Prized Show Horse Stolen from SW Miami Dade Ranch

(MIAMI, FL – January 26, 2017) An Andalusian show horse was stolen from a ranch located at 13405 SW 199 Avenue, Miami, FL. The 11 year-old horse, named Deseada, was taken sometime between late night Wednesday, January 18 and early morning, Thursday, January 19, 2017.

As soon as it was discovered that Deseada was missing, owner Maurcio Guillen was contacted. Neighbors reported hearing a disturbance in the area. Mr. Guillen immediately reported her missing to Miami-Dade Police Agricultural Patrol. The horse is microchipped for identification.

The horse gave birth on December 3, 2016. Mercifully, the foal was not taken and, although eating, still needs its mother. Horses are typically weaned from their mothers between three and six months of age.

"I'm heartbroken that Deseada was taken. I have had her for eight years and we have a very strong bond," declared Mr. Guillion.

Kathleen Monahan, president of South Florida SPCA horse rescue stated, "This is a horrible situation for any pet owner. We strongly urge the public to call with any information they have about this horse."

Anyone with information on the horse's whereabouts should contact the Miami-Dade Police Agricultural Unit at (786) 218-8344.

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Photo: Deseada and Mauricio Guillen (left), Deseada in her stall (right). Source: Mauricio Guillen.

Photo: Deseada with her foal. Source: Mauricio Guillen.

ABOUT SOUTH FLORIDA SPCA

South Florida Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization located in Miami, Florida. Founded in 1992, it is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and adoption of abused, neglected and abandoned horses and other livestock. The organization also educates the community about responsible equine care and ownership, and promotes the welfare of equines through local and national advocacy. South Florida SPCA works in partnership with local law enforcement, and receives partial funding from Miami-Dade Animal Services (MDAS)*. For more information about South Florida SPCA, visit http://www.helpthehorses.org.

* Since 2008, Miami-Dade Animal Services Department (ASD) has provided a portion of the funding required to support the South Florida SPCA's activities for the care and rescue of abandoned horses and other large farm animals. ASD also provides other comprehensive animal services and funding through a number of other programs and support efforts. ASD is now one of the largest no kill shelters in the United States. The new Pet Adoption and Protection Center is located in Doral, Florida. For more information, please visit http://www.miamidade.gov/animals/.