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**For Immediate Release**

Date: Wednesday, April 08, 2009	Contact Information: Undersheriff Terry Rowan
Place: Hermiston, OR	541-966-3630
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On Wednesday, April 08, 2009 Umatilla County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant near Loop and Kosmos Road in Stanfield Oregon in reference to an Animal Abuse/Neglect complaint. Deputies seized a total of 69 animals: 43 goats, 24 horses and 2 Border-Collie dogs. Veterinarian and owner of Oregon Trail Vet Clinic, Mark Sargent, assisted with the examination. UCSO discovered 20 goats, 3 horses and 2 dogs in deplorable conditions. Numerous goat and horse carcasses were discovered on the property.

As a result, Arnold Weldon Nix (age 68) was arrested on 23 counts of Animal Abuse/Neglect. Mr. Nix forfeited two border collies to Pet Rescue for care and future adoption.

George Diggins has donated 3 ton of hay to the care of the animals. For additional donations please call Umatilla County Dispatch Center at 541-966-3651 to arrange hay donations. Anyone wanting to make monetary donation please contact Oregon Trail Vet Clinic on Highway 395 North, Hermiston. If interested in the Border Collies, please contact Pet Rescue.

Further investigation and prosecution are pending.

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