

Scottish SPCA release injured deer back into the wild



The Scottish SPCA has released a deer back into the wild after she was hit by a vehicle near Penicuik.

Scotland's animal welfare charity was called to help the injured female roe deer when a passing motorist found her lying in the middle of Lowries Den Road suffering from concussion on Monday (3 February).

Animal Rescue Officer Fiona Thorburn took the doe to the Royal Dick Veterinary Hospital where she spent two days resting and recovering before she was ready to be released back into the wild.



Fiona said, "The lady who stopped to help is actually a vet, which was very lucky indeed as the deer began to regain consciousness while she was waiting with her and started struggling to get up. However, she was able to safely contain the deer and keep her calm until I arrived.

"Deer are extremely susceptible to stress so we're very grateful to this lady who helped ensure a smooth rescue for this frightened and distressed animal.

"Thankfully, the deer made a full recovery after a short stay at the vets and we were delighted to be able to release her back into the wild, fully fit and healthy.

"She leapt off into the woods as soon as we let her go; no doubt delighted to be back where she belongs."

Anyone who discovers an injured or distressed animal should

call the Scottish SPCA Animal Helpline on 03000 999 999.