culprits in their area are affiliated with PETA. Though there has not been any concrete proof brought forward to substantiate this suspicion, concurring reports of the vehicles seen in the area at the time of the dog disappearance all point to the same people involved.

A white van has been identified several times in these areas and the occupants of the van are two young white women. There has been a case reported to the VaHDA where two young women were seen photographing dog kennels at a Sussex County hunt club. When they were approached by a club member, they turned and fast stepped away from the pens and broke into a run toward the highway. Not understanding their intent, the club member failed to pursue the women in an attempt to get identification.

All hunters are being advised to be on the lookout for these two women, they mean trouble to those who hunt with dogs and are assumed to be dog thieves. Everyone is advised to contact the local sheriff's department if they are seen in the area. Be sure to at least get a vehicle licenses number to be able to turn over to the police. If you find them in possession of a hunting dog be sure to make the police aware of the theft when you call.

On Monday, December 13, 2010, the VaHDA contacted the Sussex and Dinwiddie County Sheriff's Department as well as the Dinwiddie Commonwealth's Attorney and filed a complaint. All parties contacted were brought up to date on what was happening and to also be on the lookout for these two women. The Conservation Police of the VDGIF has contacted the VaHDA in order to get more information to pass on to the neighboring counties. The Dinwiddie Sheriffs dept. has since followed up on the complaint and is seeking more detailed information on the thefts and harassment.

If a complaint of theft or harassment is reported to local law enforcement, they will be able to make the connection with the other occurrences and charges will be filed against the perpetrators.

Please contact Jim Hackett @ 804-731-5101 if you have any additional information concerning these dog thefts or harassment so it can be forward to the Sussex and Dinwiddie County Sheriff's Departments.