

Museum report theft of dinosaur bones

✘ Dinosaur Bone Theft from National Museum of Scotland

A rare dinosaur bone has gone missing from the National Museum of Scotland.

The dinosaur thigh bone went missing from the Museum yesterday.

The Museum's CCTV footage shows an unusually bristly animal removing the bone from its stand before making off with it. Photo-fits of the animal are being circulated.

The bone, housed at the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh for the last 75 years, is believed to have been a significant scientific find. Research done on the bone prior to its disappearance, shows that the bone contains the DNA of the Abyssinian Wire Haired Tripe Hound.

The loss has coincided with the disappearance of one of The Beano's most popular and well-known characters, Gnasher, during a visit by Dennis the Menace and his family yesterday. According to a Museum spokesman, it seems likely that Dennis's dog, Gnasher, could be the culprit.

The Beano Editor-in-Chief Mike Stirling said, "I'd like to issue a plea for people around the country to help find Gnasher. It's true, the photo-fit does bear a striking resemblance to him, however, I'm sure he wouldn't have taken the bone without good reason.

"There have been a number of sightings of Gnasher, he appears to be photo-bombing his way around the UK, and Dennis has been hunting high and low for him. If you spot Gnasher please email us at findgnasher@beano.com or let us know on Twitter

@beanocomic or #gnashtag. It's a complete mystery as to why Gnasher would take the Museum's bone. We're worried that, this time, he's bitten off more than he can chew."

Dr Nick Fraser, Keeper of Natural Science at National Museums Scotland added, "One of our rarest dinosaur bones has gone missing. We have our suspicions that it was Gnasher who took it but we can't understand how he managed to steal it or why. We're appealing to Gnasher to return our dinosaur bone soon. Please keep a look out everyone."

