

Animal killings crop up in Minnesota

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INVER GROVE HEIGHTS, Minn. -- The throat-slashing death of a quarter horse is only latest in a string of animal cruelty cases in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area. The body of Bo, Patty and Rich Stadt's horse was found Saturday in their pasture in Inver Grove Heights. A second horse, Charlie, wasn't hurt. So far, police have no suspects or clues as to why someone would do such a thing and a \$500 reward was being offered to entice tips, the Star Tribune reported Tuesday. "He (Charlie) knows. I wish he could talk," Patty Stadt said Monday. "He knows what happened. "I hope somebody comes forward so this doesn't happen to somebody else." The death of Bo follows a spate of animal cruelty cases in the region dating back to last summer, the Minneapolis newspaper said. Kittens have been shot to death. Puppies have had their necks broken. A bird, a cat and a dog have all been beheaded in other cases. "We need to be concerned about what other crimes these perpetrators may be capable of," said Randall Lockwood, a national expert on animal cruelty issues.

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